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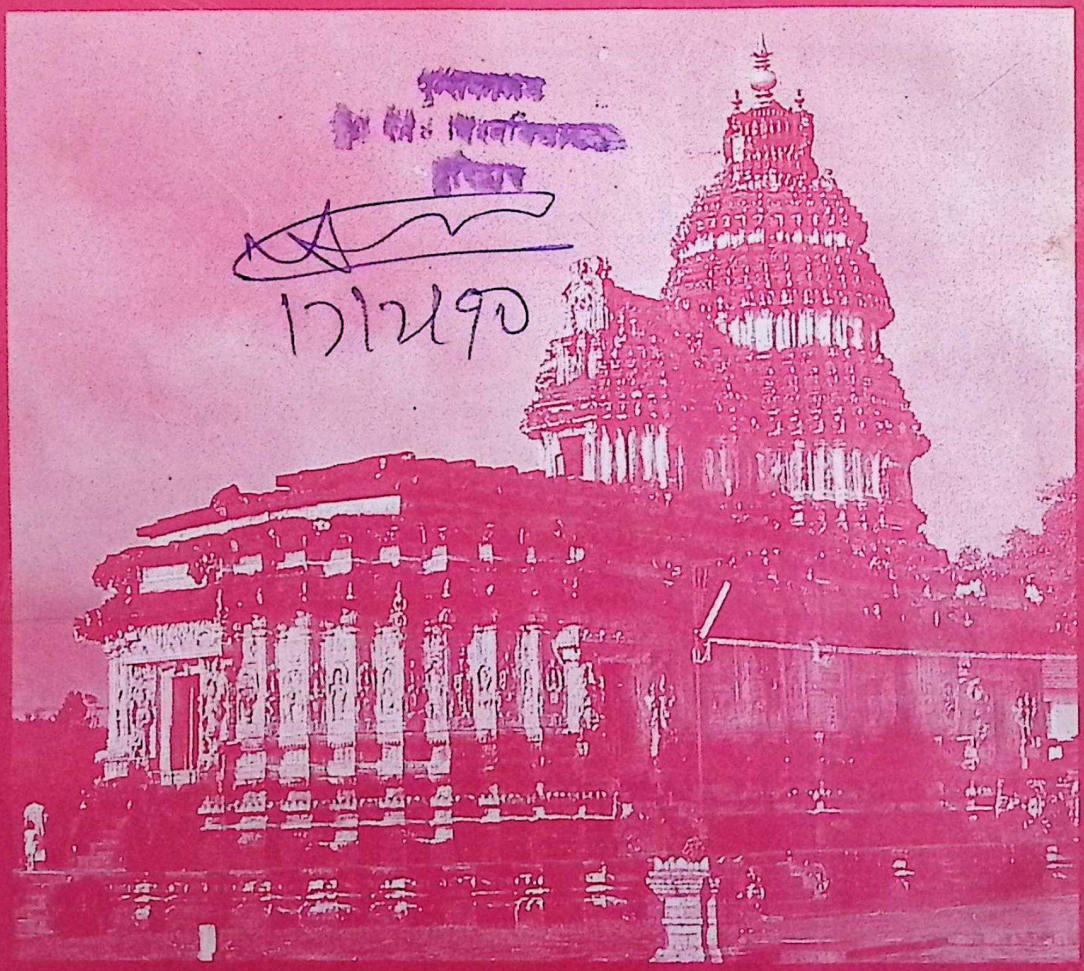

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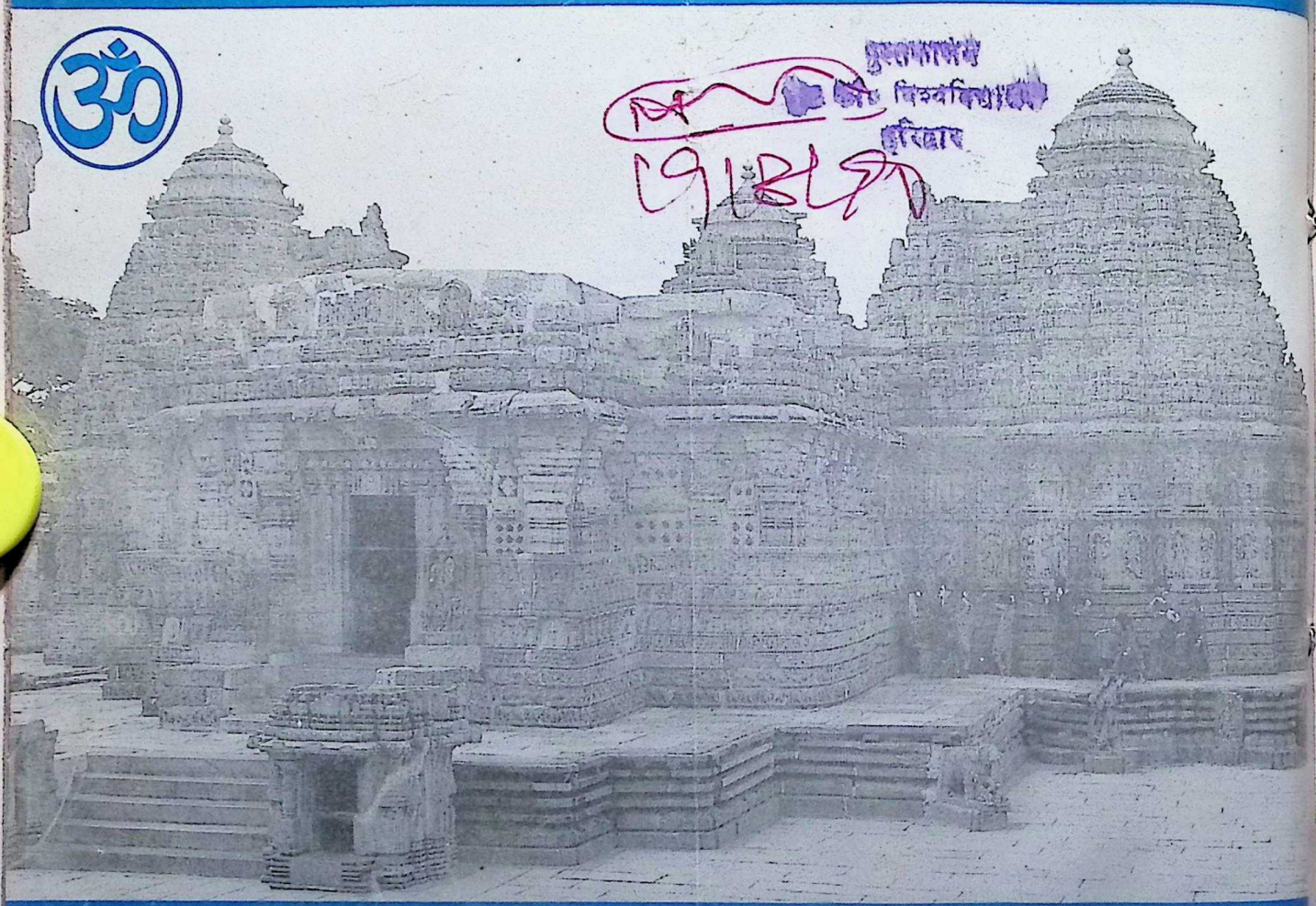

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The astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh about 1725 A.D., in New Delhi is well known as *Jantar Mantar*. To the lay man these beautiful masonry structures are enigmatic puzzles. Based on astronomical principles for the scientific study of the movements of planets, the *Jantar Mantar* shows how our ancestors had extensive knowledge of the planets which have their influence on earth and the living creatures. The structures are divided into four groups such as: *Samrat Yantra*, *Ram Yantra*, *Jayaprakash Yantra* and *Misra Yantra*. This remarkable monument should not be missed by the tourists who visit New Delhi.

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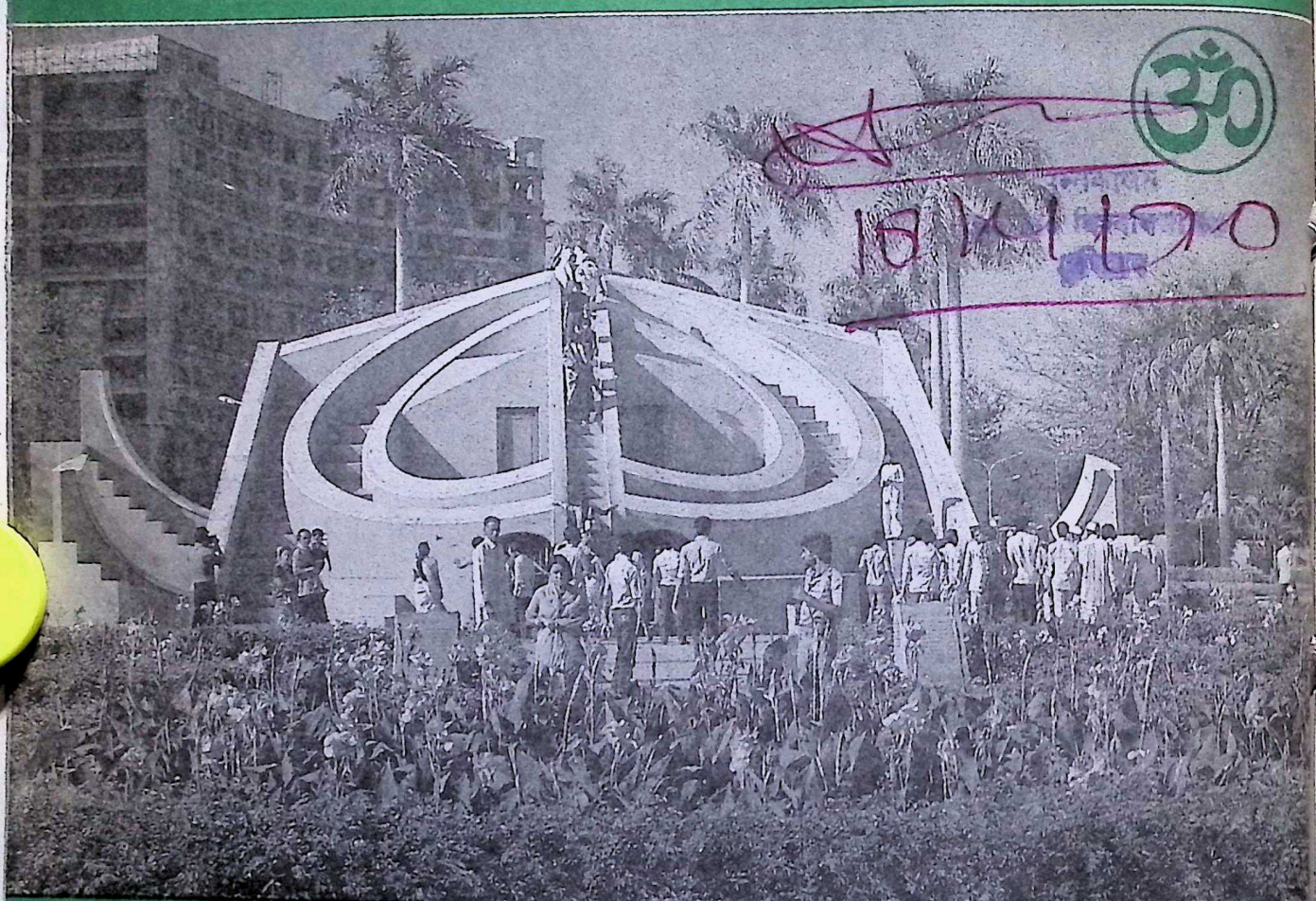

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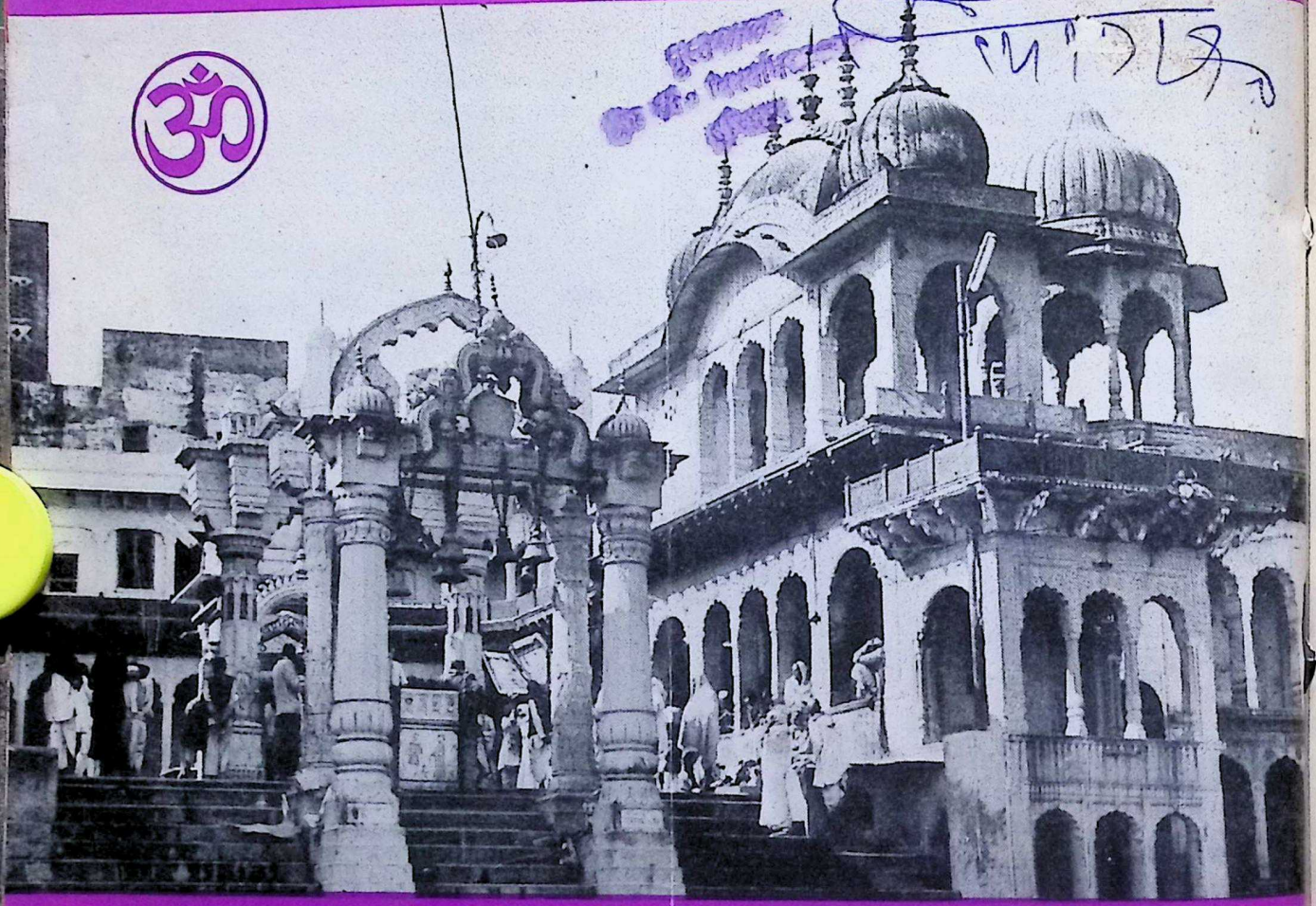

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GIRIJA KALYANA

An outstanding example of the traditional paintings of Karnataka, *Girija Kalyanam* is a classic illustration of the Tanjore school of murals which uses rich, vibrant and varied hues to depict religious themes. This early 18th century mural shows Giriraja offering his daughter Parvati to Shiva in marraige. Notable guests include Vishnu, Saraswati and the mighty Ravana.

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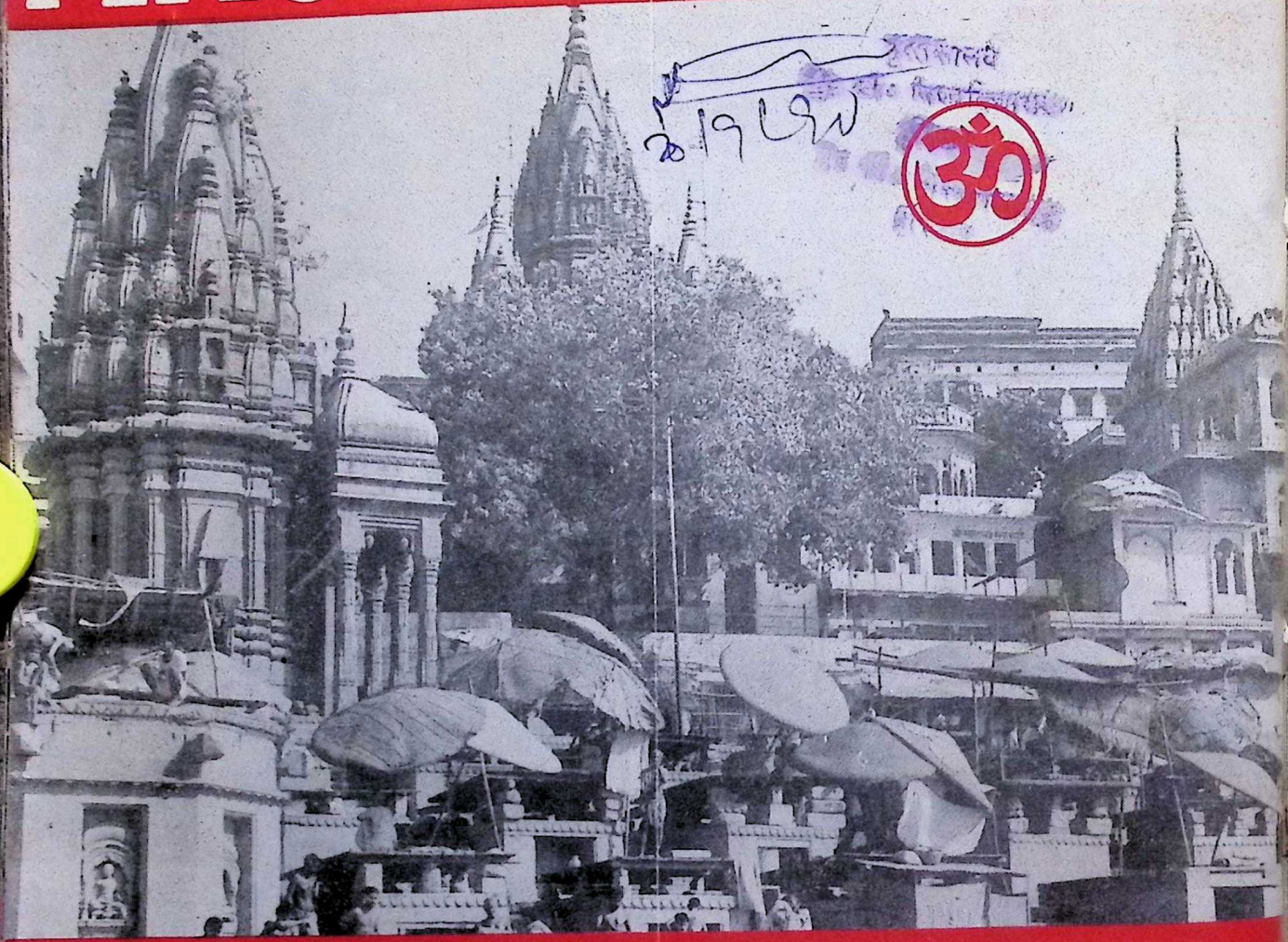

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The famous Rock Fort temple of Ganesha in Tiruchirapalli commands a beautiful panoramic view of the town and the river Kaveri. The construction of this temple of the Pallava period was initiated by King Mahendravarman.

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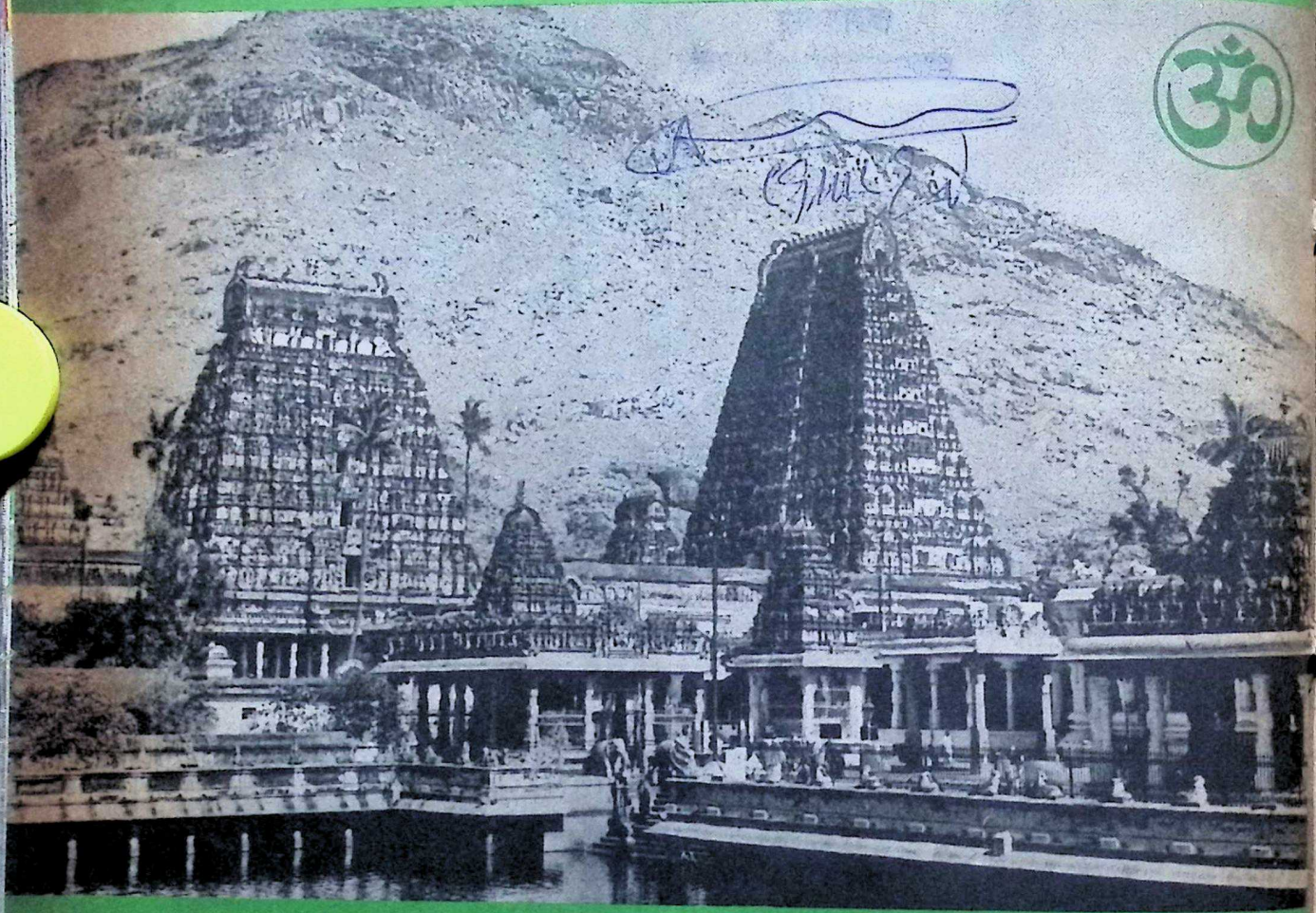

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को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकम् वेधसम् विना॥

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WORLD TRENDS AND TENSIONS IN 1990-91

THE study and application of Astrology to important terrestrial happenings—political, social and economic—is a fascinating subject. The tendency to reject things that do not fit into the frame of "accepted scientific beliefs" is an unhealthy development in India, largely due to intellectual subordination of a section of the Indian scientists. Fortunately, there is a growing recognition on the part of modern thinkers like Spengler, Toynbee and a host of others of the cyclic movement of human history.

The conceptual schemes of science are products of thought only and not constituents of reality. In view of the speculative nature of scientific schemes, science cannot pronounce judgement upon the soundness or otherwise of astrological doctrines, such as the correlations between planetary movements and political, social and economic happenings in different parts of the world. The fact that an astrologer must rely on total insight and that he may have no formulae that may be used without appreciation of their derivations or presupposition gives him a sense of creative discovery which, though fraught with many risks, is also the cause of enduring satisfaction.

Mundane or national Astrology must be viewed against the background of these remarks if one wishes to appreciate the significance of methods employed for forecasting world events.

The astrological theory is simple. Events in this world such as wars, revolutions, changes in Governments and economic and social upheavals etc., have their origin in changed emotional attitudes which, in their turn, are generated by important planetary phenomena such as commencement of a new lunar year, planetary movements and aspects, eclipses and so on. At these periods are sown the seeds of future reaping and the effects are felt as celestial bodies in their orbital journeys touch certain sensitive areas in the heavens.

The French mathematician Laplace considered probability a device for coping with reality in view of the inadequate nature of man's knowledge. In his *Theorie Analytique des Probabilities* he reasons: "We ought to regard the present state of the Universe as the effect of

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its anterior state and as the cause of the one which is to follow. Given for one instant an intelligence which could comprehend all the forces by which nature is animated and the respective situation of the beings who compose it—an intelligence sufficiently vast to submit these data to analysis—it would embrace in the same formula the movements of the greatest bodies of the universe and those of the lightest atom; for it, nothing would be uncertain and the future, as the past, would be present to its eyes."

This "intelligence" is what people the world over have called the Supreme Being. Our inability to "comprehend all the forces by which nature is animated" leads to the conclusion that "Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in the future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty, what will definitely happen". Since these facts are so obvious, we are amused when critics attack us on the basis of some of our predictions not being realised. These attacks show complete ignorance of the basis of Astrology; in fact they show total ignorance of even the basic foundations of the science. Therefore, even though we will be repeating ourselves, we assert that Astrology is a probabilistic or indicative science.

As we enter the year 1990, dramatic political and economic changes are being witnessed in Eastern Europe, changes that have the potential to reshape the power equations of the whole world. But the chart cast for the new lunar year *Pramodùta* which commences on Tuesday 27th March 1990 at 1h. 18m. (IST) *i.e.*, at 19h. 48m. (GMT) on March 26, and the set-up of the planetary cabinet reveal some disturbing features because of the dominance of Mars as the King. This is indicative of set-backs to moral and democratic values in many countries. There will be much verbal controversy in the world which will be treated to powerful warring ideologies and outbreak of local wars in many regions.

Leading nations may again arm themselves to the teeth. Strong leadership will be evident in many countries but this will not be the strength derived from moral values but rather the strength of intolerance and high-handedness. Mars the king, may bring in military rule or dictatorship in some countries and youngsters may take over the reins of power in some parts of the world. Rahu, Saturn and Mars in Capricorn indicate that the people will be deceived and lulled into believing that the Big Powers are sincere in their efforts to get rid of the misunderstandings that have dogged their policies towards each other in the past. Some sort of a false peace hanging in the balance will prevail.

The adverse situation of three malefics in Capricorn, without any beneficial aspect, indicates on the part of the rulers, errors in judgement, deceptive practices, secret and unwise decisions and deliberate attempts at divorce from convictions long held.

At the beginning of the English year Jupiter will be retrograde in Gemini 13° (in the constellation of Aridra), becomes direct on 24-2-1990 (Gemini 8°), enters Cancer on 9-7-1990 and Leo on 8-8-1991. He becomes retrograde on 1-12-1990 in his own constellation Punarvasu. He will oppose Mars on 1-2-1990 (Gemini 9°) and will oppose Saturn on 13-7-1990. The signs involved are Gemini and Sagittarius. These movements may have an adverse effect on political affairs in U.S.A. and India. There can be sudden happenings in the markets, financial scandals and troubles.

Saturn posited at the commencement of the English year in Sagittarius 23° (Poorvashadha) enters Capricorn on 2-3-1990. Because of *athichara*, he covers 7 degrees in three months while ordinarily the time required is about seven months. Saturn retrogrades on 4-5-1990 (Capricorn 3°), having earlier conjoined Mars on 28-2-1990 in the constellation of Uttarashadha. The mutual involvement of Mars and Saturn in the Sun's constellation may topple some heads of states and cause vagaries in weather. The adverse effects on the U.S.S.R. will also be significant. Saturn's transit of Capricorn denotes "affliction to sensually minded people and great panic". Iron and steel markets will be adversely affected.

Rahu, situated in Capricorn 24° 45' (Dhanishta constellation) at the beginning of the English year enters Sagittarius on 25-4-1991, having conjoined Saturn on 21-1-1991 in

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Capricorn 7° in the constellation of Uttarashadha. The implications of this particular conjunction in regard to world affairs will be discussed on a subsequent occasion. Jupiter-Mars opposition (1-2-1990), Saturn-Mars conjunction (28-2-1990) and Jupiter-Saturn opposition (14-7-1990) are capable of triggering earthquakes in earthquake-prone areas like Iran, Assam, China and Mexico, especially about the times of the new Moon and full Moon. Because of the closeness of Rahu and Saturn the political pendulum may swing towards the right. This also indicates a set-back for the working class. Financial scandals, sudden happenings in the markets and upsets in the international chess board and happenings calculated to intensify human suffering are all likely. Mars-Saturn conjunction also forebodes outbreaks of fire, sabotage, incendiarism and the downfall of one or two rulers.

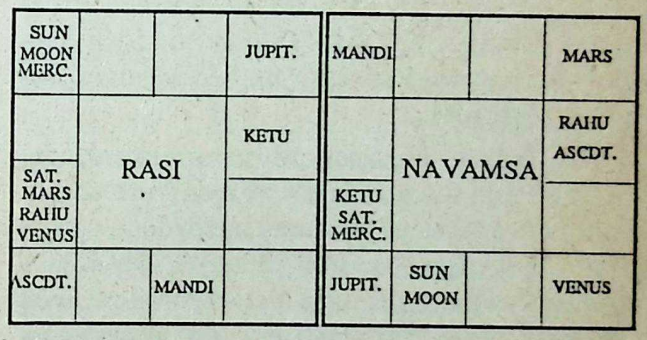
An annual solar eclipse occurs on 26-1-1990 (Capricorn) visible in South America, Antarctica and New Zealand and a total lunar eclipse on 9-2-1990 visible in India, a total solar eclipse on 22-7-1990 involving the sign of Cancer and visible from north-west of North America and extreme northern part of India, a partial lunar eclipse on 6-8-1990 visible in India and a solar eclipse on 16th January 1991 involving Cancer. Eclipses occurring in solsticial signs have a special significance as they affect the weather besides foreshadowing destructive natural calamities such as earthquakes, tornadoes, etc. West Asia faces serious tension and over-throw of one of the rulers. Either at the time of the August eclipse or in May 1991 when this eclipse point is transited by Mars, Libya may see a change in leadership.

According to classical works, Saturn passing through Capricorn indicates "fear (*bheeti*), excessive rains (*ativrishti*), deaths and loss of Yavanas (*Yavanascha nashtaha*)", *i.e.*, heavy loss of life in Greece and adjacent areas. The disposition of Saturn and Jupiter in one sign or their mutual opposition signifies "fear of famine in the land between Ujjain and Lanka (*Avantikaa Lankaapuri madhyadese*) and fear of violence by the use of arms (*sastrabhayam prajaanaam*)".

INDIA

A glance at the chart cast for India reveals that a difficult period is ahead for the country. Sagittarius 12° rises at New Delhi. Jupiter, lord of Lagna, aspects the Lagna rendering it somewhat strong. The dispositor Mercury is afflicted. In the Navamsa the Lagna is weakened by the disposition of Rahu in the Ascendant and the aspect of the 12th lord Mercury. This disposition is capable of making the people apprehensive of troubles and suffering, fear from robbers and dacoits, breakdown of law and order and insecurity of life and property. Though the country will continue to be stable, the Navamsa dispositions are not indicative of a strong leadership coupled with considerable amount of horse-trading. When Lagna is not strong but when the lord occupies the sign or the constellation of a malefic, lawless elements will continue to disturb normal life.

No doubt the Lagna is aspected by its lord Jupiter. But his situation in the constellation of Rahu who, in his turn, is afflicted, has rendered him somewhat weak. This can have repercussions on the political and economic affairs of the country which may have to pass through a year of stress and strain. The country's political complex will have its energies concentrated on staying in power.



The second house is occupied by the 2nd lord Saturn, two malefics Mars and Rahu, and Venus, a functional malefic and a natural benefic. The 2nd lord is afflicted in Navamsa also. While further headway on the economic front is foreseen, there will be a general feeling of anxiety on the part of the public over finance and considerable wastage of national wealth due to muddled financial policy. Due to Mercury's position, business prospects indicate a

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trend towards long-term investments and moderate returns. Thanks to the disposition in the 2nd of the 12th lord, spending in some areas will reach ridiculous proportions. Many financial institutions will be in trouble but the facts will be concealed from public knowledge.

The year may become noted for bank frauds involving some high-ups in the country and a top-ranking industrialist. The rupee may plummet. 1990-91 will be a year of fluctuating fortunes for investors on the stock exchange. The process of liberalisation of the economy by the new government may have a set-back. Inflationary policies will be followed in order to fuel the economy. Prices of food stuffs and essential commodities will soar higher and higher, though the yield of food grains may not fall below the khariff target. Taxes of many type may increase. Schemes for correcting the economic ills which are themselves due to the Planning Commission's and the Government's ill-considered policies will increase the suffering of the people. An element of deceit or bungling in strategic defence deals may come to light because of Rahu's presence in the 2nd with the lord of the 12th.

Lord of the 3rd, Saturn, is in the 12th from the 3rd strong, because of his occupation of his own sign but afflicted due to association with powerful Mars and Rahu. The association of Venus cannot reduce the intensity of the affliction as Venus is the lord of the 6th and 11th. The only saving grace is that the 3rd receives the aspect of Jupiter.

The 3rd signifies not only communications, the news and the media but also our immediate neighbours. Travel becomes hazardous partly due to lack of proper maintenance of vehicles and partly due to climatic inclemency and even sabotage. The Mars-Saturn and Mars-Rahu conjunctions may trigger off some serious railway and bus accidents and at least one aircrash. Because of Jupiter's aspect precautionary measures taken in advance may prevent the loss of life. Agitation amongst workers in railways, post offices and telecom institutions are also likely. The martian movements also indicate outbreak of fire and communal clashes.

Newspapers and periodicals could be considerably involved in law-suits. Censorship may be aimed at raising the moral level of the entertainment media. Though the freedom of the press will not be openly curtailed the Government may use its powers in terms of its ability to provide advertising revenue to keep the media in line.

Our relations with our neighbours will continue to be marked by mutual distrust and misunderstandings. Cordial relations with Pakistan's rulers will only remain a hope. The coming Mars-Rahu and Saturn-Mars conjunctions show increased military moves by Pakistan leading to serious border clashes.

The 4th house has mixed influences. It is occupied by three malefics and is aspected by Saturn. The Sun and Mercury being lords of the 9th and 10th (and 7th) strengthen the 4th house, as Mercury though debilitated has obtained *neechabhanga*. The lord of the 4th Jupiter occupying the 7th is however free from affliction, the only blemish being his situation in the constellation of Rahu. There is also the *parivartana* between the lords of the 4th and 7th, which is welcome.

The 4th house has mixed influences centered on it. The *bhumikaraka* Mars is quite strong. Benefits to agriculturists are shown. Farmers' debts may be written off and liberal financial grants given. But the munificence shown by the rulers may be misused by middlemen to the detriment of the farmers. Agrarian trouble is also not ruled out in some of the eastern states. The land policy may become more pragmatic. Property values in urban areas will be insecure. Speculation in land may become risky. To spur foreign investment many laws may be put into effect to enable foreigners of Indian origin to buy land in India. The presence of the weak Moon (lord of the 8th) in the 4th augurs ill for real estate matters. Rates may suddenly spiral down.

The educational planning will continue to be confused and attempts will be made to infuse materialism in the name of scientific outlook. On the University level, interest in philosophy and religion will increase. Attempts will be made to stress the importance of classics in improving the moral fibre of the young people and interest in our ancient cultural heritage will increase. Huge sums will be wasted in the

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name of research on projects of no relevance to the welfare of the citizens. The Sun's presence in the 4th and Saturn's aspect is a pointer to considerable student unrest in most parts of India.

Lord of the 5th house is afflicted while the house itself is free from affliction. In the Navamsa again affliction is centered on the 5th house. Juvenile delinquency may lead to some changes in the educational areas. The crime rate will increase because of the indifference of the parents and guardians to the moral life of young people. Lord of the 5th in the 2nd promises considerable economic liberalisation on the part of the Government. A major transport disaster is indicated.

Lord of the 6th Venus is afflicted both in Rasi and Navamsa. He occupies the constellation of Mars. The general health of the nation will not be good. While there will be considerable emphasis on public health, insanitary conditions and atmospheric disturbances may bring ailments. Drug-related accidents will increase. Indigenous methods of treatment may become increasingly popular. Mental illness will increase, thanks to the extravagant living and emphasis on the blessings of psycho-therapy. A number of dubious habits developed in the name of "modern outlook" may lose their popularity. The affliction of the 6th lord Venus by three first-rate malefics points to an increasing incidence of AIDS and other types of venereal complaints. Since the sign Cancer is also involved, the incidence of cancer of the reproductive and excretory systems may also increase.

Lord of the 7th Mercury occupies the 4th with the lords of the 8th and 9th and aspected by Saturn, lord of the 2nd. The 7th is occupied by the first-rate benefic and lord of Lagna Jupiter . This injects into the thinking of our rulers a level of insight and understanding so very essential for the solution of contemporary confusion in India's relations with other countries.

The Kashmir issue will be raked up and the state faces communal clashes, violent unrest and open defiance of Indian authority, thanks to the sinister role of Pakistan. No effort will be spared to destabilise the country by anti-Indian forces within and outside India. Subversive activities will increase and secessionist plans will be intensified.

The Ascendants rising at Delhi and Washington are in trine, while those between Delhi and Moscow are sextile. India will maintain good relationships with U.S.A. and Soviet Russia, though some sudden political developments in Russia may embarrass the Indian Government. Commission of further acts of aggression by China cannot be ruled out. The lure of Chinese diplomacy should not lull us into indifference. Pakistan's attitude towards India will further harden. Exodus of Hindus from Bangladesh will increase putting the Indian Government to much embarrassment.

In Punjab the terrorist activities may lessen but the Akali groups will continue to fight amongst themselves. The virus of violence will strongly infect Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Money power and criminalisation of politics will become more pronounced, thanks to the forthcoming Saturn-Rahu conjunction in Capricorn. The disposition of major planets could operate at several levels. There could be strenuous political developments. The weather may also make spectacular news with stormy solar flare-ups.

Lord of the 10th Mercury aspects the 10th. The dispositor Jupiter aspects the Ascendant. There is *parivartana* or exchange of houses between Mercury and Jupiter. The conjunction of the 10th lord with the 9th lord Sun constitutes a good Yoga. But both the 10th and Lagna lords are in *dwiswabhava* signs. Consequently the stability of the Government may be maintained by appeasing factional groups. This may adveresely affect the administration. However, the seeds of disaster are present in the form of Saturn's aspect on the 10th lord and the situation of Ketu in the 8th house.

We shall discuss in a future issue the prospects of the new Government, that will be formed after elections.

Unrest will be brewing in Ladakh, and the Ladakh problem may assume disturbing communal overtones, thanks to the attitude of the Kashmir Government.

Boundaries of two or three states in the south may be redrawn. Libra Navamsa rising at Madras has the 9th and 10th much afflicted.

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The Tamil Nadu Government faces a tough period around April-May.

Lord of the 8th house has joined the lords of the 9th and 10th in the 4th aspected by Saturn. A disturbing effect of this combination may result in the death of an important political figure.

Our Neighbours

This will be a fateful year for democracy in Pakistan. At Islamabad the 5th degree of Sagittarius rises in Taurus Navamsa. The aspect of Mars on Navamsa Lagna lord Venus is a clue to the influence that the military establishment has on Mrs. Bhutto's decisions. Four planets converge on the 10th house in the independence chart. Pakistan's democracy will be in a fragile state. One need not be surprised if the army steps in "to set right matters".

Charges of financial corruption in the Bhutto family may make news.

Political polarisation may lead to chaos and violence. The emotional divide between Punjab and Sind may further intensify. A wave of fanatical fundamentalism may grip the country.

There is no indication of any significant improvement in Indo-Pakistan relations.

The Vargottama nature of the Ascendant rising at Dacca and the disposition of Jupiter in Navamsa indicates a generally peaceful year for Bangladesh. But the aspect of Mars on the Lagna and the affliction centered on the 2nd house (in the Navamsa) indicates an attempted coup to dislodge Ershad. Relations with India will not be cordial. A strong typhoon may hit the country in October-November. Poverty and disease will stalk the land.

Some steps may be initiated by the King of Nepal to democratise the country. Indo-Napalese relations will continue to be marked by mutual distrust and lack of statesmanship on the part of both the countries. An attempt may be made on the life of king Birendra. He needs to realise that Nepal has far deeper links with India than with China. These links go back thousands of years and are a complex interconnection of religious, cultural and geographical elements. It is only then that India and Nepal can have a mutually benefic relationship.

Mars close to the rising degree at Rangoon does not signify a peaceful year for the country. Opponents of democracy will receive a jolt. General Ne Win may be displaced. The military may resort to a killing spree. Burma's weakened economic pulse may pick up pace.

Indo-Sri Lankan relationship may improve but Scorpio-Navamsa rising in Colombo with Mars in the 8th is no signal for any immediate end to the mounting anarchy in the country. Killings will continue. The President may take unilateral decisions regarding both JVP and Tamil Eelam and steps initiated for the restoration of peace in the near future in this war-torn country. Sri Lanka's problems may get somewhat resolved thanks to the Government's new approach. The LTTE may resort to violence and terrorism. The sufferings of the Tamils in the north-east and Sinhalese in the south will evoke the sympathy of the world. Sri Lanka will to some extent succeed in containing her ravaged economy. The movement for restoring parliament's power will gain momentum and it is likely that Sri Lanka may resort to parliamentary democracy at a not too distant future.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The planetary pattern for this country is peculiarly disposed. The 1st degree of Leo rises in Washington in Aries Navamsa. The Lagna lord Sun is weakly disposed in the 8th but Lagna is aspected by Yogakaraka Mars. The 2nd and 11th lord Mercury is in the 8th in conjunction with the 12th lord. These indicate that the national debt will continue to rise. The economy will be strong but will be living on borrowed time. A major drop in the stock market can be expected at the time of the July eclipse. Financial institutions will be in trouble. The crime rate will increase. A major crisis in industry will

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Three talks in English by Dr. B. V. Raman on (1) "Astrology as a Science"; (2) "Indian Astrology Abroad — Your Own Experience in Different Countries" and (3) "Future of Astrology as You See" were recorded recently by the ALL INDIA RADIO for the National Archives.

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Limits of Science and Relevance of Indian Thought

THE EDITOR'S LECTURE

MAN'S excessive craze to control external nature has resulted in over-population, self-assertion, intolerance and violence in personal and public life that can ultimately lead only to self-destruction.

"Today, the age of science is full upon us. It has taken us to the Moon. It has given us the ability to create life out of test tubes. But for all its immense benefits conferred on mankind science is far from guiltless. Crimes, wars, nuclear arsenals, pollution are all increasing. Science collaborated in massacres and in this age of scientific thought, we stand on the brink of scientific destruction. Its medicine has only created illness. Because of overemphasis even on ordinary ailments, a morbid attitude towards life and a general obsession with ill-health has been developed. Most doctors treat diseases but do no appear to be interested in the patients" observed.

DR. B.V.RAMAN, Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. was delivering this year's B.P. Wadia Memorial Endowment Lecture at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore. The auditorius was packed to capacity.

Mr. P. Chidambaram, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, presided.

DR. RAMAN observed that it looked as if the discoveries of material science had been elevated into a creed. This new creed of self-styled omniscience had taken upon itself the role of social reformer, dubbing religion and spirituality as ignorance and superstition. He cautioned that today we were surrounded by fanatical advocates of the one and only 'method' and that was the so-called scientific method. Any one who honestly stressed the limits of this 'scientific method' was dubbed as an 'obscurantist'. But the charge of obscurantism was a weapon which cut both ways. Quoting Whitehead who had said that "the obscurantists of any age are the practitioners of the dominant methodology. In Galileo's time it was the theologians who were the obscurantists. Today it is our scientists, who entrenched in their orthodoxy, are refusing to look at any evidence falling outside the purview of their own blinkered methodology" DR. RAMAN said that modern civilisation was the isolation of one individual from another. Fear, criminality, avarice, hatred, greed, frustration, insecurity, a general feeling of meaninglessness in life and consequent misery marked what was called modern civilisation. In the words of Capra "overemphasising our *Yang* - rational knowledge, analysis, expansion - and neglecting our *Yin* - intuitive wisdom,

Mrs. Rajeswari Raman, Mr. P. Chidambaram and Dr. B. V. Raman

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synthesis and ecological awarenesss - had been the bane of western culture today". Unfortunately this paradigm, DR. RAMAN observed, had been significantly influencing Indian thinking also. This schism between logical and analytical on the one hand and intuitive and cognitive processes on the other had never characterised ancient Indian thought, he said.

DR. RAMAN said that as the home of one of the most ancient civilisations India had developed an essentially cosmic view of the world in contrast to the predominantly anthropocentric view of the West. India had reached the zenith of glory in every branch of knowledge long before the time of Buddha. Notwithstanding all the developments of science during the British rule, the edifice of western civilisation was built by subtle propaganda leading to a gradual destruction of Indian thought and culture. Many Indians appeared to feel shy or even humiliation in talking of their country's past, its ancient culture, civilisation and philosophy. From times immemorial, Indian thought taught *aanobhadraha kritavo yantu viswathaha*, 'let noble thoughts come to us from every side'.

DR. RAMAN said that one of the greatest postulates of Indian thought, significant even from the point of western or modern scientific thinking, is that nothing is being destroyed in nature or that nothing could arise from nothing. The Sankhya system postulated *kathamasathaha sajjaayayate*, *i.e.*, "nothing can be born from nothing or how can the real appear from the unreal". The *Gita* also said: *Na sato vidyate bhavo naabhavo vidyate sataha* - "what does not exist cannot come into existence and what exists cannot be destroyed".

DR. RAMAN said that Indian thought dealt not only with science but with human life, experience, quality and values and consciousness which were indeed the central aspects of our inner world.

Dwelling in some detail on ancient Indian achievements and pointing specifically to aeronautics in ancient India, DR. RAMAN made a pointed reference to Dr. Robert Pinnoti, an Italian scientist, who had asked the delegates of the World Space Conference held some months ago to examine in detail the Hindu texts instead of dismissing all the *vimana* descriptions and traditions as myths. According to Dr. Pinnoti, who had made an exhaustive study of the history of Indian astronautics, the text *Samaraangana Sootrodhara* gives "descriptions of space travel, total destruction by incredible weapons and the fact that *vimanas* resembled modern unidentified flying objects would suggest that India had a superior but forgotten civilisation". He advised the Indian scientists to "examine the Hindu texts and subject the descriptive models of the *vimanas* to more scientific scrutiny".

It was encouraging to find, DR. RAMAN felt, that modern western science, realising its own limits, had been coming round to accept Vedanta according to which consciousness *(chit)* and the all-pervading reality *(sat)* is the substratum of everything. According to Adi Sankara, the validity of a doctrine does not rest upon logic alone but on actual experience: *Anubhavascha yathaa sambhavam iha pramaanam*.

DR. RAMAN then spoke of the relationship between psychology and ethics to Indian religious philosophy and the differences between the Indian and western approach. The behaviouristic thesis of western psychology which gave free play to all impulses and to all desires was creating a condition of chaos among the youth of today. The alternative offered by the *Gita* was the direction of the thoughts and energies towards God. While we were paying undue importance to western psychiatrists and psychotherapists, the celebrated psycho-analyst Carl Jung had the frankness to admit that "Western psycho-analysis is only a beginner's attempt" compared to what he called "an immortal art in the East".

After explaining the importance of the *Shad Darsanas* with special reference to Yoga, DR. RAMAN said the truths dealt with in the *Vedas* and *Upanishads* were of permanent import and could never become out of date for they concerned the eternal essence of reality of the individual and of Nature and of God or ultimate spiritual reality permeating the entire universe. Quoting Paul Deusen who had said "the original thinkers of the *Upanishads*, to their immortal honor found God. They recognised one Atma, one amongst individual Being; as the Brahman, the inmost Bieng of universal nature and of all her phenomena" DR. RAMAN said the vision of truth given to us in the great *Upanishads* included also life as we know it, at ordinary levels and led us upto higher goals in a continuous way. *Srimad Bhagavata* gave the correct attitude to wealth when it said that living beings had a right only upto what was necessary for satisfying their hunger. This was the basic principle of the socialistic order of society. But charity with kind words (*daanam priya vaak sahitam*), knowledge without pride (*gnaanam agarvam*), courage with forbearance (*kshamanvitam sauryam*) and wealth with renunciation (*vittam tyaaga*

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News and Views

EKALAVYA

Adi Sankara

AMONG the tributes paid to Adi Sankara on his 1200th birth anniversary, the one paid by our Marxist friend EMS is remarkable for its candidness. On behalf of his school of dialectic materialism, he paid the highest tribute to Sankara as the expounder *par excellence* of what he calls idealistic philosophy (*Advaita*) as opposed to his down-to-earth or materialist philosophy. But where he errs is when he calls *Advaita* as the philosophy of stagnation; for, where there is no idealism in life there is no evolution and idealism of the highest variety *i.e.* Godhood is the hallmark of growth in the scale of evolution, while **materialism is the true stagnation and a halter thrown round the neck of man who is the flower of creation** and who is certainly more valuable than matter.

No, friend, the boot is on the other leg!

IVF: The Pandora's Box

IVF (*In vitro* fertilization) is turning out to be Pandora's box in America. From out of it have risen legal and moral problems that do not appear to have easy solutions.

A couple got married ten years ago. Six years of trying to conceive having failed, they began a course of IVF.

Out of the 9 eggs of the wife fertilized with the husband's sperms, two were implanted in the wife's womb which failed to develop pregnancy, the rest having been stored.

The embittered couple opted for divorce. While all other belongings could be sorted out, the left-over embryos have come in for dispute and gone to court.

The woman refuses to part with the left-over embryos saying they constituted the "beginning of life" in her.

The husband refuses to father his child at the hands of a single mother!

The husband has now sued the wife for custody of those embryos and sought injunction against their disposal before mutual agreement.

It is said that fertilized embryos can have shell life for two years which, it turns out, is enough time for trouble between couples.

And the Catholic Church equates destruction of left-over embryos with abortion.

Now, the legal problem is whether to treat left-over embryos as marital property to be distributed or lives entitled to inherent legal protection and rights, which as of today, American law does not recognise. On the decision of this dispute depends the question of inheritance to these lives-in-the-making.

Another complication in this context is cross-country transfer of fertilized embryos which clinics refuse to part with on the ground it could damage them, while the migrating owners allege that the clinics hold them as hostage! **These bizarre developments are but symptomatic of the dismemberment of human values which the west has started paying as the price for its amoral life. May this be a good lesson for India.**

New Year Forecast: A Capsular Module

In the years gone by our elders used to celebrate an annual ritual in villages on the Solar (or Lunar) New Year's day which went by the name *Panchanga sravana:*

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On that day members of the family bathed early in the morning, put on festive clothes, worshipped family and village deities, assembled in the temples or halls to listen to the astrologer reading out from the New Year's *panchanga* the good and not so good gifts promised by the stars of the New Year. Those predictions did not cover who would win the election or who would come to power, but how the world and the country would fare economically, socially and morally; how bountiful the clouds, the harvest, the milk-yield and other vicissitudes caused by nature would be.

Even today this *panchanga sravana* is a must in the great religious *maths* and well-managed temples where the presiding heads or deities listen to them. In orthodox homes, elders scan the *panchanga* daily as a religious duty soon after *pooja* not so much for knowing personal effects which is incidental, but for the intrinsic merit of the action.

According to Sastras, the five limbs of the *panchanga* bless their scanners: Vara with longevity; Tithi with wealth; Nakshatra with removal of past sins; Yoga with protection against disease and Karana with success in undertakings.

Of all the fortune-reckoners of the *panchanga*, one that is short, sweet and meaningful and what is more, of encapsuled strength, such as the ones astronauts carry with them for sustenance in aerial camps - is the Nakshatra-Kandaayas and their results.

The word *kandaaya* is derived thus: *Kam* means happiness and *daaya* means gift. Thus it means the gift of happiness for the New Year which is sought to be conveyed through numbers.

Now, these Kandaayas purport to predict for each birth-star, and the three figures found against each relate to the first, second and third four months of the year for the particular star, which, as all of us know, is the area in the cosmos occupied by the Moon, relayer of cosmic forces, at the time of birth, and therefore the physical point of contact between the cosmos and created being.

Before detailing the effects indicated by these figures, let me show you how they are arrived at or its basic inputs. We first note the *Vara, Tithi, Nakshatra, Yoga* and *Karana* of *Chaitraspuddha-pratipad* or *prathama* or the commencement of the Lunar of year. Their numbers are totalled. This is called the Dhruva for the year. Let us call it A.

The first Kandaaya figure is obtained thus: Add to A the number of the needed birth-star reckoned from Aswini, of course. Let us call the second total B. Multiply B by 3 and divide the product by 8. Leave the quotient and take the remainder. It is the figure for the first Kandaaya.

For the second Kandaaya, multiply B by 7 and divide the product by 3, the remainder is the figure for the second Kandaaya.

The third Kandaaya is arrived at thus: Multiply B by 3 and divide the product by 5 and the remainder represents 3rd Kandaaya.

It must be noted that in this operation, from the nature of the inputs, these Kandaaya figures are apt to differ from the Drik to the Vakya *panchangas*, but the Drik alone can give the authentic indication.

Let me illustrate this operation in the case of a person born in Moola star for the year Sukla now prevalent; for, I do not want to pre-empt the Editor or other hopefuls from what they may have to say for the new year Pramoduta.

The data for the lunar ingress of Sukla year are Thursday (5) Prathama (1) Revati (27) Mahendra (26) and Kimstughna (11). They total up to 70 which is A. Moola star is 19 and 89 becomes B.

First Kandaaya: (89 x 3) ÷ 8 yields 3 as remainder

Second Kandaaya: (89 x 7) ÷ 3 yields 2 as remainder

Third Kandaaya: (89 x 3) ÷ 5 yields 2 as remainder

These figures will be found to conform to Drik *panchanga* figures.

Results: Zero in 1st Kandaaya indicates illness in the first 4 months. In the 2nd zero indicates debt during the middle four months and in the 3rd heavy expenditure and fear during the last four months; zero all the three Kandaaya indicates misery throughout the year.

On the credit side, odd numbers indicate financial gain during the respective periods and even numbers no loss no gain break-even.

Our elders have been benefited by this knowledge in capsule -- these and other predictive features of the *panchanga* — which guided them in their overall life, while their daily ritual of scanning at the *panchanga* had also helped them to shape their day-to-day affairs. Would that the readers of *A.M.* take to that habit and be doubly benefited.

One thing will now be clear: Our *panchangas* are no useless appendages to our social life; that the five limbs do have a vital role to play in provding the guidelines to our day-to-day and year-to-year life and failure to take advantage of them can only reflect adversely on our taday's intelligence.

Palmistry on the Mat

It is now the turn of palmistry to face the music

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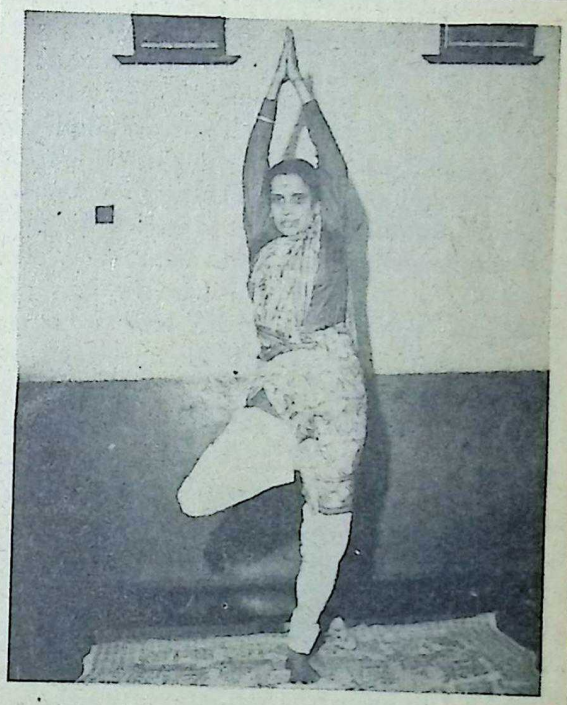
Sri Surya Prakash Institute of Yoga for Women

(Director: Rajeswari Raman)

Two Decades of Service

CHAYA SRINIVAS, 28 years old, whose husband is a general surgeon at St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore and whose father, an Associate Professor at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, had a hard time fighting overweight. She had tried about every kind of slimming technique in different anti-obesity clinics but without success. She had even undergone a course in nature-therapy where she had been put on a strict diet of lemon-water, tender coconut and *lassi* for 10 days. She had come out weighing a kilogram less but ravenuously hungry for the food she had been barred in the nature clinic. Once home she had gorged herself on all her favourite delicacies gaining in the process 4 kgs in 15 days in place of the 1 kg she had lost at the clinic at great expense. But after 10 sessions of yogic therapy she lost 2.5 kgs and began to feel light in both body and mind. She hopes to carry on with the practice of Yoga to continue in optimum physical and mental health.



Mrs. Rajeswari Raman doing Thadasana

RITI SUBHAS, a first-year medical student, suffered from lack of concentration and a weak memory. She would devote long hours to study foregoing outings and other legitimate diversions. Yet she fared badly and her friends who studied only half the time she did, fared well in the exams. Six weeks after Riti had started learning Yoga, her grades picked up and when the exams came, she stunned her friends with the excellent marks she scored.

HARINI, wife of a sub-inspector of police, had been suffering from rheumatoid arthritis for 10 years. The pain in the joints of the body (finger-tips, shoulders, neck, hands, legs) would be unbearable. Morning and evening she regularly gulped down capsules without results. Within a few weeks of Yogic exercises, the pain in the hands and fingers reduced. The pain in the hips also vanished and she is now confident that with continued practice all her pains will disappear.

NANDITA, a IV year engineering student, came to the Institute confused, nervous and unsure of herself. After 2 months of the course she wrote of her experience in the class as follows:

"I am able now to understand what is being taught in most of the classes. Initially I could follow nothing. My concentration is improving. I am able to understand what I read, with greater ease. Initially I'd to struggle a lot to understand what was supposed to be very simple lessons. My bowels are regular. Formerly I used to have bowel movement only once in two days. I feel more relaxed and calm and not filled with nervous tension as before. My complexion has improved due to the Yogasanas and walking as advised by Guruji."

These cases are only representative of the near miraculous results students of the Sri Surya Praskash Institute of Yoga for Women have been obtaining after a course in Yoga

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Mrs. Rajeswari Raman demonstrating Asanas

under Mrs. Rajeswari Raman.

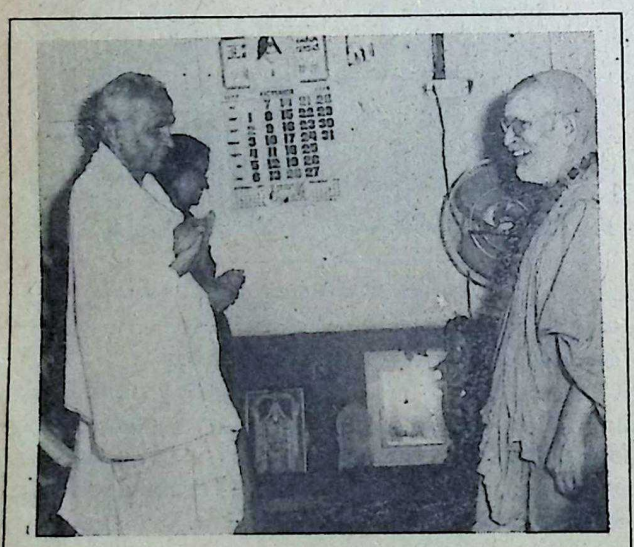
The Institute had its birth in rather tragic circumstances. In September 1963, Mrs. Rajeswari Raman lost her 26-year old eldest son B. Surya Prakash who was on the threshold of a brilliant career. The blow shattered her but only momentarily. Thanks to her husband DR. B.V. RAMAN, she had been assiduously practising Yoga for some years and with the help of this art-*cum*-science, she was able to overcome her grief and gain enough composure to attend her usual duties of running the household.

Although she had been, even before, imparting lessons at home to friends, this set her thinking of the wonderful benefits Yoga could bestow on fellow-women if only she could share her knowledge and experience with them in more organised manner and regularly. At the same time, many friends and well-wishers also persuaded her to go ahead and thus was born this Institute in 1967 with a few pupils. Thereafter more and more students began to pour in seeking relief from their complaints - physical, mental and spiritual: This is the only one of its kind that caters exclusively to women of all ages.

Although burdened with the onerous duties of running the household of a world-famous personality, attending to the many visitors such fame attracts and discharging attendant social duties and at the same time bringing up her remaining children, no less than seven, Mrs. Raman never for a moment thought of her own personal comfort or the additional physical strain it would cause her if she began to run classes for teaching Yogic techniques to others.

Perhaps it was this same self-effacing trait that endeared her to her students some of whom began to address her as Guruji and others, as Amma. Women with a list of physical complaints and harassed by ununderstanding selfish husbands, in-laws and sometimes even parents found a panacea in the kind and compassionate affection and attention Mrs. Raman bestowed on each student, irrespective of caste, age or status. **In her they found a spring of healing balm that soothed their suffering emotions and gave them peace which had so far eluded them.**

Women from all strata of life have been benefiting from the course offered by this Institute—school girls, college-goers, housewives—young and old, doctors, architects, lawyers, clerks and even grandmothers. The Institute charges no fees for coaching. The students are divided into different batches depending upon the kind of programme each student requires. This is ascertained from an interview each student has to go through with Mrs. Raman where the former is encouraged to talk about herself and her problems. Depending upon her physical state of health and problems as also any psychological ones she may have, a course of Yoga *asanas*, Pranayama, meditation and diet is prescribed. There are classes on Sundays too to accommodate working women and students.



His Holiness Sri Sankaracharya of Sringeri at the Institute

Each batch of students meets once a week for about 10 to 11 sessions of about 3 to 4 hours each.

Vocal musicians have been particularly benefited from Mrs. Raman's classes. A noted local singer came to the class in a highly depressed state of mind. She had been suffering from sinus, migraine, amoebic dysentery and a host of other lesser complaints. The doctors — allopathic, homeopathic and ayurvedic—for once were un-

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Astrological Miscellany

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(In this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed astrologically. They may be about anything - birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, weather, animals, and the list is endless - so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are invited to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa used to ***Astrological Miscellany,*** *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)*

Okay, Upto a Point

READER Bhattacharji of Calcutta sends in his assessment of longevity on a chart and is eager to know how far it is valid.

Born 16/17-3-1917 at 3-05 a.m. (IST) at 22 N 35, 88 E 23.

Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant; Aquarius - Venus and Mercury; Pisces - Mars and the Sun; Aries - Jupiter; Gemini - Ketu; Cancer - Saturn (R); and Sagittarius - the Moon and Rahu. *Navamsa:* Taurus - Ascendant, Ketu and Venus; Gemini - the Moon; Cancer - Mars and Saturn; Leo - the Sun and Jupiter; Scorpio - Rahu; and Aries - Mercury with a balance of 2 years, 1 month and 22 days of Ketu Dasa.

It goes without saying that the longevity falls in the Purnayu group. The Ascendant is aspected by its lord Saturn who is also *vargottama* and in the 8th from the Moon-sign. The Moon in the 12th detracts a little from what the chart might have otherwise conferred; but even othererwise there is nothing to grieve about as far as length of life is concerned. The Dasa lord Jupiter is a *maraka* occupying a venusian constellation with Venus in the 2nd with the 7th lord Mercury. Bhukti-wise, the Moon may prove critical. He is the 7th lord in the 12th from Lagna. In Navamsa he occupies the 2nd sign from Lagna. On top of it all, transit Saturn will be in the last lap of his *sadesati* course.

Reader Bhattacharji's assessment more or less conforms with this analysis, although too many alternatives he provides can confuse one.

"According to *Pinda Ayurdaya*: the Sun — 17.047; the Moon - 8.3256; Mars - 9.125; Mercury 6.8; Jupiter 12.28; Venus 9.35; Saturn 8.37; Lagna 4.04. Total 75.4636 years or 1992.9.4.

"According to *Jaimini*: Year 86.2.26 = 2003.6.13.

"According to *Directions*: Upper limit August-September 1993; Lower limit December 1990 to March 1991; or at the most November-December 1999 to February 2000.)

"According to *Vimshottari*: (a) Between 91-8-9 and 92-5-27; (b) Between 94-9-3 and 97-1-27; or (c) Between 2000.1.30 and 2002.10.9.

Pinda Ayurdaya is nearer the truth. If it is overcome then September or August 1993. Otherwise (b) of Vimshottari. Vimshottari (c) is final as it agrees with directions."

No Need to Panic

Reader Prakash of Bangalore who showed his son's horoscope to an astrologer was advised by him to get some remedial measures performed to ward off the adverse influences of Mars and Rahu. Accordingly in November 1988, he went through some *shantis* praying for his son's welfare.

Born 18-9-1984 at 3.40 a.m. (IST).

Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant; Leo - Mercury; Virgo - the Sun and Venus; Libra - Saturn; Scorpio - Mars and Ketu; Sagittarius - Jupiter; and Taurus - the Moon and Rahu with a balance of 4

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years, 4 months and 19 days of Mars Dasa at birth.

The boy developed severe cough by the end of February 1989 and the doctors diagnosed it as tuberculosis and began to treat it. The father predictably is alarmed by the doctor's diagnosis and hopes his son will be soon alright.

The attack came on as soon as Rahu Dasa began. Rahu in the 11th afflicts Lagna lord exalted Moon. The two are aspected by an afflicted Mars. The Dasa lord Rahu is with the Moon and is aspected by Mars from a watery sign. Transitwise Saturn in the 8th afflicts natal Moon (who in this case is the Dasa lord). These could have generated trouble in the respiratory system of the boy. However, the Dasa lord as well as Lagna lord the Moon being exalted, it is possible the diagnosis was not quite correct and something definitely less serious. Once Saturn moves out of Sagittarius, the boy will be perfectly alright and normal.

A Little More Care

An event, rather a chain of them, which have left an elderly reader of Kottapuram shaken could have been anticipated and faced more stoically, if he had been a little more careful in his astrological assessment. Writes he "My daughter born under Satabhisha had the worst time of her life from about the beginning of September 1989. A year ago I had predicted that she would have the best period of her life between 2nd July 1989 and March 1990 as Jupiter would be in the 5th and Saturn in the 11th, by *gochara* because she was running Saturn Dasa, Saturn being the 9th lord and placed in Virgo with the aspect of Jupiter from Pisces. But absolutely the contrary occurred.

"In August 1989 she was miserably ill with a swollen throat. From about the 5th of September she is having a hell of a time. Her husband, who is an officer in a bank, was suspected to have misappropriated some amounts and we were asked to deposit an amount of Rs.50,000 in the bank. In order to raise the money my daughter had to pledge all her ornaments. The matter is under investigation and she is suffering terrible mental agony. In addition, her daughter, aged 5, is not taking any food from about the middle of September 1989, because it seems that the top end of her gullet is protruding upwards. My daughter's son, aged about 16, and her husband are also ill-treating her. Why all this, especially at a time when she is having very good time, both by Rasi and *gochara*?"

Blighting Force

Daughter: Born 19-8-1951 at 2-06 a.m. (IST) at 11 N 00, 76 E 00 with a balance of 12 years, 4 months and 7 days of Rahu Dasa.

Rasi: Gemini - Ascendant; Cancer. - Mars; Leo - the Sun, Venus (R), Mercury (R) and Ketu; Virgo - Saturn; Aquarius - the Moon and Rahu; and Pisces - Jupiter (R). *Navamsa:* Libra - Ascendant and Mercury; Sagittarius - Venus; Capricorn - the Moon and Jupiter; Pisces - Saturn and Rahu; Aries - the Sun; Leo - Mars and Mandi; and Virgo - Ketu.

Saturn, as a general rule, is a blighting influence in the 4th house which rules domestic life. He generates chronic and long-drawn domestic tensions and problems. However, as 9th lord from the Ascendant and the Moon-sign lord, he was not too bad in his results until September 1989. The Bhukti of Venus could not have given a very difficult time since the Dasa-Bhukti lords are not very well placed either independently or even relatively.

Our reader may note transit Saturn in Sagittarius is influencing natal Saturn by aspect and this was triggered into destructive vibrations by Mars who entered Virgo in early September.

The combined influence of transit Mars and Saturn on the *sukhasthana* blew up into pieces domestic peace. The sign Virgo had Mars and Saturn (Sagittarius or 7th house) influencing it which turned the focus of the problem on the husband (Sagittarius) and his career (Virgo). Since the event was stimulated by transits, it may not survive for long.

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-4000	+ 57 54	+ 58 08	+ 0 14
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which agiain puts Chitra—the Peg-star of the Egyptians—in Virgo 29°. In this connection it should be noted that Spica The "Ear of Corn" has always been associated with harvesting constellation Virgo, and never with Libra. While the orientation of Egyptian and Assyrian temples at their foundation were aligned to Benetnash and Spica (Chitra) on the date of the Neomenia, it would nevertheless appear that Rohini or Aldebaran in Taurus 15° 00' was the true fiducial or marking star of the ancient astrologers. Aldebaran, which is in opposition to Antares in Scorpio 15°, was known to the Babylonians as *Al-dabaranu* "the forecaster". As *isu lie adi d.* Anim "god of the tablet, crisn of Anu" *Aldebaran was identified* with Nabu the divine scirbe and the Babylonian god of Astrology. Aldebaran rose heliacally in Babylon about the 3rd millennium B.C. during Nisan, the first month of the year, and on "New Year's Day" a white bull was sacrificed to Nabu, who, thereupon, through the mouth of his high priest, read the fates of men for the coming year. In the celestial diagrams of Egypt, Aldebaran is called *Aret* and in that of King Seti I (circal-1300 B.C.) it is shown by the ideogram of a conspicuous eight-pointed star, which is quite unusual. In Egyptian *Aret* means *inter alia* a "Feather-pen", a "Book-scroll", a "Tablet" and the "Jaw bone" (of a bull) clearly identifying it with *Al-dubaranu* of the Babylonians. According to Hindu tradition when a celestial body enjoys the same Navamsa longitude as its sidereal longitude it is deemed to be *Vargottama*, a position of particular significance and power. This happens when the celestial body is precisely in the 15° of the fixed signs, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius and as Aldebaran and Antares were in Taurus 15° and Scorpio 15° respectively, they were therefore in their *Vargottama Navamsas*, which is a powerful argument that Aldebaran, and not Spica, was the prime fiducial star of the ancient astrologers. All longitudes as given in my sidereal ephemerides (except those for 1948 and 1949) are calculated from Chitra in Virgo 29° (179°) but the addition of a mere 3' 11" to them (or to the sidereal longitudes of the vernal-point (V.P.) will make Aldebaran the chief fiducial in Taurus 15°.

The alongside table shows the value of the Ayanamsa for the years indicated in respect of (a) Chitra in Virgo 29° and (b) Rohini in Taurus 15° with their differences:

Year	*Chitra (179°)* ° '	*Rohini (45°)* ° '	*Deviation* ° '
-4000	+ 57 54	+ 58 08	+ 0 14
-3000	+ 44 14	+ 44 25	+ 0 11
-2000	+ 30 30	+ 30 40	+ 0 10
-1000	+ 16 46	+ 16 53	+ 0 07
0	+ 2 57	+ 3 03	+ 0 06
1000	- 10 55	- 10 50	+ 0 05
1900	- 23 27	- 23 23	+ 0 04

So it can be seen that the deviation or difference between these two stars as fiducials is very small.

By deducting 59' 00" and 55' 49" from all longitudes as given in N. C. Lahiri's *Indian Ephemerides* reduces them to the Hypsomatic zodiac as measured from Chitra in 179° and Rohini in 45° respectively.

The Zero Year

Seeing that King Djer of the first Egyptian dynasty founded the Harakhte or Seth era on September 15, 3130 B.C. is not rather absurd to talk of the zero year as occurring during any part of the Christian era, *e.g.* in A.D. 213, 22° or 275; over 3,000 years after this event? This suggests that Chitra could hardly have been the prime fiducial star. On the other hand, the fact that the vernal-point formed its ecliptic conjunction with Rohini in 3044 B.C. —its zero year— is much more in keeping with the antiquity of the zodiac. But the ancients took no heed of mere ecliptical conjunctions, which were without significance to them. Their concern was with the midnight culmination of the Yogataras on the equinoctial and solstitial dates. Consequently Rohini's true zero year was 3233 B.C. when it culminated at apparent midnight on the date of the autumnal equinox.

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Helpful Hints on Predictive Astrology

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ONCE one is able to determine the Dasa balance at birth correctly, then the happenings in life are seen to unfold with precision true to the indications of the operative planetary periods in their sequence, under the Vimshottari Dasa working. All things considered, Udu Dasa system is simple to grasp, easy to work and generally reliable as a predictive tool. This appears to be the experience of most of the practitioners of Hindu Predictive system. Yet there are cases where even the high-priests get stumped, being unable to explain actual happenings *vis-vis* operative planetary periods. Rules are then stretched and twisted to find a way out. This in turn blunts the efficacy of the system and its reliability as a predictive tool becomes suspect.

On the face of it, working out Dasa balance at birth should pose no problem. The rules are clear and mathematical working involved is fairly simple. Yet the correct answer is elusive and we find considerable gap between the actual happenings and the Dasa working. The problem, in fact, lies with the basic data *i.e.* the correct longitude of the Moon corresponding to the time of birth. There are quite a few factors that can foul up the basic data:

1. Recorded birth time could be suspect. In any case, this would comparatively be a negligible factor; though a difference of two minutes in birth time would slide the longitude of the Moon by one minute on an average, which in turn could alter the Dasa balance by as much as nine days in some cases.

2. One major factor that virtually throws the entire working of Dasa system out of gear is Ayanamsa. We have had a number of technical debates and discussions on this vexed issue of Ayanamsa. What has emerged so far from this academic exercise is not even a mouse of a solution. On the other hand, it has thrown up so much dust and muck that the real issue seems to have got buried while we are grappling with, perhaps, non-issues. A student is left with a baffling situation that he has to cope with a difference varying upto three years in Dasa balance at birth, from one school to the other.

3. Connoisseurs of spherical astronomy have introduced another technical factor into the fray. The Moon keeps gaining latitude (South and North) during its orbit. Its effect on the observed longitudinal position from the surface of the earth would change the value. The validity of this phenomenon on astrological working is yet to be evaluated.

4. We have accepted the Gregorian calendar for use under Vimshottari working. It is not correct. Except for civil purposes it has no other utility. It makes no sense in using it for astrological purposes. For thousands of years, the Hindu calendar of Samvatsara, Maasa and Tithi has been in usage and all astrological and Hindu astronomical calculations, not to mention of Hindu religious observances, are based on the Vedic

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calendar. Though it may not make any difference in the context of ascertaining Dasa balance at birth, it would certainly distort the working when any other calendar other than Vedic calendar of Maasa and Tithi is applied to Vimshottari working.

We cannot possibly hope to find any clue or guidance towards finding a solution to this problem from the ancient works. Because these are entirely our problems; created by our own folly. Having identified the area of the problems, we will have to find out how best we can cope with them and overcome these problems. Till such time, a technically satisfactory and acceptable solution is found out, we would do well to adopt a practical corrective measure that would serve the purpose, by and large.

The keynote of the Vimshottari system is the traceable relationship between the lords of the operating Dasa and its sub-periods and the actual happenings. The things that are promised by the Dasa and Bhukti lords come through Antara lord, as modified by his influence. In other words, the Antara lord should directly indicate or account for the kind of happening during its operative period. At birth, the noteworthy happening is "birth" itself. Accordingly, the Antara lord operating at the time of birth should be directly connected with this event. The significator of birth is obviously the Lagna lord. Alternately, when Chandra Lagna is stronger, then the lord of Chandra Lagna will have to be considered. Should the planet that happens to be placed in Lagna turns out the strongest, then it becomes the significator. Guided by this principle, the Antara period operating at the time of birth should necessarily be of:

1. The Lagna lord, or
2. Chandra Lagna lord, or
3. Planet strongly placed in Lagna, or
4. Rahu/Ketu when associated with any of the above.

All that is needed is to ensure that the Antara period operating at the time of birth coincides with any one of the three lords, with obvious preference to the Lagna lord. Should it not coincide, the same could be achieved by adjusting the Dasa balance suitably, however bearing in mind to apply the minimum correction warranted. For purposes of illustration, a few charts are taken from the earlier issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE for the benefit of the readers, wherein longitudes are furnished.

September 1989 issue, page 689:

Sun: 2^s 4° 10'; Moon: I^s 14° 28'; Mars: 2^s 01° 20'; Mercury: 1^s 14° 59'; Jupiter: 7^s 26° 35'; Venus: 2^s 00° 40'; Saturn: 10^s 29° 10'; Rahu: 8^s 10° 59'; Ascendant: 10^s 29° 10'.

In order to ascertain the operative Antara period at birth and to apply appropriate correction whenever warranted, it would be more convenient to have the Nakshatra divided into Bhukti and Antara divisions. In this instance, the Janma Nakshatra is Rohini. It starts from 10 degrees in Taurus. Bhukti and Antara divisions would be as under:

10° 00' 00" to 11° 06' 40" Moon Bhukti
11° 06' 40" to 11° 53' 20" Mars Bhukti
11° 53' 20" to 13° 53' 20" Rahu Bhukti
13° 53' 20" to 15° 40' 00" Jupiter Bhukti (Moon 14° 28' gives Jupiter Bhukti).

When Jupiter Bhukti is subdivided into Antara divisions, we obtain:

13° 53' 20" to 14° 07' 34" Jupiter Antara
14° 07' 34" to 14° 24' 27" Saturn Antara
14° 24' 27" to 14° 39' 34" Mercury Antara

The Lagna lord in this instance is Saturn and is strongly placed in Lagna itself. Therefore, Antara period operating at the time of birth should necessarily be that of Saturn. Since Saturn's Antara ends at Moon's longitude of 14 dgs. 24 mts. and 27 seconds, a correction of four minutes to the longitude of the Moon as originally computed gives the desired answer. Saturn Antara in Jupiter Bhukti in Moon Dasa will then be in progress at birth.

The study reveals another interesting feature in this context. Last degree of Aquarius (Kumbha) is rising. Whenever Lagna falls at the beginning or fag end of a sign there is always scope for a lingering doubt as to whether the Lagna could well be the adjoining sign, since a difference of a few minutes in birth time would make all the difference. In this instance, hypothetically the Lagna could well be shifted to Pisces, as it involves just about four to five minutes difference in birth time. Lagna lord then will be Jupiter. It would warrant a correction of a minimum of 21 minutes to the longitude of the Moon in order to obtain Jupiter Antara. This in turn would mean making the birth earlier by forty to forty-five minutes from the recorded time. The Lagna would shift back by about 10 degrees upsetting the entire scheme; defeating the very purpose of correction. Kumbha Lagna alone fits into the scheme.

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September 1989 issue, page 701:

Taurus: Ascendant 16° 12'; Gemini: Jupiter 20° 50'; Cancer: Mars 17° 7'; Scorpio: Venus 19° 53'; Sagittarius: Saturn 23° 4'; Mercury 14° 1'; Capricorn: Moon 24° 2'; and Sun 5° 56'; and Pisces: Rahu 25° 40'.

Janma Nakshatra is Dhanishta which commences from 23° 20' in Capricorn. In Mars Dasa, the Bhukti of Mars will be upto 24° 06' 40". Thereafter the Bhukti of Rahu extends upto 26° 06' 40". In Mars Bhukti, Antara periods extend as under:

From 23° 20' 00" to 23° 22' 43" will be Mars Antara. Thereafter Rahu Antara covers upto 23° 29' 43", Jupiter Antara upto 23° 35' 56", Saturn upto 23° 43' 19", Mercury Antara upto 23° 49' 56", Ketu Antara upto 23° 52' 39" and Venus Antara upto 24° 00' 26", Sun covering upto 24° 02' 46" and Moon the rest 24° 06' 40".

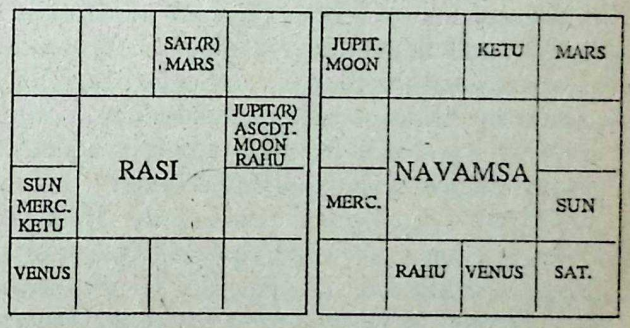
In the horoscope, Lagna lord Venus is aspecting Lagna thus fortifying Lagna. Venus Antara in Mars' own Bhukti would be operating till the Moon has gained a longitude of 24 dgs. and 26 seconds. A correction of point two degrees to the Moon (*i.e.*, 12 minutes minus) would make the birth occur during the Antara period of Lagna lord.

In the next chart on the same page, the longitude of the Moon as computed is 6° 9' in Leo and the Lagna is Virgo with Mercury in Lagna. The Janma Nakshatra is Makha. In Leo from 5° 33' 20" upto 7° 33' 20" would be Rahu Bhukti in operation in Ketu Dasa. In Rahu Bhukti, the Antara of Mercury extends from 6° 26' 20" upto 6° 43' 20". Birth would be in the Antara period of Lagna lord when we place the Moon at 6° 7' instead of 6° 9' as worked out. In the other chart on page 702, the longitude of the Moon is given as 27 dgs. in Scorpio, and Lagna is Taurus. This gives Venus Antara in Jupiter Bhukti in Mercury Dasa. Venus is the Lagna lord well placed in the 7th with its full aspect on Lagna. Antara period operating at birth is that of Lagna lord conforming to the basic rule of Vimshottari system.

It is very important to bear in mind that adjustment of Dasa balance at birth by correction to the Moon's longitude done not warrant a corresponding rectification of birth time or Lagna. As observed earlier, error in longitude of the Moon may not have any relevance to birth time but brought about by other factors such as Ayanamsa, latitude gained by the Moon and variation in rate of motion etc. Hence the rectification envisaged under this scheme is confined to adjustment of Dasa balance period in a way to ensure that Antara period of Lagna lord is in progress at birth.

Vimshottari Dasa is one of the many systems under Hindu Predictive Astrology. A unique feature of Hindu Astrology is that each of its systems is independent and complete in itself. Each system has its own exclusive features, its own distinctive method of working and set of rules. If Nakshatra lordship is exclusive to Udu Dasa, the emphasis under Jaimini system is on operative periods of signs and Navamsas and Atmakaraka etc. The systems would get distorted if Nakshatra lordship were to be applied under Jaimini or Atmakaraka concept used under Vimshottari. In fact, Dasa and Bhukti of a planet placed in the last degree of a sign (*i.e.*, 29 plus) is to be judged as being adverse while delineating Vimshottari results. This can be taken as a "Rider" to the general rule. A discussion with an illustrative chart would elucidate the import of this rider.

Birth: Male: Sakha 1865 Magha Sukla 15 Ishta ghatis 25 phalas 38 (Chitra Paksha Ayanamsa). *Rasi*: Saturn (R) 1ˢ 26° 43', Jupiter (R) 3ˢ 29° 23', Mars 1ˢ 16° 56', Sun 9ˢ 26° 3', Venus 8ˢ 21° 30', Mercury 9ˢ 2° 0', Rahu 3ˢ 13° 50' mean), Ascendant 3ˢ 6° 0' and the Moon 3ˢ 29° 44'. Aslesha Nakshatra; Mercury Dasa balance at birth: four months giving the operative Antara period of Jupiter in the Bhukti of Saturn.



The Moon is the Lagna lord. Although it is in Lagna in its own house, by virtue of being placed in the last degree of the sign, it is to be considered as weak in comparison to Jupiter or Rahu which are also placed in Lagna. Jupiter being exalted is stronger, though placed in the last degree of the sign. It has also gained own Navamsa. Consequently we see the Antara

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period of Jupiter operating at birth instead of that of the Moon as Lagna lord.

The native was born in a well-to-do and respectable family. He had a good academic career and graduated without impediments. He was a good sportsman and has to his credit awards having won in tournaments. Except that he was prone to asthmatic complaints, his health was generally good. He started his own business which was prospering. All through the Dasas of Ketu followed by Venus and the Sun, he had smooth sailing and was coming up well. He got married to an educated and accomplished lady hailing from an equally well-to-do family during May 1971. It was the fag end of Venus Dasa and Antara of Mercury was in progress in the Bhukti of Ketu. Both Mercury and Ketu are significators of marriage being placed in the 7th Bhava and account for the event during their operative period. He got a son no sooner the Bhukti of Mars started in the Dasa of the Sun, when the Antara of Mars itself was in operation. As 5th lord aspecting Putra Bhava, the house of progeny, it is in order of things that he should be bestowed with a son during its operative period. He was looking forward to a progressively prosperous period during the Dasa of the Moon to follow. The Moon as Lagna lord is well placed in its own house and associated with an exalted Jupiter causing a powerful Gajakesari Yoga. Belying the indications, the Dasa of the Moon turned out to be the most agonising for the native from all aspects. His business suffered to an extent that he had to wind it up and carry the burden of heavy debts. Because of his child's health and educational problems, it became necessary for the couple to have two establishments in different cities. Misunderstandings with wife and other family members added to the problems. He himself had to undergo operations twice during the Dasa of the Moon for hernia, piles and allied complaints. Jupiter Bhukti in Moon Dasa particularly proved the most trying. With the commencement of Dasa of Mars, a process of recovery has started. He has been able to secure a decent job and rehabilitate himself well professionally.

Astrologically we have a clue to this debacle in the placement of the Moon in the last degree of the sign and the Dasa period of that planet happening to operate. We find Jupiter is also in the last degree of the sign. From June 1989, the Bhukti of Jupiter in the Dasa of Mars which happens to be a powerful Yogakaraka has started. Because of the benevolence of the Dasa lord, the results during the Bhukti of Jupiter are not expected to be as disastrous. Yet the adverse results are already being felt. He has received a legal notice from his wife for divorce, probably prompted by certain mischievous relatives. Efforts are on move for compromise. Keeping in view the dictum, the placement of Jupiter in the last degree and its retrograde position, much hope cannot be placed on a favourable outcome during the period of Jupiter.

In such cases where a planet is placed in the last degree of a sign, it is desirable that we check the result of that planet in its earlier Bhukti in a Dasa that has already passed. That will serve as point of needle as to what can be expected during its major Dasa. It may happen that in actual practice the planet may be in 28th degree or in zero degree of next sign depending upon the Panchanga on which the horoscope is cast; in which event the rider would be inapplicable. One's own experience would make a better guide in this context.

An exclusive feature of Nakshatra Dasa is that a planet gives results during its operative periods relating not only to those Bhavas it owns and is placed in, but also of the Bhava for which it is "Jeeva". Lord of the Nakshatra (constellation) in which a Bhava lord is placed is called "Jeeva" for that Bhava. Suppose Jupiter is lord of 9th Bhava and is placed in Rohini Nakshatra; then the Moon, the lord of Rohini, is considered as "Jeeva" for 9th Bhava. During its Dasa, the Moon will give results relating to 9th Bhava in addition to the Bhava it happens to own. The results thus flowing during the Dasa of the Moon will get modified corresponding to whether the Moon is placed in a benefic Nakshatra or a malefic Nakshatra. Because of this rather complex interrelation between planets and Nakshatras, it would call for considerable skill and experience in envisaging the nature of results emerging from such a blend of planetary influences. As a guide in judging the results, some root-ideas as to the benefic and malefic nature of modification a planet undergoes by virtue of its placement in different Nakshatras is outlined. The underlying principle involved herein is the inherent "Guna" (*i.e.*, Nature) attributed to each planet. A Nakshatra derives the same *guna* as that of planet which is its lord.

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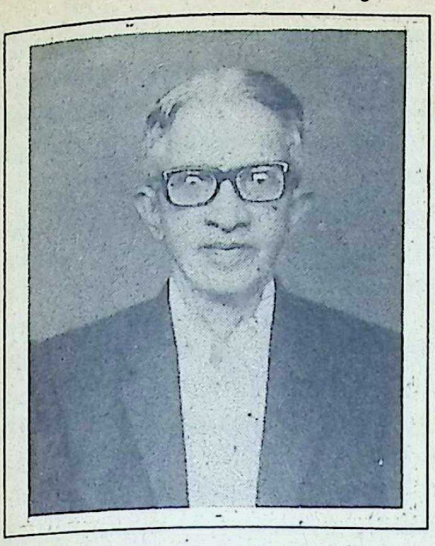

Combust Planets

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THE problem of combustion (*astangata*) has given rise to varied doubts and misinterpretations. For calculating longevity, Venus and Saturn are not subject to combustion. A faulty text of *Satya Samhita* excludes even Mercury.

It is generally taken for granted that combustion varies from six degrees to seventy degrees of the Sun. Some take the orb to be twelve degrees only while a few do not go beyond eight degrees. Does a combust planet become always weak and malefic? Here, we have also to note whether the planet concerned is ahead of the Sun or behind the Sun. Next we should note the permanent and temporary relationship of a planet to the Sun. It is enough to take six to eight degrees for a separating conjunction, and eight (or even twelve degrees for an applying one). The ownerships and placement of the planet with the Sun should not be ignored.

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The conjunction of the two luminaries appears around the new Moon day. It was a day fixed by Lord Krishna for the commencement of the Mahabharata war. The conjunction of these two is a critical one. It denies or restricts the breadth of outlook and adjustability. The interests are determined by the house where it takes place. If Mercury or Venus joins these the balance of mind may be upset slightly. Stubbornness, emotionalism, aloofness and repression can appear. If it is the 2nd or the 12th house, eye-sight is affected. If it is in the first, the health is delicate.

The first chart is that of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. The Sun is in his own in the 12th with the Moon. For the luminaries we may have to take 12 or 7 degrees. Here these two are slightly away by fourteen and a half degrees. they are not aspected by any. His eye-sight was affected. A certain rigidity of outlook and an inability to adapt himself to his environment was evident in his life. The other malefic features did not appear as the Sun is in his own sign, though debilitated in Navamsa. But here he is ahead of the Moon.

The Sun and Mercury are never away beyond 28 degrees. The conjunction of these two is frequent. Our ancient authorities praise this as Budha-Aditya Yoga. When Mercury is left alone he can upset mental stability. But a close conjunction of Mercury with the Sun eclipses mental faculties related to business

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and literary abilities. The other activities will flourish.

In the second chart the Sun and Mercury are within 7 degrees in the 10th house; Mercury is exalted in Rasi and debilitated in Amsa. It is the horoscope of India's greatest Engineer, Sir M. Visvesvaraya. In the third chart this conjunction is in Lagna, Mercury getting exalted in Amsa. He is a very astute diplomat and administrator, a trusted aide of the late Mrs. Gandhi and of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. The Sun is behind Mercury in both. Here is a loss of flexibility, even of impartiality because of this. The feelings disturb the clarity of the mind. In the fourth chart the same conjunction is in the same sign, Virgo. Here it is the second house. The Sun is ahead of Mercury and is afflicted by retrograde Saturn. This lady was denied marriage. In all these cases the animal nature is subdued by the intellect. The great European philosopher Kant had combust Mercury. The outlook was practical and worldly. In the fifth chart the Sun is ahead by more than 32 degrees. Still it made this lady stubborn and self-willed. Probably Saturn's aspect on Lagna and Venus' aspect on Mercury deprived her of a happy married life. She is now seeking a divorce.

Venus is always within 48 degrees of the Sun. He is the natural enemy of the Sun. Yet combust Venus gives rise to artistic pursuits, medical education and the like. President Heidenburg and Annie Besant had combust Venus. This conjunction is not favourable for marriage. The sixth chart shows a close conjunction. Inheriting huge property he lost every thing before he was twenty-five. Lords of 9 and 11 are in the 8th. Combust Venus denies a happy married life.

The Sun and Mars are natural friends. The Sun is exalted in the sign of Mars. But the exaltation of Mars in a sign of Saturn does not augur well for a combust Mars. Health gets disturbed. Accidents are possible. The native works very hard. Depending on the sign and the house, combust Mars can give opposite results. The seventh chart shows a close conjunction in the 8th house. The lord of Lagna (Mars) is with the 10th lord (Sun) in the 8th. In Amsa, Mars is exalted and he is in advance of the Sun. This lady braved many sorrows, calamities and restrictions, and ultimately she returned to power as the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Can she live peacefully and be a successful head of the government? The aspect (not exact) of retrograde Saturn on combust Mars is ominous.

Combust Jupiter is quite beneficial. He makes the native ambitious, religious, philosophical; literary and other activities play a major role. It is a highly benevolent combustion. The 8th chart is that of Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavatar. The Sun is in his own sign in Lagna in close conjunction with Jupiter and Ketu, though he is ahead of both. The aspect of Mars from the 10th has aggravated the benefic qualities to make him a celebrated musician. Venus in Lagna gave a helping hand as well. If Rahu were with Jupiter, the result would have been disastrous. In the 9th chart eclipsed Jupiter made him heir to fabulous property all of a sudden. It is Saturn, lord of the combust sign, that is now giving the desired results.

How does combust Saturn work? The *moolatrikona* and signs of exaltation of the Sun and Saturn are exactly in opposite signs. But the opposite signs have great similarities. Combust Saturn confers respect and material success. One becomes a self-made man. The conjunction can also make one secretive. A strong combust Saturn makes one place duty above everything else. The native may become egocentric. The tenth chart is that of Mr. Jyoti Basu. There is no exact conjunction of the Sun and Saturn. But it is the beginning of Saturn's major period that made him successful at last. In Amsa both the Sun and Saturn are exalted. In the eleventh chart the Sun in the 2nd in his own house is behind Saturn. He is a good enterprising businessman. Life has been hard on him and he is now getting out of the woods. Retrograde Jupiter's major period will see him through.

There remain the extra-saturnine planets. We plead for the inclusion of Uranus and Neptune in our system. As the great Varahamihira said: "The Ionians are Mlecchas. But this science of Astrology was nourished by them. They are being respected like our seers. Then what can we say about a Dvija who is an astrologer (*daiva-vid*).

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Combust Uranus works both ways. The native can be rebellious, perverse and obstinate. A scientific or a literary career is possible. Changes are sudden and unexpected. One seeks his own career and his own way of life. There is great talent. Examples are P.B. Shelley, Louis Pasteur, Lewis Carroll, Lord Salisbury and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Uranus has great similarities with Mercury, Saturn and Mars. This can make us rethink about the natural relationship between the planets. At least we are sceptical about the Buddhist Satyakirti's clarification of friends, foes, and neutrals among the planets. A close reconciliation of the views of Yavaneswara with those of Satyakirti is very necessary at least in the last decature of this century. Uranus rules Aquarius, is exalted in Gemini and has his *moolatrikona* in Gemini or in Libra.

Combust Neptune is as good as Jupiter as both rule Pisces. As against the Western thoreticians we hold that Neptune is a benefic, controlling the spiritual, philosophic and religious activities. Also he rules over drugs and intoxicants, which are a part of Jupiter's significations also. Combust Neptune gives better results of a favourable nature than combust Jupiter.

Our study shows that combust Venus, Mars and Uranus are to be apprehended. Combust Saturn puts a man on trial like combust Moon. Combust Neptune appears in the charts of Edison, George IV, Richard Cromwell, Alfonsa of Spain and the Crown Prince of Germany. Any combust planet is not bad. Same are favourable. It is for the scholars to advise us about our findings.—177.89.

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1. 1888-9-5. Lagna—Virgo with Mercury 1.10 and Venus 5.23; Scorpio - Mars 3-56 and Jupiter 7-9; Cancer - Saturn 22-3 and Rahu 5-47; and Leo - the Moon 6-9 and the Sun 20-34.

2. 1861-9-15. Lagna—Sagittarius 20-30 with Rahu 18-30; Capricorn - the Moon 18-54; Leo - Jupiter 18-00, Saturn 22-00 and Mars 25-30; Virgo - the Sun 0-50 and Mercury 7-45; and Libra - Venus 5-30.

3. 1937-7-16. Lagna—Cancer 29-20 with the Sun 0-9 and Mercury 8-55; Libra - the Moon 8-1 and Venus 28-48; Sagittarius - Jupiter (R) 28-19; Pisces - Saturn 12-9; and Taurus - Venus 15-33 and Ketu 20-9.

4. 1938-10-2. Lagna—Leo 16-40 with Mars 22-19; Virgo - the Sun 15-8 and Mercury 8-27; Libra - Venus 29-14 and Rahu 26-41; Sagittarius - the Moon 20-1; Capricorn - Jupiter (R) 29-54; and Pisces - Saturn (R) 22-7..

5. 1971-5-7. Lagna—Scorpio 22-28 with Jupiter (R) 10-4; Capricorn - Mars 8-20 and Rahu 25-52; Pisces - Venus 22-26; Aries - Mercury 0-23 and the Sun 22-58; Taurus - Saturn 1-12; and Virgo - the Moon 20-48.

6. 1963-8-11. Lagna—Sagittarius 25-00 with Ketu 27-00; Capricorn - Saturn (R) 26-00; Pisces - Jupiter (R) 26-00; Aries - the Moon 14-2; Cancer - Venus 19-00 and the Sun 21-00; Leo - Mercury 18-00; and Virgo - Mars 16-30.

7. 1953-6-21. Lagna—Scorpio 5-00; Aries - Venus 21-21; Taurus - Jupiter 16-10; Gemini - the Sun 16-35 and Mars 11-47; Cancer - Mercury 1-45 and Ketu 10-12; and Virgo - Saturn (R) 27-00 and Saturn 25-36.

8. 1896-8-28. Lagna—Leo 11-24 with the Sun 13-40, Jupiter 1-7 and Venus 28-20; Virgo - Mercury 7-3; Libra - Saturn 21-26; Aquarius - Rahu 6-8; Aries - the Moon 16-33; and Taurus - Mars 15-16.

9. 1927-2-28. Lagna—Aries 2; Taurus - Mars 10-21; Scorpio - Saturn 14-34; Sagittarius - the Moon 25-17 and Ketu 11-0; Aquarius - the Sun 15-40 and Jupiter 16-37; and Pisces - Mercury 3-12 and Venus 9-7.

10. 1914-7-8. Lagna—Virgo 5-20; Capricorn - the Moon 0-25 and Jupiter 28-35; Gemini - the Sun 22-20 and Saturn 2-9; Cancer - Mercury (R) 5-42 and Venus 28-30; Leo - Mars 14-30 and Ketu 15-56.

11. 1950-3-3. Lagna—Cancer 20-29 with Venus 25-4; Leo - the Sun 16-42 and Saturn 27-52; Virgo - Mercury 9-11 and Ketu 5-9; Libra - Mars 20-25; Aquarius - Jupiter (R) 8-19; and Aries - the Moon 28-53.

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HELPFUL HINTS ON PREDICTIVE ASTROLOGY

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The Sun is considered to give moderate results in its own group of Nakshatras while the outcome would be malefic when placed in Nakshatra groups of either Saturn or Rahu. It is considered to produce good results when placed in Nakshatras of the Moon, such as honour from government, birth of children, success in undertakings and fame etc. Physical ailment, perturbed mind, getting involved in quarrels and litigation, bereavement amongst relatives and friends are the kind of results to be envisaged during the period of the Sun when it is placed in the Nakshatras of Mars. The Sun when occupying Nakshatras of Jupiter or Mercury would cause success in career, prosperity in trade, acquisition of wealth and happiness, bestow children and bring fame in learning. Placed in the constellation of Venus, the Sun restricts prosperity in business by causing initial impediments; and the native incurs resentment of ladies during its operative period. Constellations of Saturn and Rahu are extremely malefic, unless they are Yogakarakas, for occupation by the Sun as it results in obstruction for progress in life, loss of wealth, enemity and unnecessary fear and sorrow. When in the Nakshatra of Ketu, it may bring about sudden and unexpected death in the family. It also causes wanderings and on positive side the native may undertake pilgrimages. It should, however, be kept in mind that if the Sun is a benefic for the Lagna and well placed and the constellation in which it is placed is also benefic the results would be extremely benefic. The outcome would be on similar lines as that of the Sun when the Moon is placed in different Nakshatras.

When Mars is in the Nakshatra of a Yogakaraka planet it produces very good results; so also Ketu. Otherwise, Mars in its own constellation or Ketu in its own Nakshatra brings about ill-health, poverty, death of dear ones, trouble from government etc. The results will be beneficial when Mars or Ketu is placed in the constellations of Jupiter or Mercury. Prosperity in profession, aptitude for art and culture, happiness from children, acquisition of property and generally a sense of happiness will be the kind of things that can be looked forward to in their Dasas. Unless Venus is benefic to the Lagna, placement of Mars or Ketu in the Nakshatra of Venus results in trouble from women, a sense of vain glory, ill-health etc. The native would be forced to leave his residence, suffer unemployment and be victim of theft if placed in Nakshatra of Saturn and Rahu and they happen to be lords of 3, 6, or 8th Bhava. Good results will flow when placed in the Nakshatra of Ketu, subject to it being free from other malefic influence. Valour and courage will be the keynote if the Nakshatra occupied is that of the Sun. Mars or Ketu in the Nakshatra of the Moon produce adverse results such as loss in trade and a sense of unhappiness.

Jupiter and Mercury produce similar results by their occupation of different Nakshatras. In their own constellations or that of one another they give good education, respect, success and happiness. In the Nakshatra of Venus, benefic results flow such as marriage in the family, educational achievement, acquisition of vehicle etc. Ill-health, poverty, sorrow etc. are the kind of results when placed in Nakshatras of Rahu and Saturn. Similarly the results will be adverse in the stars of Mars and Ketu, such as loss by fire, debts, ill-health and change of place etc. Beneficial results flow when the lords of Nakshatra happen to be luminaries, the Sun and the Moon. Acquisition of wealth, success, gain of friendship, auspicious functions are the kind of results one can look forward to.

Venus in its own star produces beneficial results such as marriage in the family, wealth through women, gain in trade and social honour etc. Though the results may not be favourable, it will not be adverse when Venus is placed in the Nakshatra of Saturn or Ketu. Good results may come if Saturn is a benefic to the Lagna. Some unexpected benefit may result when placed in the Nakshatra of Rahu, though by and large it may not be favourable. Very good results are attributed to placement of Venus in the Nakshatra of the Sun. Mixed results flow from placement in the Nakshatra of the Moon. On the benefic side, there will be acquisition of wealth, gain from unexpected source, pleasant travels etc. The bad effects are seen in the form of ill-health in the family, which can be fateful as well. Venus gives bad results when placed in Mars' Nakshatra: loss of finance, impediments and

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Al-Biruni on Hindu Astrology

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A GREAT Muslim Astrologer—Abu-Rayhan-Al-Biruni has written about Hindu Astrology. Abu-Rayhan-Al-Biruni was a great astrologer as well as a great "historian and chronologist". He was born in 987 A.D. He was a great traveller also. When he wanted to write about India and Indian people, their customs and religious ceremonies, he came to India, to acquaint himself with the first-hand knowledge of these things. He came to India and learned Sanskrit. He has translated many Sanskrit works into Arabic and many Arabic works into Sanskrit. He has written a work entitled *Kitab-Al-Hind*. In this book he had treated practically every subject about India including Indian culture. He has devoted one chapter to Indian Astrology and Astronomy. He has quoted from many great works on these subjects, such as *Brihat Samhita*, *Surya Siddhanta*, etc.

Before writing the extracts from the above-referred work, let me narrate an interesting adventure of Al-Biruni at the court of Ghazni. One day the Sultan (Sultan Mahmood) while seated in his four doored summer house in the 'garden of thousand trees' requested Al-Biruni to forecast by his knowledge of the stars, by which door the king would leave the building. When Al-Biruni had complied with this command and had written his answers secretly on a piece of paper which he placed under a quilt, the Sultan caused a hole to be made in the eastern wall and through this he left the summer house. The he called for Al-Biruni's prognostication, and found to his disgust that it was written, "the king will go out by none of these four doors, but an opening will be made in the eastern wall through which he will leave the building". Sultan Mahmood, who had hoped to turn the laugh against Al-Biruni, was so angry that he ordered him to be cast down from the roof. His fall was, however, broken by a mosquito curtain; and on being again brought before the Sultan and asked whether he had foreseen this, he produced from his pocket a notebook in which was written, under date: "Today I shall be cast down from a high place, but reach the earth in safety, and arise sound in body". Thereupon the Sultan was still more upset and caused him to be confined to the citadel, from which he was released only after six months. This incident shows the ability of Abu-Rayhan-Al-Biruni as a capable astrologer.

I am writing now the subject of this article. Taking the following facts from *Laghu Jataka* of Varahamihira he observes: "From the description given in the preceding pages, the reader learns how the Hindus compute the length of human life. (This method will come in next part of this article.) He learns from the positions of planets, they occupy at the moment of birth and in what way the periods of different planets are distributed over it. Besides these things, Hindu Astrology uses certain methods of Astrology of nativities, which other nations do not take into account. For example, they try to find out if the father was present or not at the time of birth of a child.

"If the Moon does not stand in aspects with the Ascendant or if the sign in which the Moon stands is enclosed between Venus and Mercury,

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or if Saturn is in the Ascendant, or if Mars stands in the 7th sign, the father of the native will be absent."

"They find out if the child will attain full age by examining Sun and Moon. If Sun and Moon stand in the same sign conjoined with an unlucky planet, or Ascendant is not aspected by Moon and Jupiter or Jupiter does not aspect conjoined Sun and Moon, the child will not live long.

"Further, they correlate the circumstances and conditions of the lamp, with the sign in which the Sun stands at birth. If the sign is a moving one the flame of the lamp will be moving or it may be a transferable lamp. If the sign is a fixed one, the lamp will be a fixed one; but if the sign is a double bodied one, at one time it is fixed, and moving at another time.

"They also examine the degree of the Ascendant at birth. This will correspond to the amount of wick of the lamp burnt. They correlate the oil in the lamp with the phases of the Moon. If it is Full Moon the lamp will be full of oils. The increase and decrease of oil will correspond to the waning and waxing of the Moon.

"Regarding the door of the house and its direction, they lay stress on the planet in the cardinals. They say the direction of the door from the strongest planet in cardinals. But, if there is no planet in cardinals they say about the direction of the door from the direction of the sign of the Ascendant.

"Further, they consider which is the light giving body. If it is Sun, the house will be destroyed; if Moon beneficial; Mars, burning; Mercury, bow-shaped; Jupiter, permanent and Saturn, old.

"Jupiter in 10th sign (in altitude) indicates the house will consist of two or three wings. If its indicum is strong in Sagittarius the house will have three wings, while in other double bodied signs, it shows the house will have two wings.

"Number of planets which are in the signs of Ascendant and Moon will show the number of women present in the house. Their qualities correspond to the images of these constellations.

"The lords of these constellations which are in the visible hemisphere refer to those women who are away from the house, and those planets in the invisible hemisphere prognosticate the women who will come into the house.

"About the spirit of life in man, they infer from the dominant Drekkana (decanate) of the stronger planet either Sun or Moon. Dhruvaloka is indicated from Jupiter's Drekkana; it is Pitruloka, if it is Venus' or Moon's Drekkana. The spirit comes from Vrischikaloka, if Mars' or Sun's Drekkana is strong and it is Bhriguloka, if Saturn's or Mercury's Drekkana is strong.

"Sixth and eighth houses are prognosticating about the departing soul. The dominant Drekkana of the two houses will give an indication of the departing soul. However, if Jupiter stands in exaltation in the sixth house or in eighth or in one of the cardinals or if the Ascendant is Pisces, and Jupiter is the strongest planet, and if the constellation of the moment of death is the same as that of the birth, in that case the spirit (or soul) is liberated and no longer wanders about."

I am now presenting the way of calculating the years of life as described by Al-Biruni. Before coming on the exact subject, Al-Biruni gives the description of the different types of forces of planets.

He writes that there are four types of forces: (1) Habitual forces (Sthanabala), (2) Drishtibala, (3) Cheshtabala (conquering forces?), and (4) Kalabala.

Sthanabala is exercised by a planet, when the planet stands in its altitude (exaltation) its own house, or the house of a friend or in the *nubhr* (Navamsa) of its house, or its altitude, or its *moolatrikona*. If Sun and Moon are in lucky signs, this force is peculiar to them, while just opposite is the case for other planets. It is peculiar to other planets, when they are in unlucky signs.

"When a planet stands in cardo or according to some people two houses immediately before or after cardo and is in strong position, it gets the force called Drishtibala or Drigbala. This force is peculiar to the Ascendant in the day, if the Ascendant is a fixed sign, and in night, if it is a quadruped sign, and in both the Sandhis (periods of twilight at the beginning and end) of the other signs. Particularly this is an astrology of nativities. In other astrology this force is peculiar, as they say, to the 10th sign, if it represents a quadruped, to the 7th sign, if it is Scorpio or Cancer and to the 4th sign if it is Amphora (Sagittarius) and Cancer.

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"A planet exercises the force called Cheshta-bala when it is in retrograde motion, or it emerges from concealment or marches as a visible planet till the end of signs or in the north it meets one of the planets except Venus because Venus in the south is the same as other planets are in north.

This force is also exercised by Ascendant if it has got its domination (lord in Ascendant), if the two (Ascendant and lord) stand in aspect with Jupiter and Mercury and Ascendant is free from aspect of unlucky planets. There should be no other planet in Ascendant except its lord. Unlucky planet in Ascendant weakens the aspect of Mercury and Jupiter, thereby lessening the effect of this force."

"The 4th force is Kalabala. This is exercised by a day planet during day and a nocturnal planet during night. But about Mercury there is difference of opinion. Some of them mention that Mercury has always this force, as he stands in the same relation to both day and night, while others say Mercury exercises this force, when he is in *sandhi* of its rotation.

Moreover, this force is exercised by planets if they are lucky and are in bright half of the month and to the unlucky planets in the dark half. Ascendant always exercises this force (both in bright and dark halves).

"If several planets own each of the several forces, that one is preponderant, which has most of them. A planet whose magnitude is larger has the preponderance over other planet, if both have same forces or *balas*. This kind of magnitude is written below, called Naisargikabala. This is the other of the planets in magnitude or force:

Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn
1	2	6	5	4	25	7

"The mean years computed for the planets are of three different species. Two of which are computed according to the distance from the altitude. The Shadya and Naisargika are recorded as the degree of altitude, when the forces of Sun have preponderance over the forces of Moon and Lagna separately. The second type is computed, if the forces of the Moon have preponderance over those of Sun and of the Lagna.

"Below is the table of Shadya and Naisargika years.

		Sun	*Moon*	*Mars*	*Merc.*	*Jup.*	*Ven.*	*Sat.*
Total Yrs. 127	Yrs of Shadya	19	25	15	12	15	21	20
Total Yrs. 120	Yrs. of Naisargika	20	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	60

"If the forces of the Lagna have preponderance over those of Sun and Moon, it comes under 3rd species and is called *Amsaya*."

Now how to compute the years of the species for each planet, if it does not stand in its altitude?

"Take the distance of planet from the degree of its altitude (Sun's degree of altitude is Aries 10°, Moon's Taurus 3°, Jupiter's Cancer degree not mentioned, Mercury's Virgo 15°, Saturn's Libra 20°, Mars' Capricorn 28°. Venus' Pisces 27°, if this distance is more than six signs, or the difference between this distance and twelve signs, in case it is lesser than six signs. This number should be multiplied by number of the years above mentioned (Shadya years). These values are reduced each by sixty minutes to one day, each 30 days to one month, each 12 months to one year."

Now we should look to the ways of computation of these years for the Ascendant.

"Take the distance of the degree of the Ascendant from 0° of Aries, one year of each sign, one month for each 2 1/2 degrees, one day for each five minutes of arc."

Now let us see what are the ways of computation of the years of second species.

"Take the distance of planet from the degree of its altitude according to the above-mentioned rule. This number should be multiplied by the number of the years mentioned, in the above-mentioned table (Naisargika year) and remainder calculation should be made in the same way as already described for the first species.

"For Ascendant, in this species, we should take the distance of its degree from 0° Aries, a year for each (nuhbahar) Navamsa should be calculated in the same way as previously done. The number thus arrived at should be divided by 12, and remainder lesser than 12 represents the number of the years of Ascendant."

In the third species both, for Ascendant and other planets, same calculations are done in the following way:-

"We should take the distance of the planet (or Ascendant) from 0° Aries, one year for each Navamsa, and the whole distance should be multiplied by 108. Then the signs indicate months, and the degrees the days. The years should be divided by 12, and the remainder will represent the years. All the years of this kind are called by the name 'Ayurdaya'. Before undergoing the process, they are called 'Madhyayurdaya'. After the correction, they are called 'Sphutaya, *i.e.* corrected ones.

"There are two kinds of reductions, one ac-

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cording to the position of planets in ether and the second according to its relation to the horizon. But in all the three species the years of the Ascendant are corrected and they do not require any further correction."

Now let us consider the ways of correction. The following are the ways according to *first method* (planets' positions in ether) for correction of the years arrived at:—

"If a planet stands in its largest position or in its house, in the Drekkana of its own or the Drekkana of its altitude (exaltation), in the (nuhbahar) Navamsa of its house or the Navamsa of its altitude or in most of these positions together, the number of the mean years already calculated should be doubled. But if the planet is posited in its exaltation, or is in retrograde motion, or in both the conditions, the years of the planet should be three-fold of the mean number of years.

"If a planet is in its debilitated state, its years should be reduced to two-thirds, provided, they are of the 1st and 2nd species, and to one-half, if they belong to the 3rd species. But if a planet stands in the house of its opponents no impairment is done to the number of years.

"The years of a planet which is combusted by the rays of the Sun, and thus prevented from exercising an influence, are reduced to one half in the case of all the three species. Venus and Saturn are exempted, because combustion of these planets by the rays of the Sun does not in any way decrease the numbers of their years."

Now let us see what are the methods of subtraction according to the *second method* (planets in relation to horizon). The list given alongside is of subtraction when a planet stands in the houses above the earth:-

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"If two or more planets join together in one house, we should examine which of them is stronger one. The subtraction is added to the years of the stronger planet and the remainder is left as it is.

"In the years of 3rd species, if two additions from different sides are to be made for the period of a single planet only that of a longer one is to be taken into account. The same is the case when two subtractions are to be made. But if an addition as well as a subtraction are to be made, you do the one first and then the other, because in this case the sequences are different."

By these methods we get the corrected years, and the result is the duration of life of the individual.

Now he explains the method of Hindus re-

Houses	How much is to be subtracted from the unlucky years of house	How much is to be subtracted from the lucky years of house
VII	1/6th	1/12th
VIII	1/5th	1/12th
IX	1/4th	1/8th
X	1/3rd	1/6th
XI	1/2	1/4th
XII	The whole	1/2

garding the periods. "As already described, life is divided into three species of years. But life, immediately after birth, will be guided by the years of Sun and Moon. That one is preponderating, which has the most forces or *balas*. But when they are equal to each other, we should see which of them has the greatest degree (?), then the next one, in its place, etc. The companion of these years is either the Ascendant or the planet which stands in the cardinals with much forces and degrees (?). Suppose there are conjunctions of planets in cardinals, their influence and sequence should be determined by their forces. Next follow those planets which are posited near cardinals, then those which are in inclined signs. Their order should be determined as in the preceding case. So this is the procedure to know what part of life a planet governs.

"However, till now, we have not computed correctly the period of a single planet. Because, as we know, every planet is influenced by one which stands in aspect with the other. The aspecting planet or planets designate their power to the planet which is aspected and so make a share in the period. The following are the amount of shares which a planet gets, when it stands in relation with the planet ruling over the part of life in question. If a planet stands with the ruling planet in the same house, shares with it one-half. One-third is the share of the planet, which stands in the 5th and 9th from the ruling planet. That which stands in the 7th shares with it one-seventh. If, therefore, several planets come together in one position, all of them have in common that share which is necessitated by the position."

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Evaluating Horoscopes and Predicting Events

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OF THE several chores that practising Astrology involves evaluating horoscopes and predicting events is the most delightful and of tremendous practical utility and importance. In fact that is the ultimate objective or the *summum bonum* (highest good) of Astrology.

For that it is possible to lay down some cut and dry rules.

In the first place, it needs to be realised that six of the 12 houses in the birth chart are potent while the other six may be classed as impotent or lack lustre. The potent houses are the four quadrant houses *i.e., kendrasthanas* and the two *trikona* houses, namely the 9th and 5th houses, in that order.

Therefore a practitioner of Astrology when called upon to study a chart should see how many planets are posited in those six houses and how many are in the remaining unimportant houses. The greater the number of planets in the important houses the longer, the more powerful and glorious is the native's life.

Even among the unimportant houses the 3rd house and 11th house are of a superior order because planets posited in those houses respectively aspect the 9th and 5th houses. Those planets therefore yield better results than those posited in houses 6, 8, 12 and 2.

Another rule is that all planets except the Moon are like dead hulks by themselves. That is to say they work (*i.e.*, yield results) only if they are energised by the Moon.

To understand that let us take an example. On a given tract of land we notice the carcasses of different beings from an ant to a rodent or bird or hippo or elephant. They are all dead. Their shapes, sizes and potentialities may widely differ, but since they are all dead the body of an elephant is as inert as that of an ant. They can show their individual prowess only if they spring to life. That is to say to carry out their respective roles they all need to be energised. They will need animation *i.e.*, the life-current.

Our own human body heaves its 150 pounds weight up to great heights such as the Everest or the 12th storey of a tall building. But the moment its soul *alias* divine current is switched off that same 150 pounds body has to be carried away by four living humans on their shoulders on a bier.

Therefore what we call 'life' *alias* animation is the divine electric current which is as invis-

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ible as the electric current that our power-houses produce.

Consequently the size of the soul does not differ with the size of the body. Vedic culture clearly understands and enunciates that divine animation is present even in the atomic particles of what we call inert matter. Therefore it needs to be clearly understood that all solids and liquids throb with as much divine energy as human, animal and plant life. Their functional potential differs according to their distinctive corpus even when a common divine energy animates the entire cosmos.

In the human horoscope the Moon represents that animation or life-infusing electric current. Therefore in any given horoscope spectacular results will follow only if the Moon is strong and its current reaches all planets with sufficient strength, force or intensity.

So an important rule is to determine the strength of the Moon or the potency of its current and check whether it feeds all other planets in the birth chart. If it does not, it may cause mental retardation or physical debility such as polio.

The Moon is strongest in its own sign Cancer. A Cancer Moon generates the strongest, most potent current. Therefore all people who obtain worldwide renown or publicity are those who have a Cancer Moon in their birth charts or have some planet or situation linking the Moon with its own sign Cancer. For instance in Indira Gandhi's horoscope the Capricorn Saturn is in the Ascendant while Cancer Moon is in the 7th house resulting in Cancer and Moon linkage.

Subhas Chandra Bose had a somewhat familiar combination in the 4th and 10th houses. Therefore he did attain some fame of sorts but he had to shun the comforts of his home and die unknown, unsung and unwept in wilderness while the ideal he pursued eluded him.

Jaiprakash Narayan had a similar combination. Consequently in spite of his immense popularity he held no important position or wielded any power.

Rana Pratap had five planets in Capricorn in the 3rd house which dragged him down from the position of an highly admired ruling monarch to that of an hunted fugitive who at one time had nothing to eat.

The late Indira Gandhi too had to suffer the pangs of near anonymity several times in her life because in her radical horoscope the Moon is posited in Capricorn.

Therefore the more the number of planets in Capricorn in a given horoscope the more the shame, humiliation, loss of reputation, wealth, position and comfort that the native suffers. If the Moon too is in Capricorn the native's life though tragic evokes admiration for his or her grit and fortitude. Contrarily if a Cancer Moon posited in a quadrant house focuses straight on the opposite quadrant then the native will be highly revered and admired in proportion to the number of planets crowding that house.

Thus the quality of the Moon in any house will depend on the sign it occupies and the house in which the Moon is posited. Cancer Moon in the 9th house or any of the quadrant houses is the most powerful. Jawaharlal Nehru's Cancer Moon was in the Ascendant. In the next house was Saturn in Leo in the house of wealth. Therefore Nehru was both handsome and wealthy. Since Saturn in Leo is connected with the rear house in Nehru's horoscope, Leo Saturn was energised by the Cancer Moon. And since Saturn aspects the 3rd, 7th and 10th houses Cancer Moon's lustre illumined the 3rd, 7th and 10th houses from the radical Saturn. All planets posited in those houses being energised by the Cancer Moon they brought fame, wealth, power and popularity to Nehru. If Saturn is in Cancer along with the Moon, Saturn will 'deliver' the Moon's full lustre to the 3rd, 7th and 10th houses. In such a case the Cancer Moon's lustre focussing direct on the 7th house will shed glory and beauty on the spouse. But since the Cancer Moon's lustre reaches the 3rd and 10th houses too through Saturn matters concerning those houses will blossom late, through hard effort and will give rise to jealousy.

If Mars is posited with Cancer Moon he will deliver the Moon's lustre to the 4th, 7th and 8th houses from the Moon.

If Jupiter is in the same house as Cancer Moon he will deliver the Moon's lustre to the 5th, 7th and 9th houses from the Moon.

The Sun, Mercury and Venus accompanying Cancer Moon will bring success, glory and fame to the native in respect of all houses owned by those planets.

All those planets have only the 7th aspect. Therefore if the remaining planets are in the 7th house they will bask in the full focus of the Cancer Moon. But planets posited in Capricorn connote glory through renunciation or loss of wealth and comfort.

The next best sign for the Moon will be Taurus, Pisces or Sagittarius in that order.

We have already observed that all planets are strong if located in the four quadrant houses, the 9th house or the 5th house in that order.

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They are less strong in the 3rd or 11th house. But planets in the 2nd, 6th, 8th and 12th houses are weaker still. In the 2nd house they at least connote wealth.

But planets wherever situated should receive the lustre of the Moon either direct by the 7th aspect or by the Mars pipeline servicing the 4th, 7th and 8th houses, or the Saturn conduit servicing the rear and front houses besides the 3d, 7th and 10th from where Saturn is situated, or by the Jupiter pipeline servicing the 5th, 7th and 9th houses.

But even Jupiter, Saturn and Mars when acting as distributing agents of the Moon's lustre must themselves be in good signs and strong houses to enhance the quality of the Moon's lustre they deliver.

In Sivaji's horoscope the Moon is in the 2nd house in Virgo. His Ascendant is Leo. Next to the Moon in the 3rd house is Saturn in Libra. Since an exalted Saturn sucks the lustre of a weak (Virgo) Moon (in the 2nd house) Saturn acts as a high voltage transmitter. In the 9th house (opposite the lustrous Saturn) Venus (a benefic) is posited in Aries. That is why Sivaji rose to glory and success through hard labour and several setbacks. The Sun and Mercury in Sivaji's horoscope are posited in the 7th house in Aquarius. The lord of Aquarius (Saturn) is backed by the Moon. Being elevated in the 3rd house (house of valour) Sivaji was formally crowned king at the fag end of his life, just six years before his death. The Sun represents royalty or regal recognition or royal power.

From the above discussion a practising astrologer should determine the basic strength of the Moon and other planets in any given horoscope. Thereafter one should determine the houses illuminated by the Moon's 7th aspect or through the Mars, Saturn and Jupiter pipelines.

Once such illuminated houses are determined, planets passing through those houses can be predicted to spectacular results. For instance the lord of the 5th house passing through the house where the Moon is located, or through the house opposite the Moon where the Moon focusses directly or planets passing through houses serviced with the Moon's lustre (by Mars, Jupiter or Saturn pipelines) will bring academic success to the native or will bless him with the desired progeny.

Likewise whenever the lord of the 9th house passes through houses illuminated by the Moon the native will receive wide acclaim, fame, recognition and glory. The extent and quality of that fame will depend on the quality of the Moon and of the servicing intermediary planets if any.

When the lord of the Ascendant passes through those illuminated houses the native will be strong, energetic, bright and in good health.

When the lord of the 2nd house passes through the illuminated house the native will gain financially. The quantity and quality of the wealth acquired will depend on the quality of the Moon and on the quality of the intermediary planets involved, if any.

The period when the concerned planets traverse the illuminated houses can be determined with reference to the ephemeris.

Contrarily planets trooping through the unilluminated houses will cause fatigue, illness, disease, shame, demotion, death of near and dear ones, financial loss, etc., depending on which planet is traversing those 'dark' houses in the horoscope.

The extent of the loss or defamation or disease will depend on the quality and strength of each planet in the native's horoscope.

When the Moon is accompanied by Rahu in the horoscope that portends danger of loss (of father, mother, etc.) at birth. The household will be under the shadow of a calamity. A similar setback or calamity will repeat itself after every 18 years. Where Ketu accompanies the Moon it signifies debilitation of the house of which the Moon is the lord, and will therefore give weak, dwindling results.

Ketu in Capricorn in the 7th house denotes a famished spouse. Ketu in Capricorn Ascendant indicates that the native looks famished. Persons indicated by a Capricorn-Ketu house are likely to suffer from tuberculosis or some similar wasting disease.

Where the Moon's lustre reaches the lord of the Ascendant through a number of intermediaries like Rahu, Ketu, Mars or Saturn the native is likely to suffer from dangerous diseases such as AIDS, venereal diseases, cancer, tuberculosis, paralysis or dropsy.

Where the Moon's lustre reaches the lord of the Ascendant through intermediaries such as Venus or Jupiter it connotes long life, good name and a prosperous condition.

A practising astrologer often has a number of doubts. One is whether a planet is strong or weak when retrograde? The answer is both 'yes' and 'no'. Retrogression is good provided the anterior house towards which the retrograde planet is inclined is occupied by a benefic sign or a benefic planet. Contrarily if the anterior house is occupied by a malefic sign or malefic planet the retrogression connotes unfavourable consequences. If the anterior house is occupied by the Moon or by the lord of the 9th

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house then retrogression should be deemed lucky.

The other doubt which arises is whether a planet (considered by itself) is strong in its own sign or in its sign of elevation?

It would be better to consider that issue separately with regard to each planet. Mars should be considered better placed in Aries since that is a fiery sign suited to its temperament, than in Scorpio which is a tricky, treacherous, poisonous sign. In elevation in Capricorn Mars is worse because of two reasons. One is that Capricorn is the worst sign among all the 12 signs. It connotes sorrow, shame, defeat, privation, hardship and loss. Therefore any planet posited in Capricorn is bad. If Mars is in Capricorn that is worse because besides being a strong intolerant malefic, Mars is in a hostile element in Capricorn.

In Lord Rama's chart Mars exalted in Capricorn in the 7th house made his married life calamitous.

Jupiter is stronger in exaltation (in Cancer) than in its own signs (Sagittarius and Pisces) because Cancer is the best sign in the zodiac and is benign and lustrous. It brings renown and sheds glory. Therefore Jupiter shines with rare brilliance in Cancer. Its effect will be heightened if an exalted Jupiter is posited in a quadrant or trine house and is not associated with any malefic (company or aspect). Jupiter in Pisces is preferable to being in Sagittarius, an uncongenial fiery sign.

Saturn is much stronger in exaltation (in Libra) because Libra is a benefic sign and because its lord Venus bears close temperamental supportive affinity to Saturn. Contrarily Saturn in its own sign Capricorn will be worse (because Capricorn is the worst sign in the zodiac) than in Aquarius which also is governed by Saturn. In both of its own signs Saturn will yield unfavourable results. For instance Saturn in Capricorn or Aquarius Ascendant connotes a constipative constitution and foul body odour. A similar Saturn in the 10th house connotes an unhappy or calamitous professional life. But Saturn backed by the Moon in the anterior house acquires great beneficial power, potential and importance because of all planets, Saturn alone has the power to 'suck' whatever the element (benefic or malefic) that is posited in the anterior or posterior house.

Venus is strong in its own signs Taurus and Libra than in exaltation (in Pisces) because Pisces is a watery sign and temperamentally unsuitable to Venus

Mercury being a neutral planet has no 'sign' of exaltation. But Mercury is better in an airy sign such as Gemini and in any benefic sign and even in Virgo.

The Sun, in its own sign Leo, is preferable to being in exaltation in Aries because the latter is a malefic sign.

The Moon or the lord of the 9th house aspecting the opposite house augurs well. The more so if there is a planet occupying the opposite house (or in any other house aspected by that planet). A vacant house aspected by the Moon or the lord of the 9th house will not confer substantial benefit on the native.

This can be explained by a practical illustration. The Sun's rays or its light is wasted or dissipated in the vast void of the open sky. But those very rays acquire a scorching intensity where a planet such as the earth catches the Sun's hot rays.

Mars in Cancer is considered to be in debilitation, yet Mars in Cancer yields good results concerning the houses it governs because Cancer is the best sign in the zodiac. Any planet in Cancer is good since Cancer is the most auspicious, propitious sign.

If Cancer may be likened to the zenith of glory and success its opposite sign Capricorn naturally turns out to be the abyss of loss, shame and defeat.

Mercury in the airy sign of Gemini generates brilliant ideas in poetics, literature, diplomacy, planning, commerce, agriculture, academics etc.

Mercury-dominated charts connote professions of day-to-day contact with the public. When Mercury is posited in a quadrant or a trine or when its signs occupy quadrant or trine houses and when one or more planets occupy Mercury's signs (Gemini and Virgo) that is a Mercury-dominated horoscope. The same holds true with regard to other planets.

In the light of the above discussion let us take up some hypothetical horoscopes.

In the *Puranas* there is the story of Sravana Kumara whose doting devotion to his aged parents has become legendary. He was poor young man whose aged parents expressed a wish to go on pilgrimage. Since the family had no vehicle, not even a bullock cart, and the parents were too famished to be able to undertake an arduous trek youthful Sravana hung two baskets of the two ends of a flexible bamboo pole, seated his parents in them and trudged along balancing the bamboo on his left shoulder.

During that journey camping in a forecast at dusk, one day Sravana left his parents in a shanty while he himself strode

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Astrology Illumines What Meteorology Misses

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I PREDICTED that 1989 would be a year of drought as early as 1987 in my articles in the *Statesman* and repeated it in many places. Now after September, 1989 when the south-west monsoon has withdrawn from most of the places how has it rained since June 22nd, 1989, that date being crucial for the Aridra Pravesa horoscope, is the question to be posed and answered. Before any astrological discussion on the horoscope is given let me first start with the statement that Delhi has had minus fifty-one percent departure from the normal in the rainy season just ended but it has not been declared drought hit. So officially there was no drought in Delhi!

After my book *The Science of Astrology* came out, the editor of the *Midday*, an eveninger of Delhi, rang me up to ask a very intelligently specific question, *"Meteorologists say that the monsoon is progressing very well and you write that it would be a bad year for monsoon. Do you stick to the prediction?"* I told him that he would have an occasion to test my prediction after 2nd July, 1989, when Jupiter would transit into Gemini. Then on June 20th, 1989, the editor Mr. Vinod Dhawan wrote, while reviewing my book, *"while monsoon seems to be advancing satisfactorily his most amazing prediction is that 1989 will be a bad year, for the south-west monsoon"*.

Then Sri Ravi Chaturvedi, the well-known cricket commentator, interviewed me for the *Midday* on June 29th and got his article published on July 3rd. The editor gave his comments in a box, after giving a smart headline, "It will be drought and disaster: Astrologer takes on the Met. Department" in his own attractive way thus, *"while the south-west monsoon is active in the country, astrologer K.N. Rao has created a controversy by stating that 1989 will be a year of drought. He has questioned even the wisdom of meteorological forecasts. In this interview with RAVI CHATURVEDI he gives reasons for his gloomy forecasts."*

Now how has it rained in the thirteen weeks, from June 22nd to September 27th? There are three ways of looking at it.

Sub-Division-wise

(1) First look at the meteorological data for this period (thirteen weeks) for thirty-five sub-divisions into which India is divided. It is given in the Table. Briefly it shows excess (E) when the departure from the normal is plus 20 or more(N); normal when it is between minus 19 to plus 20 (D); deficient when it is from minus 20 to minus 59 and (S) scanty when it is minus 60 to 99 (though I have included nil rain also in this category).

Mr. K. N. Rao, son of the late K. Rama Rao, the well-known editor of *National Herald*, holds a responsible position in the Indian Audit and Account Service. Well-versed in Astrology and keenly interested in our ancient culture, he has been an admirer of DR. B. V. RAMAN. He has been inspiring and guiding research teams in different aspects of applied Astrology.

Author of *Science of Astrology: Techniques, Evidences and Predictions for 1989-90*, Mr. Rao now concentrates on weather-forecasting through astrological methods.

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RAINFALL FIGURES OF THE SOUTH-WEST MONSOON 1989

in thirty-five sub-divisions from June 22nd 1989 to August 30th 1989

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1.	Andaman and Nicobars	N +2	S -86	S -67	E +73	S +202	N -93	N -16	N +19	D -18	D -55	D -32	N -33	S 12	S -90	7
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	S -60	E +89	N +7	N +15	S -66	E +94	E +21	S -62	E +35	S -66	E +345	D -28	E +70	S -90	6
3.	Assam and Meghalaya	D -29	E +32	D -47	E +45	N -6	E +143	D -20	D -22	D -44	D -34	N +11	D -23	E +49	N -13	7
4.	Nagaland, Manipur, Mizo Tripura	S -75	N -19	D -45	N +13	S -63	E +105	E +89	D -33	N -10	E +21	N -9	D -40	N +3	E +84	5
5.	Sub-Himalayan West Bengal Sikkim	D -32	N -0	N -1	E -35	S -78	D -23	S -65	N -15	D -21	D -35	E +68	D -46	E +144	D -26	8
6.	Gangetic West Bengal	D -55	N +9	D -55	N +8	D -46	E +169	N +1	D -59	S -63	D -49	D -43	D -23	D -42	E +49	9
7.	Orissa	D -25	D -45	D -33	D -49	D -29	N +14	N +11	E +34	D -34	N +9	D -55	N -1	D -32	N +15	8
8.	Bihar Plateau	N +12	N +5	N -5	N +59	N -9	N -12	N -1	D -45	S -72	D -45	S -63	S -56	D -38	N 1	6
9.	Bihar Plains	S -78	D -30	E +51	E +59	D -57	E +110	S -61	S -45	S -61	D -57	D -48	D -43	E +87	N -17	9
10.	East U.P.	E +64	D -55	D -53	E +97	S -66	N +4	S -84	D -31	S -63	D -21	D -47	S -63	E +114	D -35	10
11.	Plains of West of U.P.	N -15	D -55	S -83	N -16	S -72	D -24	S -74	D -21	S -68	E +71	E +109	S -74	N -10	S -85	9
12.	Hills of West U.P.	N -17	S -79	D -50	D -20	D -43	E +78	S -93	D -44	N -17	N +15	E +66	S -60	D -32	S -64	9
13.	Haryana, Delhi Chandigarh	S -81	D -38	S -95	N +7	S -78	E +24	S -89	D -57	N 3	E +183	D -30	S -99	S -72	S -65	10
14.	Punjab	D -48	N -19	S -97	E +33	D -48	E +156	S -78	D -47	N +5	E +74	S -72	S -100	D -55	S -81	9
15.	Himachal Pradesh	D -53	S -69	S -84	D -26	D -59	E +130	S -94	D -67	N -11	E +68	D -47	S -82	D -59	S -67	11
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	D -56	N -3	S -76	E +64	D -20	E +167	S -93	D -41	D -21	E +37	S -97	S -91	S -65	E +41	9
17.	West Rajasthan	S -88	E +53	S -72	S -76	E +20	S -91	S -92	D -40	E +23	E +55	S -69	S -100	S -100	E +168	9
18.	East Rajasthan	S -69	N +53	S -67	S -74	D -38	S -93	S -77	N -8	D -24	E +41	D -42	S -100	S -79	D -26	11

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20.	East Madhya Pradesh	E +29	N +4	D -49	S -60	S -61	D -54	D -26	D -30	D -50	D -42	D -37	D -33	D -56	N -11	11
21.	Gujarat Region	S -76	E +40	S -63	D -26	E +118	S -70	D -59	N +2	E +246	E +87	S -77	D -51	S -94	N +13	8
22.	Saurashtra, Kutch, Diu	S -81	D -31	D -53	N +5	E +179	S -88	S -96	S -83	N -7	N +7	S -97	S -68	S -79	E +59	9
23.	Konkan, Goa	D -40	D -29	S -66	D -26	E +130	S -71	D -55	N +9	E +42	E +31	S -85	D -24	D -21	N 1	9
24.	Madhya Maharashtra	S -75	N +8	D -56	N -19	E +127	S -71	D -50	N -1	E +65	N -14	S -69	D -41	N +19	E +122	7
25.	Marathwada	E +25	E +79	E +54	E +98	E +284	S -93	D -45	D -38	E +101	D -28	E +34	N -19	D -36	E -101	5
26.	Vidarbha	E +64	N +4	N -10	S -73	N +16	S -78	D -41	N +5	E +154	N -19	N -8	D -34	S -71	N +14	5
27.	Coastal Andhra Pradesh	D -21	D -22	N +12	E +107	E +344	D -57	D -57	N +11	E +247	N -3	N +5	D -25	N +11	N +11	5
28.	Telangana	E +105	N +5	E +71	E +64	E +282	S -66	S -75	D -43	E +44	D -44	N +11	E +47	D -31	N +10	5
29.	Rayalseema	D -24	D -28	E +489	E +516	N +9	S -68	S -64	D -24	S -70	S -79	N +17	D -54	E +33	E +129	8
30.	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	N +3	E +56	E +160	N -1	E +44	N +10	D -47	N -18	S -67	S -32	E +43	S -75	E +56	E +86	4
31.	Coastal Karnataka	D -47	D -48	S -72	N -14	E +41	D -59	N -5	E +63	E +29	E +69	S -70	D -54	E +59	N -3	6
32.	North Interior Karnataka	D -47	D -48	E +68	E +130	E +114	S -82	S -60	S -63	D -34	D -54	N +14	D -29	E +32	E +187	8
33.	South Interior Karnataka	D -46	S -61	N -12	N +7	E +148	D -52	D -20	N +17	N -11	N +19	N -15	S -77	E +55	E +84	5
34.	Kerala	N +15	S -75	S -73	D -27	E +75	D -43	D -28	N -6	E +28	D -38	D -48	N -2	E +149	E +26	7
35.	Lakshadweep	E +36	S -84	E +61	E +236	N +12	D -54	D -42	E +30	D -25	D -31	S -64	D -50	E +229	N +19	7

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A bird's eye-view of the Table reveals: That no sub-division has had less than five weeks of bad rainfall out of these thirteen; going deeper it will be seen that as many as twenty-five sub-divisions have had seven or more than seven bad weeks of rainfall out of thirteen which represents seventy-one percent weeks of bad rainfall. But the deepest way of looking at these figures is to see how many times which sub-division had more than minus thirty percent departure from the normal. The story is very dismal. Andaman Nicobar seven times; Arunachal Pradesh five times; Assam thrice; Nagaland five times; Sub-Himalayan West Bengal five times; Gangetic West Bengal eight times; Orissa six times; Bihar Plateau six times; Bihar Plains (astrologers of this area attacked me for my prediction about drought) as many as nine times; East U.P. nine times; Plains of West U.P. seven times; Hills of West U.P. eight times; Haryana, Delhi and Chandigarh as many as ten times; Punjab nine times; Himachal Pradesh ten times; Jammu & Kashmir seven times; West Rajasthan nine times; East Rajasthan nine times; West Madhya Pradesh six times; East Madhya Pradesh ten times; Gujarat six times; Saurashtra nine times; Konkan and Goa five times; Madhya Maharashtra six times; Marathwada five times; Vidarbha five times; Coastal Andhra Pradesh twice; Telangana five times; Coastal Karnataka six times; North Interior Karnataka seven times; South Interior Karnataka four times; Kerala five times; Lakshadweep five times.

Saving Features

But in some regions when it rained in excess it was a mad excess, going above one hundred in many cases. Just to be brief in this mad season of most erratic rainfall as many as forty-eight times it poured like a deluge from the skies, when it was more than plus one hundred, with a place like Rayalaseema receiving plus 489 and plus 516 in two successive weeks in July.

Second Way of Looking

A second way of looking at it is to beard the meteorologist in his own Museum Bhawan by showing him his own figures of district-wise rainfall from June 1st to September 30th but for some states of India only to prove that much vaunted Gowariker-Sarker-Mandal formula deserves to be buried fathoms deep in the sea forever. Now look at the figures:

(a) Bihar: Out of thirty-nine, figures for two districts are not available but there was deficient rain in twelve districts representing thirty-five percent districts.

(b) Madhya Pradesh: Twenty-one out of forty-five districts representing forty-six percent deficient rainfall.

(c) Rajasthan: Twenty-one (seventeen deficient and four scanty) out of twenty-seven representing sixty-six percent had very poor rainfall.

(d) U.P.: Out of fifty-five districts whose data is available twenty-one representing thirty-eight percent had poor rainfall.

(e) West Bengal: Five out of fifteen districts representing thirty-three percent had poor rainfall.

(f) Others: Orissa: Three out of thirteen; Maharashtra: three out of thirty.

It is obvious from MDI's own data that the Hindi Belt representing 43 percent of Indian territory and 47 percent of Indian population has suffered a bad drought.

The Most Impressive Way

The most impressive way of looking at the figures is to look into the official figures of two governments available to me, U.P. and M.P. between the period 1st June to the first week of September when the unirrigated area, known as rain-fed area, can produce the *kharif* crop.

District-wise Analysis

It is well known that the height of monsoon season for large parts of western, central and northern India is from the second, third and fourth weeks of June every year when the Indian farmer in these parts prepares his field for the *kharif* crop. The meteorologists, however, have been always showing the rainfall figures from 1st June in all cases which includes pre-monsoon showers as well. Yet even if the monsoon figures of rainfall are taken from 1st June upto the first or second week of September, it would still be clear that rainfall in the Hindi Belt particularly, which represents, territorially, 43% area of India has been very poor.

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Madhya Pradesh

The official figures of Madhya Pradesh as passed on to me by the Chief Secretary, Mr. R. N. Chopra, I.A.S., till September 6th, starting from June 1st are being divided into three categories, as being departure from the normal in percentage.

(a) Minus 20 and above:

Rajnandgaon (23), Shahdol (21), Jabalpur (36), Chindwara (25), Balaghat (26), Sagar (21), Rajgarh (23), Sehore (33), Gwalior (24), Guna (22), Shivpuri (49), Morena (21), Shajapur (21), Dewas (25, totalling fourteen).

The result: Out of forty-five districts in Madhya Pradesh as many as twenty-nine have had more than minus ten departure from the normal, shattering the Gowariker-Sarker-Mandal formula, so vaunted and so publicised and exposing the pseudo-scientific claims of Indian meteorologists.

Uttar Pradesh

The largest state in terms of districts is Uttar Pradesh with as many as sixty-two districts. The figures of rainfall from June 1st to September 11th released officially by the Government of U.P. shows that the rainfall has been far below normal in as many as fifty-seven districts out of sixty-two. Though it rained in the later weeks of September, it was not got going to be very useful for the *kharif* crop wherever the crop had withered away.

It will be seen that only in five districts there are plus figures. A Hindi weekly *Chauthi Duniya* (24-30 Sept.) states that U.P.'s Chief Minister has requested the Centre to allow him to declare U.P. drought-hit but has not succeeded. Latest indications are that thirty-nine (39) districts are in the grip of a very severe drought and Allahabad has been officially declared as drought-hit.

Some astrologers and some gossip mongers indulging in a whispering campaign went round saying that my forecast of drought had gone wrong. They forgot the one important fact which they should have remembered—it is election year. **Social "scientists" will produce their pedantic thesis on the drought of 1989 next year. Mr. Gowriker, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, will do the same statistical jugglery which he did**

S.No.	District	Normal Rainfall	Acutal Rainfall
1.	Saharanpur	791	337
2.	Muzaffarnagar	699	473
3.	Merrut	598	553
4.	Ghaziabad	598	485
5.	Bulandshahar	582	384
6.	Aligarh	579	513
7.	Mathura	520	357
8.	Agra	583	425
10.	Firozabad	583	311
11.	Manipuri	630	378
12.	Etah	612	369
13.	Bareilly	959	520
14.	Badaun	710	395
15.	Shahjahanpur	923	517
16.	Pilibhit	1052	577
17.	Moradabad	815	575
18.	Bijnor	927	489
19.	Farukhabad	703	472
20.	Etawah	669	449
21.	Kanpur/Nagar	713	202
22.	Kanpur/Dehat	713	547
23.	Fatehpur	806	428
24.	Allahabad	865	402
25.	Banda	851	469
26.	Hamirpur	768	626
27.	Jhansi	797	453
28.	Lalitpur	797	423
29.	Jalaun	704	451
30.	Varanasi	926	447
31.	Mirzapur	997	587
32.	Sonbhadra	997	502
33.	Ghazipur	926	536
34.	Ballia	910	719
35.	Basti	1099	1084
36.	Azamgarh	899	854
37.	Mau	899	816
38.	Deoria	989	949
39.	Nainital	1385	1066
40.	Almora	773	595
41.	Pithoragarh	773	668
42.	Chamoli	966	953
43.	Uttarkashi	966	760
44.	Garhwal	966	919
45.	Tehri Garhwal	966	662
46.	Dehradun	1449	1055
47.	Lucknow	848	606
48.	Unnao	742	349
49.	Raebareili	825	241
50.	Sitapur	849	694
51.	Hardoi	773	478
52.	Kheri	921	856
53.	Faizabad	891	836
54.	Gonda	1011	895
55.	Bahraich	994	680
56.	Sultanpur	877	515
57.	Pratapgarh	868	558
58.	Barabanki	833	461

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once in the first week of September and I attacked him in my article "Holes in Monsoon Statistics" in the *Statesman*. **His scientific boast of plus or minus six percent departure from the normal in seventy-five percent area of India has been blown to smithereens now.**

Aridra Pravesa Horoscope

The Aridra Pravesa horoscope for 1989 (21/22nd June) was Meena Lagna, a watery sign which is very good; but the Moon in Makara between Saturn and Rahu receiving the aspect of Mars was bad; the Sun in the fourth and Saturn in the tenth, both *kendras*, was worse; Mars ahead of the Sun throughout was the worst. There were seven other factors. Astrologers who do not know how to interpret Aridra Pravesa horoscope should not have attacked me since sixty percent of rainfall prediction for any future year, even one hundred years later, can be made accurately. It is in the remaining forty percent area only that local observations have to be done—a super-scientific legacy—this great nation is forgetting. The pseudo-scientists have shaped a "long-range" and "medium range" forecasts and failed so miserably. **There is no meteorological way of forecasting beyond a range of ten years anywhere in the world. But here are Indian scientists with their "you pat my back and I pat your back" sycophancy still trying to prove that there was no drought in India,** as they had forecast! **No wonder after Sir C. V. Raman no Indian scientist was even considered for a Nobel Prize.** Har Govind Khurana is an American having left India in disgust and has no intention of coming back like Chandrasekhar, another naturalised American of Indian origin.—219.89.

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non-remunerative efforts etc. In the Nakshatras of Mercury and Jupiter, there will be generally good results.

Saturn and Rahu have similar rapport with the Nakshatras. Placed in their own Nakshatras or in one another's, the results in the beginning would be adverse but will turn to good effects subsequently. Very good results flow when placed in the star of Ketu. Trouble from government, losses, enmity with relatives, failure in attaining the objective are the kind of results coming from placement in the star of the Sun. The same would be the outcome when placed in the Nakshatra of the Moon. In addition there will be mental worry and phlegmatic ailments as well. Losses through fire, inimical activities, quarrels in the family, physical injuries and wounds are the kind of results that come when Saturn or Rahu is placed in the Nakshatra of Mars. Moderately good results come when these planets are in the Nakshatra of Jupiter or that of Mercury. Ill-health and even death of wife is slated when these planets are in the star of Venus, apart from losses in trade and incurring of debts. As a thumb-rule, it works out that when both the Dasa lord and Nakshatra lord happen to be benefic planets for the Lagna and occupy good houses, the result would be most beneficial. When both happen to be malefics with reference to Lagna and also occupy bad houses, nothing but adverse results would be experienced. When one is malefic and the other a benefic the outcome would be mixed results. A realistic evaluation of these results then becomes a matter of skill and experience.—216.89.

My Uncle Sigmund Freud, and I once discussed how difficult it is for some people to make a decision. "I'll tell you what I tell them," he said. "I ask them to toss a coin."

"I can't believe it," I said indignantly. "You, a man of science, guided by senseless chance!"

"I did not say you should follow blindly what the coin tells you," my uncle answered. "What I want you do is to note what the coin indicates. Then look into your own reactions. Ask yourself: Am I pleased? Am I disappointed? That will help you to recognize how you really feel about the matter, deep down inside. With that as a basis, you'll then be ready to make your mind and come to the right decision."

— Hella Bernays

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PROGENY PROBLEMS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

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A COUPLE after marriage desires children who will be fortunate in every aspect. A gradual awareness is growing in our people about the advantages of limited progeny. A male child in a Hindu family is still deeply desired. Children complete the family. The family which lacks them is really most unfortunate.

The present paper aims at analysing:-

(a) the factors concerning the birth of children, their prosperity/adversity, death and denial; and (b) to study the circumstances/conditions and extent of the working and efficacy of remedial measures.

The following constitute my method of analysing all the matters of progeny in a horoscope:-

A. The Primary Factors are:

(i) The Ascendant and its lord, (ii) the 5th Bhava and its lord, (iii) Jupiter - the Putra karaka.

B. The Secondary Factors are:

(i) The 7th Bhava and its lord, (ii) the 8th Bhava and its lord, (iii) the 12th Bhava and its lord, (iv) the barren signs - 3, 5, 6, (v) Venus, the Sun and the Moon, (vi) the Nodes.

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C. The Divisional Chart:

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I also study the 5th Bhavas and their lords from the Moon and Jupiter. Navamsa is not used in this respect. It is used only to assess the strength of the agents of progeny. I would like to mention a few facts about the inclusion of some of these factors. I generally use them in 'hard cases' to clarify doubts.

The Ascendant and Its Lord

These two also represent the native's self. They are the over-all incharge of events likely to occur in life. In matters of progeny, they also play a vital role as they rule his procreative powers. When weak or afflicted, *they reduce his virility*. His constitution becomes weak, and he is unable to withstand the sexual urge.

The 7th, 8th Houses and Their Lords

Both these Bhavas and their lords are not to be ignored in matters relating to children. The 7th and its lord denote the native's erotic impulses and urges, whereas the 8th and its Lord signify his genitals (besides other things). So, when weak or afflicted and associated with Rahu, Ketu, Mercury and Saturn, his sexual competence is greatly reduced, and *he may not be able to make his wife conceive*. Total impotence may result in some cases. His sexual organs may also be diseased. The 7th and its lord also rule the spouse and her matters. The 8th and its lord rules the children's general happiness as the 8th

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is the 4th from the 5th. When these are afflicted, *the spouse may not be able to maintain pregnancies*. Her health may be affected. The children's happiness is marred.

Venus, the Moon and the Sun

The Sun, the Moon and Venus must be quite strong to make the native virile. The Sun rules vitality, Venus seminal fluid and the Moon governs the mind and the emotions. It is indeed good if they occupy odd signs. When they are debilitated and occupy adverse houses, the native loses much of his strength to cause pregnancy. A combust retrograde Venus does not augur well.

The Nodes

I feel that the Nodes' association with the agents of progeny disturbs and harms children a lot. They work against the native even under benefic influences. But they become more ferocious with malefics. Rahu is more mischievous. He deprives while Ketu delays. Ketu causes pre-ejaculation when combined with the Ascendant lord, Venus, the 7th and its lord. He creates a state of passivity and want of erotic sensation. Only strong Jupiter can check their sinister designs considerably.

The 12th and Its Lord

They are really useful in the matters of progeny. The 12th is the 8th from the 5th, and thus rules its longevity. So does the 12th lord. Their weakness or afflictions may threaten the children's life with dangers. The 12th being the 6th from the 7th also governs the wife's general health. If the 12th and its lord are strong and free from adverse effects, the chances of the spouse remaining healthy during her pregnancies are bright. A strong malefic, under certain circumstances, in the 12th may cause even abortions during his Dasa.

The bad pleasures of the native are also examined from the 12th and its lord. The desired satisfaction in them is not obtained when they are adversely affected. Of course, Venus must be considered.

D-7 (Saptamsa)

It is indeed very useful in analysing progeny and their problems. I have explained fully *modus operandi* of the D-charts in the 1989 Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. Briefly speaking, I do not consider the 5th Bhava in D-7 chart. The D-7's Ascendant and its lord hold th key to the general prospects of children. Jup ter, the *putrakaraka*, and the Moon, the signif cator of the mind and emotions, are also studie I am working on *Amsa* Dasa propounded by m as I feel that the Vimshottari Dasa used in th Rasi chart should not be applied to the D-chart Whenever the Ascendant, its lord, the Moo and Jupiter are not favourably disposed in th D-7 chart, the native remains worried regardin his progeny. He may also be issueless if they ar heavily afflicted.

A Note on the Weakness / Affliction of a Plane

Before I proceed further, I wish to explain a to how I judge the weakness or affliction of a planet. I generally consider the following state or situations:

(a) Debilitation, (b) Combustion, (c) Retrogression, (d) Its placement in a bad house, (e) Association with the lords of 3, 6, 8, 11, or the *maraka* houses, 2, 7, or their lords, (f) Papakartari Yoga.

Double/Triple Affliction Principle

This phrase (my own making) helps me much in measuring the weakness/affliction of the agents of progeny. It means that when a planet is placed in a bad house and is combust/debilitated/retrograde, or suffers from Papakartari Yoga, the planet is doubly afflicted/weakened. One more adverse aspect on him (any of the 6 mentioned above) causes triple affliction/weakness. Such a planet does no good. Rather, he brings in much misery during his period.

The Beeja and Kshetra Theory

This theory, advocated by DR. B.V. RAMAN in his book *How to Judge A Horoscope* Volume One (pages 239-40) to ascertain the fertility and sterility of the spouses, *may be applied only in doubtful cases* to confirm the conclusions drawn from the Rasi and D-7 charts. If we depend on it solely and overlook other factors concerning progeny, we are bound to err in our judgement.

The Theory

Male - the longitudes of the Sun, Venus and Jupiter are added, and multiples of 360° are expunged. The sign arrived at is the *Beeja Sphuta*.

Female - the longitudes of the Moon, Mars and Jupiter are added, and the multiples of 360° are expunged. The sign arrived at is *Kshetra*

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Sphuta. The male is capable of procreation if the *Beeja Sphuta* occupies an odd sign and an odd Navamsa, and is also linked with benefics. The *Kshetra Sphuta* should be in even sign and even Navamsa to give the female child-bearing ability. These two zones, sensitive as they are, should be free from the adverse influences, particularly Rahu. I am yet to digest the statement "Nor should evil planets occupy the 5th from *Beeja* and *Kshetra Sphutas*" (*How to Judge A Horoscope*, page 240, by DR. B.V. RAMAN).

A Note on Getting a Son and Happiness from Children

The following sloka ualled from *Sarvartha Chintamani*, Chapter 5, informs us about the planetary combinations for getting a son:

लग्नेशे पुत्रभावस्थे पुत्रेशे बलसंयुते ।
परिपूर्णबले जीवे पुत्रप्राप्तिर्नसंशय ॥

"If the Ascendant lord occupies the 5th Bhava and the 5th lord and Jupiter are strong, the native *certainly* gets a son."

This *sloka* is self-explanatory. Such planetary combinations are found in many horoscopes, *though in a modified form*. I have observed that these combinations bless the native with a son.

लग्नपे सुतभावस्थे सुतपे च सुते स्थिते ।
केन्द्र त्रिकोणसंस्थे वा पूर्ण पुत्रसुखं वदेत् ।

(*Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra*, Ch. 16)

"If the lords of the Lagna and the 5th Bhava occupy their own signs, or an angle, or a trine, *thorough happiness from children is seen.*"

The planetary combinations mentioned in the above *slokas* are not enough to confer 'total happiness' with regard to progeny. Many other factors which I have stated in the preceding paragraphs are also to be studied to reach the right conclusion. My submission is that the *slokas* found in the classical texts should not be taken *verbatim*.

Death/Denial of Children

I believe that when the Primary Factors in particular and some of the Secondary Factors in general are weak/afflicted, the native is hardly blessed with long-lived children. In some cases, they are totally denied. Abortions, caesarian operations, prolonged illness, and the like also follow.

It is concluded that for getting long-lived children Jupiter, the 5th lord and some of the secondary factors need to be strong. But the 7th lord and Venus should never be ignored.

Identification of the Sex of the Child

For identifying the sex of the child, I take the help of the signs (odd signs and even signs), the sex of the agents of progeny (the Ascendant lord, the 5th lord, Jupiter, Venus, the Moon and the Sun), and the sex of the planets in operation. If there are more male effects, a male child is born. Otherwise, there is a daughter.

Adoption

Some of the families adopt children when they do not have children of their own. The native adopts a child when any two of these - the Ascendant lord, the Moon, Mercury, and the 10th lord - are deeply associated with the 5th lord or Jupiter.

Dasas/Transits

The Dasas of the strong planets connected with the Primary Factors - of course - they are to be assisted by some of the secondary ones - help us in timing the birth of children. *The Dasas are 'seasons', and the transits are 'their weather'.* Their synthesis determines as to what extent time is favourable to us. Somehow, I don't believe the traditional theory of transits. I study the two positions - the natal and the mobile - of the operating major and sub-periods. (For details, refer to my article entitled "All About Tensions in Married Life" (January 1989 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.)

Remedial Measures

Most of my clients raise a genuine query "Are remedial measures effective and to what extent". My observation in this matter is :-

We, the Hindus, believe in rebirth. Thus, the theories of Karma, Free-will and Retribution are significant in the scheme of our life. We also believe that suffering is possible only at physical/mental levels of our existence. The human soul is beyond the scope of 'suffering'. We used to worship the celestial bodies to get their blessings. Homas (oblations) were performed. Mantras (incantations) were recited and charities were offered and the like.

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Man, we know, is God's supreme creation. I **feel - he does enjoy some Free-will, Thus, he gets an opportunity to improve his lot.** It is 'this feeling' which convinces me of the utility and effectiveness of the remedial measures. The wrath of the powers controlling our 'destiny' does relent through them providing they are carried out sincerely. We also get confidence to bear our miseries. **But it is difficult to measure the quantum of help they give us. It is proportionate to the depth of our submission. Of course, the magnitude of our sins also matters.**

Science and technology have turned most of us into rationalists. Therefore, such remedial measures as appeal to the mind should be prescribed to the needy. Without faith, the citadel of all forms of worship and remedial measures, nothing can be achieved. I also feel that the simplest remedies should be suggested to the sufferers so that they may do them conveniently. Quantity does not matter. The controllers of this universe smell our intentions through the flowers offered to them. Even a little leaf pleases them. There should be no pride in the offerings. The self (ego) is to be subdued. There should be total submission as was shown by Draupadi to Lord Krishna who helped her. She was saved from the disgrace.

Two Ways to Harness Remedial Measures

(i) To strengthen the auspicious planets when they are weak, and are not helping us,

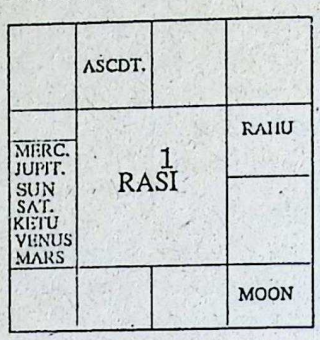
(ii) To supplicate the adverse ones to check their evils.

This kind of an article cannot describe all the remedial measures. Only some examples of how they are used can be given. The consultees (pardon me for coining a word) should seek the advice of an experienced astrologer.

A very pertinent question crops up in the mind—Can all sorts of planetary weaknesses/afflictions be removed? No. Remedial measures are helpless under heavy afflictions/weaknesses. Moreover, sometimes, we are to suffer for our grave sins. *Then, suffering is the only remedy.*

Unless the Ascendant, the Moon and Mercury, signifying the self, the reactions (*manas*) and the discriminating power respectively, are favourable to the native, he may not respond to the advice regarding the remedial measures. Jupiter represents faith. His benign attitude towards the Ascendant, the Moon, Mercury, the 9th, the 10th and their lords makes him take them up sincerely.

Chart 1 : Born on 25-1-1962 at 11.25 a.m. (IST) at 28° N 39', 77° E 13'. Balance of the Sun Dasa at birth 4 years, 4 months and 10 days.



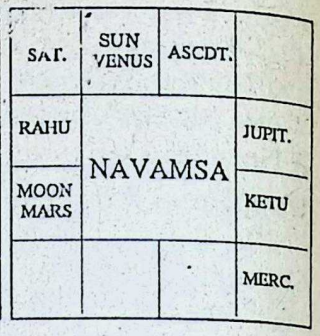
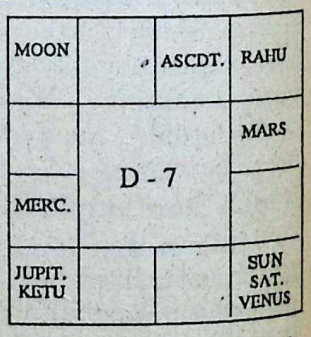


Chart 1 belongs to a native who married in February 1988, but his wife did not conceive till March 1989. She aborted in May 1989. The chart indicates his procreating powers in a restrictive way. The Primary Factors - the Ascendant, and its lord Mars, the 5th and its lord, the Sun and Jupiter are more or less strong. Mars, the Sun and Jupiter also improve their positions in D-9. Most of the Secondary Factors - Venus, the Moon, the 7th, its lord, the 8th and its lord - are weak. The spouse should lack power to retain pregnancy.

The conception occurred during Rahu/Saturn. Saturn rules the 5th from the Moon, and also influences most of the primary factors. Mars, Venus and Saturn are combust. A *combust planet cannot maintain for long the fruits of his attempts.* This is what has happened. I fear some more abortions.

Not Favourable from the Moon and Jupiter



The D-7 also gives gloomy picture. Venus, the Ascendant lord, is debilitated. The Sun, his enemy, gives him company. Saturn is too weak to help him. A barren sign is involved. Jupiter occupies the 8th with a Node. The Moon is alone.

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ASTRO—GENETICS

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THE term "Astro-Genetics" is the combination of two words 'Astrology' and 'Genetics'. According to *Webster*, genetics is the branch of biology which deals with heredity and variation among related organisms largely in their evolutionary aspects. In other words, genetics deals with 'inheritance' and it seeks to understand the causes of the resemblances and differences between parents and their progeny. From an astrologer's point of view, genetics is the study of the characteristic relationship existing between generations and is hence related to the apparent flow of time. Astrology too being a science, closely linked to the apparent flow of time, I think it is worthwhile to explore the possibilities of any connection between these two apparently different subjects. This article is an attempt in this direction.

Heredity, an essential part of genetics, refers to the transmission of characters from parents to offsprings *i.e.*, from one generation to the other. When viewed astrologically, this phenomenon leads us to the possibility that some horoscopic features may also get transmitted from one generation to the other. On this basis "Astro-Genetics" can be briefly described as the study of transmission of horoscopic features from one generation to the other. In other words, "Astro-Genetics" seeks to understand the cosmic link existing between generations which is responsible for the phenomenon of 'inheritance'. Before going into the details of the subject let us have a brief conceptual look at 'Time' - the supreme phenomenon which serves as the link between 'Generations'.

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Mr. Hari was introduced to the fundamentals of Astrology by his mother, Smt. Meenakshi Amma. He has been engaged in astrological research for the last 4 years.

Importance of Time

In the *Bhagavad-Gita*, Sri Krishna declares himself as the cause of all events and equates himself with the phenomenon of 'Time'. By extending this idea a bit further, all events of this universe can be conceived as induced by Time. Hence a study of the various events and their causes as well as effects involve the study of Time. Due to this reason, in Sanskrit, Astrology which deals with the various terrestrial phenomena is most appropriately called "Horasastra" or the "Science of Time".

This idea can be further extended, in the light of modern physics, using Minkowski's concept of "four-dimensional Space-Time". According to the famous theoretical physicist, Herman Minkowski, "the whole universe is a 'four dimensional

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space-time continuum labelled by the four co-ordinates **x, y, z** and **t**, just as ordinary space is three dimensional and can be labelled by three space co-ordinates **x, y** and **z**. Each event is a point in space-time located by 3 space co-ordinates and one time co-ordinate." Hence in the four dimensional space-time the birth of a human being becomes a point with three dimensions of space and the fourth dimension of time. The birth data of every individual consisting of 'place of birth' and time of 'birth' actually forms the initial co-ordinates of that individual in this four dimensional Space-Time frame.

Our ancient Rishis were certainly aware of this four dimensional nature of the universe. In fact they were steps ahead of us, as they discovered intuitively that each moment of time had its own "intrinsic quality' which is responsible for the various events. These 'intrinsic qualities' of the moments of time determined the nature of the interactions of Space-Time with the terrestrially existing entities. In other words they were able to visualize a "Bio-Cosmic Interaction" taking place through these intrinsic qualities of Time. This, in turn, led them to the conclusion that each human life is the result of a series of mutually related "Bio-Cosmic Interactions" characterised by respective moments of Time. Alternatively, each human birth can be considered as the beginning of a series of mysterious "Bio-Cosmic Interactions" that trace out a human life, and the time of birth or the initial co-ordinate plays a very crucial role in determining the future course of one's life. Hence if the birth time can be suitably tagged in terms of computable parameters *i.e.*,., if the intrinsic quality of time can be expressed in terms of computable parameters, then useful information about one's future can be derived. To the human beings, the awareness of Time, being given by the Cosmic phenomena, the Rishis selected the Cosmic bodies to become the portenders of our future, as their positions served as a convenient set of computable parameters. They selected an appropriate 'set of cosmic parameters' and designed a theoretical edifice which resolved the quality of time and the consequent "Bio-Cosmic Interactions" into the events of terrestrial life. The theoretical edifice *viz.* 'Horasastra' was so perfect that the cosmic patterns got related to the events of terrestrial life and the cosmic parameters *viz.* planets came to be looked upon as portenders of various events.

It is, therefore, apparent that, astrologically, all the events are interrelated, all the generations are interrelated and hence if there is a transmission of characters from one generation to the other, there must be transmission of horoscopic features from one generation to the other. Thus the conceptual basis of 'Astro-Genetics' stems from the concepts of 'Time' and the 'Bio-Cosmic Tie-up'.

Astro-Genetics

If we compare the horoscopes of parents with those of their children we can see at least a few of the following features:-

(i) Repetition of Lagna/Moon or both with respect to either of the parents.

(ii) Lagna/Moon of either of the parents becomes Moon/Lagna respectively of the child.

(iii) Lagna/Moon of the child aspects either of them of the parents.

(iv) Lagna/Moon of the child aspects either of the 5th lord.

(v) 1st and 5th lords of either of the parents appear in conjunction or in mutual aspect (or sometimes the first lord casts its special aspect on the 5th lord) in the horoscope of the child.

(vi) Repetition of either lord of Lagna, its dispositor or both with respect to either of the parents.

(vii) Repetition of planetary influence on Lagna/Chandra Lagna or their respective lords.

A lot of other features similar to the above-mentioned ones may also be seen. These horoscopic features may or may not be connected with visible hereditary traits. Some of them may represent either characters which were recessive in parents or other aspects of human personality which are acquired through inheritance but not noticeable. To understand the 'Astro-Genetical functions of these features detailed research is necessary.

About 200 hereditary traits that affect different parts of body have been studied in *man* and can be classified into the following categories:-

(i) *Physical traits*: These traits affect characters of structures like skin, hair, eyes, teeth, body-structure etc. For example, dark skin, glaucoma (swelling of eye balls) etc.

(ii) *Physiological traits*: These traits affect physiology of body involving blood, hormones

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etc. For example, blood groups, Rh factor, Diabetes etc.

(iii) *Mental traits*: These traits are associated with intelligence and various mental defects like feeble-mindedness and acute mental diseases resulting from nervous disorders. Example : Schizophrenia.

We will not go into the details of the inheritance pattern as it does not have much importance in this discussion. But it is to be remembered here that some of the traits do not necessarily appear in every generation, and some of the traits like baldness, colour blindness etc. are sex-linked.

The Lagna, Chandra Lagna, their respective lords, planetary influences on them and the respective Navamsas being the prime determinants of one's complexion and physical stature they must play an important role in the transmission of physical features from one generation to the other. The transmission of other physical traits which appear on the different parts of the body are governed by the respective *bhavas* and significators. For example, hereditary transmission of 'Diabetes' may be traced down to an afflicted Venus, present in the respective horoscopes. Similarly the Moon, Mercury and the 5th house/lord may govern the transmission of mental features from one generation to the other.

The astrological study of these hereditary traits is almost impossible due to non-availability of enough data, *i.e.*, horoscopes belonging to different generations which display the various hereditary traits. The difficulties involved in such a study are actually manifold.

(i) Usually the horoscopes are not preserved after the death of the people. Hence horoscopes belonging to the older generation are scarcely available.

(ii) Many of the traits like baldness, hereditary diseases etc. appear in the later stages pf life. This also limits the availability of suitable horoscopes.

(iii) Many of the traits do not appear in every generation. Recessiveness of features makes the astrological investigation difficult.

(iv) As the traits appear on the different parts of the body, divisional charts like 'Drekkana', 'Navamsa' etc. are also important. Valid inferences can be drawn only if enough data are available to undertake a detailed study.

The subject being closely related to the medical sciences, 'Astro-Genetics' can be considered as a branch of Medical Astrology. According to modern theories, there is probably no disease which is completely devoid of a genetic component. The genetic component may be the only factor leading to the disease, or it may merely result in predisposition of the individual to a disease. There are a large number of diseases at different points of the spectrum between these two extremes. Also the hereditary diseases have a tendency to run in families. Hence a detailed study of 'Astro-Genetics' can effectively be carried out only by medical practitioners interested in astrological research. What is possible in this context is that we can focus our attention on some of the common hereditary features like complexion, physical features etc. so that the mechanism of inheritance can be understood astrologically. In the following discussion more emphasis will be given to the features of 'Cosmic-tie up' existing between parents and their children than on the consequences of such a tie up, namely, 'inheritance'. On the next page are given a set of horoscopes which belong to a family:-

The most important astrological factors that undergo hereditary transmission in a family are (i) the Lagna and (ii) the Moon. Both these factors have a crucial influence on the personality of a native.

Hence their hereditary transmission calls for a corresponding transmission of physical features, characters, behavioural patterns etc.

Case I : Charts 1, 2 and 3

Charts 1 and 2 belong to the parents and Chart 3 belongs to their son. If we superimpose the son's chart on the parental charts, the Lagna of the son is in conjunction with the Moon-sign of its parents, and also aspects the Lagna of father. But the Moon-sign of the child is not related to either Lagna or the Moon of the parents. This is not an anomaly because the Moon of the child aspects the Lagna 'Pisces' of paternal grandfather. We can say that the sign axis Pisces-Virgo was recessive in father and in the case of son it was brought into dominance by other 'Astro-Genetical' influences from the paternal/maternal side. For example, here the Moon of the son aspects the 5th lord of the mother. If we consider Saptamsa, it can be seen that the Moon of the child is in conjunction with the Saptamsa Lagna of father and aspects the Saptamsa Moon.

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Sl No.	Birth data	Relationship		Lagna	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn	Rahu
1.	23-2-1927	Father	R	1	11	7	2	11	11	12	8	3
	1100 hrs		N	8	10	1	12	3	11	5	8	10
			S	6	1	12	9	5	2	7	5	5
2.	31-5-1928	Mother	R	4	2	7	12	3	1	2	8	2
	1040 hrs		N	9	2	10	9	9	2	12	11	3
			S	2	11	9	10	5	2	9	7	11
3.	04-7-1957	Son	R	7	3	6	4	3	6	4	8	7
	1330 hrs		N	8	12	2	8	12	10	7	8	2
4.	15-12-1958	Daughter	R	2	8	11	1	8	7	9	9	6
	1750 hrs.		N	6	12	7	8	8	3	3	2	5
5.	28-2-1961	Son	R	12	11	4	3	11	10	12	10	5
	0900 hrs		N	12	11	9	9	8	11	12	10	4
6.	04-02-1964	Son	R	11	11	12	11	10	12	12	11	3
	1730 hrs		N	11	8	9	8	2	11	8	7	11
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7.	25-06-1922	Father	R	2	3	3	8	3	6	4	6	6
	0500 hrs		N	5	0	9	10	7	3	8	12	1
8.	27-7-1965	Daughter	R	4	3	2	6	3	2	4	11	2
	1745 hrs		N	5	10	1	11	3	4	4	2	3

Note : The numbers 1 to 12 denote respectively the zodiacal signs from Aries to Pisces.
The letters R N and S denote respectively Rasi, Navamsa and Saptamsa. All charts are as per Lahiri Ayanamsa.

Also the Moon-sign of the child is the 5th house in the Saptamsa of mother. If Charts 2 and 3 are superimposed the mother's Lagna lord is placed on the Lagna of the son and *vice versa*. Hence the resemblance of physical features and complexion was more maternal than paternal.

Case II : Charts 1, 2 and 4

In Chart 1 the Lagna lord Mars is placed in the 2nd house *viz.* Taurus - an even sign - and aspects the 5th house. Hence a daughter was born with the sign Taurus as Lagna. The Lagna or the Moon of Chart 4 is not related to either of them of the parents. But the Lagna is in conjunction with the Moon of paternal grandfather and the Moon aspects the Moon-sign Leo of paternal grandmother. Also the Lagna is on the Saptamsa Lagna of mother and Saptamsa Jupiter of both Charts 1 and 2.

In Chart 1 the dispositor of Lagna lord as well as the Moon *viz.*, Venus is exalted and Saturn aspects lord of Lagna. Equivalent features can be seen in the case of Chart 4. Lagna is a sign owned by Venus and Lagna lord joins Saturn. In both the charts, the Moon occupies a quadrant. The 5th house of Chart 1 is aspected by the Sun, Mercury and Jupiter. Hence in Chart 4, the Sun and Mercury aspect Lagna and Jupiter is involved in a *parivartana* with Lagna lord Venus. *i.e.*,., the planets which influence the 5th house of the parents influence the Lagna/ Moon of the children.

The Moon of Chart 4 aspects the 5th house and the 5th lord of the father. If Charts 1 and 2 are considered from the Moon the 1st and 5th lords are in conjunction in the horoscope of the daughter. The Lagna of Chart 4 aspects the 5th house of her mother and the Moon of her maternal grandmother. In Charts 1 and 4, the 10th lord Saturn is in the 8th house and both of them are in the same professional field. The 'Astro-Genetical' influence over the Lagna and the Moon of Chart 4 is more from the paternal side and hence the native and her father possess similar ways of behaviour, complexion and physical features.

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Jupiter-Saturn Nexus: An Exposition

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THE correct judgement of the horoscope needs a deep understanding of planetary relationships. I believe that the application of the fundamental rules of Astrology must be based on practical observation. Whatever has been said by our sages in the classics appears to be correct for different positions of planets for different Lagnas. Some astrologers have said that Jupiter in the 5th gives mostly daughters while others have said this position gives more sons and some say that there will be no son at all. This is correct if properly applied and tested, *e.g.*, Jupiter in watery signs gives mostly daughters, in fiery signs, male births and very bad results for Capricorn Ascendant.

The Moon and Mars are supposed to be friends but Mars is debilitated in the Moon's sign Cancer while the Moon is debilitated in Mars' sign Scorpio. Jupiter and Mars are very good friends but Jupiter is debilitated in Capricorn where Mars is exalted. Mars is debilitated in Cancer where Jupiter is exalted. Mars and Saturn are inimical but Mars is exalted in Saturn's sign Capricorn whereas Saturn gets debilitated in Mars' sign Aries. Suppose the Moon is exalted in the 7th house, what results should be expected? The Moon is inimical to Venus - will it give inimical results in Taurus due to ownership of Venus or will it give the results of exaltation as Moon is exalted there? We find that mostly the Moon in Taurus in the 7th house, though the 9th lord (*bhagyadhipati*), gives inimical results. In the 4th house the exalted Moon shows tensions with mother. Jupiter is inimical to Venus but Venus is exalted in the sign of Jupiter, Pisces. Such planetary relationships and behaviour are beyond my comprehension. I can only say that both are quite different aspects and should not be mixed up.

In my opinion it is always safer not to consider the exaltation or debilitation of planets at all.

Here, we are only concerned with the relationship between Jupiter and Saturn. Jupiter is debilitated in Saturn's sign Capricorn and does not give auspicious results here. On the other hand Jupiter's placement in Aquarius, the other sign of Saturn, is very baneful while it has been described as very good in *Saravali*.

In early 1987, a person dealing in drugs came to me. He was born in Libra Ascendant (Chart 1) with Saturn in Lagna and Jupiter and Saturn in opposition to each other. I had found that when-

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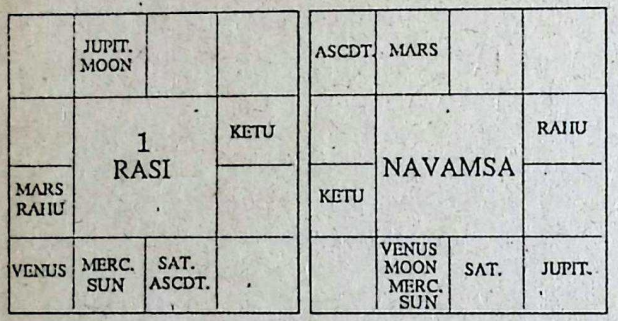
ever Jupiter and Saturn are opposite each other, they exchange their characteristics. On the basis of this experience I told the native that his wife should have very ordinary complexion and she must have some kind of pain in the body, like rheumatic pain or arthritis. I also told the native Jupiter's placement had given him a handsome physique, delightful manners, kind-heartedness, sincerity, influential behaviour, generosity etc. Thus Jupiter's influence as described for his position in Lagna could be noticed in the native.

Chart 1: Born on 30-11-1952 at 5.00 hrs. at 29° N 42', 71° E 00-3' with a balance of 1 year, 5 months and 16 days of Venus Dasa.



This incident reinforced my earlier conviction that Jupiter and Saturn if placed opposite each other exchange their characteristics.

I have found in my experience the following about the relationship between Jupiter and Saturn:

1. Whenever Jupiter and Saturn are placed together Saturn will soak the results of Jupiter and Jupiter will soak the results of Saturn *i.e.*, Saturn will improve while Jupiter gets spoiled.

2. If Jupiter and Saturn are conjoined with regard to the 5th house, there will either be no male child or male children will not survive.

3. This is not a good combination for high education. One having this combination may not study well if favourable combinations are not also present.

4. One of the children will bring a bad name to the family. One does not derive the desired happiness from children. Mostly they will not be placed very high in life.

5. They do not have much wealth as the *karaka* of money gets spoiled owing to conjunction with Saturn. This Yoga may be said to give a hand-to-mouth existence as far as money is concerned. The concerned houses for wealth and their lords must also be taken into account.

6. The conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the 10th house makes one a lawyer, advocate, magistrate or judge. It will be particularly so if these planets own the 6th house.

7. Jupiter and Saturn's influence on the 5th house may give jaundice, cirrhosis or a sluggish liver. It may also cause gall-bladder stones. This is very strongly indicated when Mars also influences this combination.

8. If Jupiter and Saturn are retrograde, the results will not be adverse. It will promote Jupiter's influence.

9. If this combination takes place in any of the saturnine signs or in the exaltation sign of Saturn, that is, Libra, evils of Saturn will automatically be cancelled.

10. This combination will produce excellent results in the 4th house. The opposition of Jupiter and Saturn will also be very favourable; the native will be blessed with good children, moveable and immoveable property, recognition, good for profession, education etc.

11. In case of opposition of Jupiter and Saturn, if either of the planets falls in own sign, the results of the stronger planet will be experienced and the results of the other will become feeble.

12. Jupiter and Saturn in the Lagna and 7th house exchange their qualities but if either of these planets occupy own sign, the results of the other will be absorbed to a great extent. I have found that such persons are not very happy or successful so long as other strong indications are not present. This is mostly applicable to Jupiter and Saturn's opposition in respect of the Lagna and the 7th house. This gives one wife only.

13. Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the Lagna is equally bad for proper settlement in life. This may cause some physical disability if other factors are also present.

14. This Yoga should be treated as a Daridra Yoga. But it will be slightly better if the combination takes place in jupiterean or saturnine signs.

15. The combination of Jupiter and Saturn is not so bad in fiery signs as in earthy signs.

No combination can give the same results in all possible positions or for all the Ascendants. A combination my be auspicious for one Ascendant while inauspicious for another. DR. B. V. RAMAN has explained in his various articles how the result of a Yoga should be applied in a

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horoscope. Such care must be taken for this Yoga as well. The application of the finding should not be *verbatim*. This is a very valuable Yoga for accurate judgement of a horoscope.

One school of thought has described the combination of Jupiter and Saturn as auspicious for Aries, Leo and Sagittarius Ascendants if these planets join the Ascendant or the 5th house. For Taurus Ascendant, it is not bad if it falls in the 8th that is, Sagittarius. For Virgo Ascendant, it is good if the conjunction occurs in the 4th, 5th, 9th or 12th house. For Capricorn Ascendant, it is good in the 2nd, the 12th and 9th houses.

For Gemini Ascendant it is good in the 11th and the 3rd houses. For Aquarius Ascendant, the combination is auspicious in the 2nd, 7th and 12th houses, while bad for all other houses. For Libra Ascendant this combination does not give good results in any of the houses. I do not agree with this view.

Jupiter stands for good and open actions while Saturn shows low and hidden things. Jupiter represents prosperity, wealth and children, whereas Saturn indicates adversities, poverty, sadness, depression etc. Mixed results should be expected when both these planets conjoin.

In the first house Jupiter and Saturn make one cruel, indolent and lazy. Such a native does not get much happiness and comforts. Generally this is not a good combination in Lagna for signs other than Sagittarius and Pisces.

If these two planets conjoin in the 4th house, good results are produced. The native will be wealthy and famous, will have good friends and relatives. He will have lands and property. Evil results are not produced if Jupiter and Saturn are placed together in the 4th house or opposite each other.

The combination cannot be appreciated in the 7th house. The native will lose money on account of women. He will be addicted to vices. He will be avaricious for his father's wealth and will not be good-looking.

In the 10th house, the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn is favoured. The native will have conveyances and cattle. He achieves a high position and the rulers favour him.

In Chapter 31, *slokas* 79, 80, 81 and 82 of *Saravali* Kalyanavarma has described the Yoga of Jupiter and Saturn for all positions of *kendras*.

In Chapter 25, *sloka* 24, the author of *Hora Sara* has mentioned that the combination of Jupiter and Saturn in the 3rd, 6th, 10th and 11th houses is auspicious and in all other houses it is bad. In the 8th chapter of *Jataka Parijata* there are almost similar views for this combination. Garga Rishi has described the combination of Jupiter and Saturn for all the 12 houses.

A few other works also have described the combination of Jupiter and Saturn as bad while some others have described it as good. There is much difference in their views. Let us see the effect of this combination on some horoscopes.

Chart 2: Born on 19-3-1941 at 1-15 hrs. at 80° 56' E, 26° 51' N with a balance of 15 years, 3 months and 13 days of Mercury Dasa at birth.

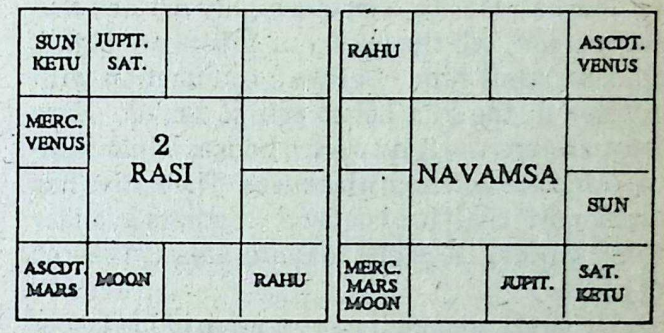

Chart 2 is that of a lady who was a very good dancer and had defeated Gopi Krishna in her college days. She got married to a doctor and has two daughters.

The combination of Jupiter and Saturn may be noted in the 5th house in Aries. Here Jupiter owns the Lagna and the 4th house and the position of Jupiter in the 5th must be encouraged due to relationship between angles and trines. But Saturn's conjunction with Jupiter has damaged the combination to a great extent.

The following are the results of the combination: There have been only female children. The lady and her husband are both very fair and good-looking but the case is just the reverse with her daughters. A daughter became pregnant before marriage and this led to much humiliation for the family.

Jupiter-Saturn conjunction is responsible for such children. This is not a good combination for wealth, if it has anything to do with the concerned houses. Here Saturn owns the 2nd and aspects the 11th house. Her husband had very

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good private medical practice before marriage but the income gradually went down afterwards. She also suffered heavy losses. She suffered from liver troubles more than once and even now, has a sluggish liver.

Chart 3: Born on 8-3-1960 at 0.40 hrs at 80° 50' E, 26° 50' N, with a balance of 0 years, 9 months and 10 days of Rahu Dasa.

KETU			MOON
SUN MERC.	3 RASI		
MARS VENUS			
SAT. JUPIT.	ASCDT.		RAHU

MOON		SUN	MERC. JUPIT. MARS
	NAVAMSA		KETU
RAHU			VENUS
ASCDT.		SAT.	

The native is the son of a highly reputed and rich person. All the family members are highly placed except him. Saturn's conjunction with Jupiter in the 2nd house can be noted. Here Saturn owns the 3rd and 4th houses while Jupiter owns the 2nd and 5th houses. The native has no money. He has to depend on others even for a few rupees. He is just roaming about in search of a job.

He has damaged the reputation of his father to some extent. He could not get higher education. The combination of Jupiter and Saturn should be held responsible for it. However, the adverse results do not show up if Saturn is in own or exaltation sign.

The horoscope (Chart 4)[1] pertains to a native who has established many factories by his own efforts and is an 'A' class businessman.

The combination of Jupiter and Saturn may be noted in the 4th house. Both are retrograde in Capricorn and hence behave like exalted planets. The native is a graduate only and possesses a new car, big house and all other modern comforts of life. He has a daughter and owns many factories manufacturing various articles. So here we find that the combination of Jupiter and Saturn gave very good results in Capricorn and in the 4th house. Jupiter and Saturn's conjunction or opposition (4th house) will promote each other and should be regarded auspicious for lands, houses and properties.

The native of Chart 5[2] is highly educated and intelligent. The combination of Jupiter and Saturn can be noted in the 2nd house. Jupiter in retrogression gives the results of exaltation, the native has a good financial position.

The native (Chart 6)[3] is an Executive Engineer in P.W.D. and has two daughters and a son. The children are very smart, beautiful and intelligent. The native also possesses various moveable and immoveable properties.

The conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn falls in the 2nd house. Both these planets are retrograde in Aries. Retrograde planets in debilitation act as exalted planets. So Saturn and Jupiter are quite favourable here for wealth, profession, education and children.

Thus in the cases cited above, we have seen, if Saturn and Jupiter are retrograde and conjoin, there will not be any inauspicious result.

Jupiter and Saturn combination causes all kinds of happiness and prosperity, if both are retrograde.

In the case of Virgo native (Chart 7)[4], Jupiter and Saturn are conjoined in the 4th house. The Sun and Venus occupy the 10th house. The native is an IAS officer and is quite a happy person from all angles. For what combinations have made him an IAS, my article "Planets and Administrative Career" (*A.M.*, January 1989) may be referred to.

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[1]*Chart 4:* Born on 30-8-1961 at 9.45 a.m. at 80° E 55', 26° N 25' with a balance of 2 years, 4 months and 21 days of Ketu Dasa at birth. *Rasi:* Libra - Ascendant; Capricorn - Saturn (R) and Jupiter (R); Aquarius - Ketu; Aries - the Moon; Cancer - Venus; Leo - the Sun, Mercury and Rahu; and Virgo - Mars. *Navamsa:* Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Mercury; Capricorn - Saturn; Aquarius - Jupiter; Aries - Rahu; Taurus - Mars; Gemini - the Moon; Cancer - the Sun; Virgo - Venus; and Libra - Ketu.

[2]*Chart 5:* Born on 6-8-1962 at 4.00 p.m. IST at 80° E 21', 26° N 6' with a balance of 6 years, 0 months and 5 days of Mars Dasa at birth. *Rasi:* Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Saturn; Aquarius - Ketu; Taurus - the Moon; Gemini - Venus; Cancer - the Sun and Mercury; Leo - Rahu; and Virgo - Mars. *Navamsa:* Gemini - Ascendant; Leo - the Moon; Libra - Mercury; Scorpio - Ketu; Sagittarius - Venus; Capricorn - the Sun, Saturn and Mars; Aquarius - Jupiter; and Taurus - Rahu.

[3]*Chart 56* Born on 21-10-1940 at 16.46 hrs. at 85° E 22', 26° N 7' with a balance of 2 years, 7 months and 4 days of Mars Dasa at birth. *Rasi:* Pisces - Ascendant and Ketu; Aries - Saturn(R) and Jupiter (R); Gemini - the Moon; Leo - Venus; Virgo - Rahu and Mars; and Libra - Sun and Mercury. *Navamsa:* Aquarius - Ascendant; Gemini - Rahu, Mercury and Mars; Virgo - Saturn and Jupiter; Libra - the Moon; Scorpio - the Sun and Venus; and Sagittarius - Ketu.

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In Chat 8[5], Jupiter and Saturn are placed in the 11th house in Sagittarius. Jupiter is occupying 11th house as 2nd lord in association with the Lagna lord Saturn. The lord of the 10th Mars is also involved in mutual aspect with Jupiter and Saturn; so the native must have been a rich person as per the rules of Astrology. But in fact, he has suffered losses in business. He is doing nothing now. The native's education has also been indifferent and quite unhappy.

This native (Chart 9)[6] expired on 15-10-1982 at 22 years due to serious liver trouble (cirrsosis). Jupiter and Saturn's conjunction in the 5th house in Sagittarius may be noted which is responsible for the death of the native. The aspect of the Sun over Saturn has added fuel to fire.

The combination (Chart 10)[7] of Jupiter and Saturn occurs in the 5th house in Sagittarius in the same position as in Chart 9. Mars occupies the 11th house and has an aspect over Jupiter and Saturn, which is most dangerous for the liver. The native also suffered from jaundice, liver apsis and other allied troubles.

The purpose of both of these illustrations is only to show that the Jupiter-Saturn combination in the 5th house causes liver troubles, stones in gall-bladder and other troubles in the digestive system. In the next part I will illustrate a few cases where Jupiter and Saturn are in the 7th from each other.—225.89.

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[4]*Chart 7:* Born on 6-7-1960 at 10.55 hrs. at 26° N 55', 80° E 59' with a balance of 3 years, 10 months and 30 days of Saturn Dasa at birth. *Rasi:* Virgo - Ascendant; Scorpio - the Moon; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Saturn; Aquarius - Ketu; Aries - Mars; Gemini - the Sun and Venus; Cancer - Mercury; and Leo - Rahu. *Navamsa:* Aquarius - Ascendant; Aries - the Sun; Taurus - Jupiter, Venus and Ketu; Leo - Mercury; Libra - Saturn; and Scorpio - the Moon and Rahu.

[5]*Chart 8:* Born on 16-9-1960 at 5.53 p.m. at Hapur with a balance of 10 years, 4 months and 29 days of Saturn Dasa at birth. *Rasi:* Aquarius - Ascendant and Ketu; Gemini - Mars; Cancer - Moon; Leo - Rahu; Virgo - Sun, Mercury and Venus; and Sagittarius - Jupiter and Saturn. *Navamsa:* Gemini - Ascendant; Cancer - Venus; Virgo - Moon and Saturn; Libra - Rahu; Scorpio - Mars; Capricorn - Sun; Aries - Jupiter and Ketu; and Taurus - Mercury.

[6]*Chart 9:* Born on 15-7-1960 at 9.00 hrs. at 78° E 39', 27° N 33' with a balance of 8 years, 6 months and 18 days of Mercury Dasa at birth. *Rasi:* Leo - Ascendant and Rahu; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Saturn; Aquarius - Ketu; Pisces - Moon; Aries - Mars; Gemini - Sun; and Cancer - Mercury and Venus. *Navamsa:* Aries - Jupiter; Taurus - Ketu; Gemini - Sun; Cancer - Mercury; Leo - Venus; Libra - Saturn; Scorpio - Mars and Rahu; and Capricorn - Moon.

[7]*Chart 10:* Born on 26-9-1960 at 4.45 hrs. at 80° E 56', 26° N 51' with a balance of 6 years, 3 months and 16 days of Saturn Dasa at birth. *Rasi:* Leo - Ascendant and Rahu; Virgo - Mercury and Sun; Libra - Venus; Scorpio - the Moon; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Saturn; Aquarius - Ketu; and Gemini - Mars. *Navamsa:* Libra - Ascendant, Moon and Rahu; Scorpio - Venus; Sagittarius - Mars; Pisces - the Sun; Aries - Ketu and Jupiter; and Virgo - Saturn and Mercury.

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away to a nearby stream to fetch some water. As he dipped the pitcher in the stream the water gushing in made a gurgling noise. King Dasaratha on an hunting expedition, mistaking that sound to be that of a wild beast, shot an arrow in that direction. Whizzing through the surrounding darkness the arrow hit Sravana. As he fell down he let out a scream. When Dasaratha rushed to the spot to examine his kill he was aghast to see that his victim was a young man lamenting in his last gasping moments his fate in having to leave his parents unattended in a nearby scheduled spot with his mission unfinished.

The youth died in the arms of his killer. A remorseful Dasaratha then gingerly proceeded in the direction indicated by the dying youth to inform the parents of the tragedy. Shocked to hear of the death of their only son and sole support the grieving parents cursed Dasaratha that he too would die grieving for his son.

I presume that the birth chart of Sravana Kumara is unknown. But if I were to reconstruct it in the context of his life story, I would place a Cancer Moon in his 6th house. In the opposite house (*i.e.*, the 12th house) will be Venus (lord of the 4th house connoting his mother) and Mars (lord of the 10th house connoting his father) in Capricorn basking in the full focus of the Cancer Moon.

Such devotion to one's parents, involving hard labour of carrying them in baskets slung from a pole balanced on a shoulder, is what a Cancer Moon can achieve. Correspondingly Venus and Mars in Capricorn in the 12th house indicate a tragic death in lament, isolation and poverty for the son and the parents.

Readers may study the horoscopes of Dahir (the King of Sind

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in 712 A.D.), Prithviraj, the king of Delhi towards the close of the 12th century, Napoleon and Hitler (who all fell from grace and met a tragic death) in the light of the above discussion.

In horoscopes where Saturn is the surveyor of the Moon's lustre the native rises to ever greater heights of glory, acclaim, wealth and success as time passes. If the Sun, Mercury etc., are posited in Aquarius that indicates the fulfilment of one's ambitions late in life. See Sivaji's horoscope where Virgo Moon is in the 2nd house, a Libra Saturn is in the 3rd house and the Sun and Mercury are in Aquarius in the 7th house.

In Jawaharlal Nehru's birth chart Cancer Moon in the Ascendant has Saturn in Leo in the 2nd house. That is why he progressed from prison to prime ministership.

Where a Gemini Moon in the 3rd house has a Cancer Saturn in the 4th house there too with every passing decade the Cancer Saturn drawing in the lustre of the Gemini Moon will acquire the shine and glory of the Cancer Moon. In such a horoscope the more the number of planets in Aquarius the greater will be the name and fame of the native towards the end of his or her life.

Whenever therefore a student of Astrology is called upon to predict academic, financial or other success he should predict positive results if the planet governing education or wealth etc. is passing through a house illuminated directly by the Moon (*i.e.*, through the 7th house from the Moon) or through any other house illumined with the Moon's lustre through other surveyors and carriers such as Mars, Jupiter or Saturn.

Determination of the quality of the horoscope and the planets therein is therefore important.

That horoscope will connote a glorious life where the lord of the Ascendant, lords of 9th and 10th houses and a Cancer Moon are together in five of the most important houses (namely the four quadrant houses and the 9th house).

Where the Moon and the lord of the 9th house are in the 6th, 8th or 12th house such a person will never receive countrywide or worldwide fame.

Where the Moon and the lord of the 9th house and lord of the Ascendant are in the 6th, 8th and 12th houses in malefic signs, the native will lead a third-rate existence. If they are further accompanied by malefics such as Mars, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu the native's entire life will be calamitous and miserable. Those calamities and miseries will assume a very grievous form whenever malefics pass over houses which are not illuminated by the Moon's lustre.

Those horoscopes of an horoscope which do not receive the lustre of the Moon may be marked out as dark spots which connote danger. Contrarily those houses which receive the lustre of the Moon directly or through conductor planets connote glory. That glory will be of a progressively higher order if the lustre received is from a Cancer Moon, if that Moon is posited in one of the six important houses, if the houses illuminated are the six important houses, and if those houses are occupied by prime planets such as lords of the Ascendant, the 2nd, 9th and 10th houses.

If the question is about the native's recovering from an illness one should see when the native's Ascendant connects with the radical Moon in the native's birth chart either by conjunction or aspect.

If the native wants to know when he may expect better luck see when the lord of the 9th house connects with the Moon in the native's birth chart.

If the question is about the native's mother's or father's health ascertain when the lord of the 4th house or the lord of the 10th join the Moon, or pass through the house opposite the Moon or pass through any other house where the Moon's lustre is focussed by Jupiter, Saturn or Mars.

If the native queries as to when he is likely to acquire wealth see when the lord of the 2nd house basks in the lustre of the radical Moon in the native's horoscope.

Whenever the lord of the 3rd house contacts the radical Moon through conjunction or aspect the native will receive some honour, appreciation, or award.

The intensity of the honour or benefit received will depend on the quality of the Moon in the radical horoscope. If the Moon is in Cancer in a quadrant or trine house the honour or position attained will be of the highest international significance.—200.89.

Charles Laughton was travelling through the Midwest giving dramatic readings and stopped overnight in our college town. The hotel management was greatly honored to receive reservations from such a celebrity. But the new night clerk, not recognizing Laughton because of his rumpled attire, assigned the actor a small room in the older part of the hotel. Laughton's handsome, well-dressed chauffeur, however, got the deluxe acommodations. And not a word of complaint from the amused Mr. Laughton.

—Mildred F. Nelson

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PROGENY PROBLEMS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

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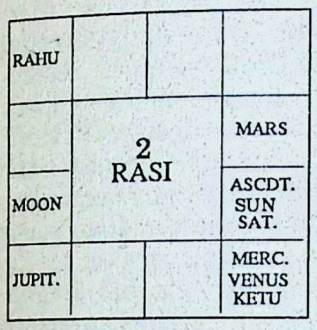
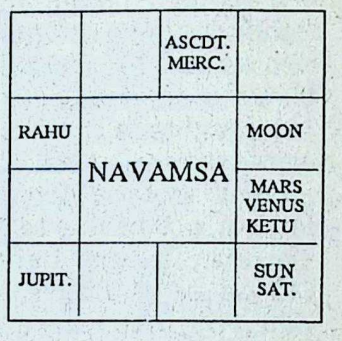
As for the remedial measures, I advised the native to wear a Coral (5 1/4 ratti) in gold on the ring-finger on Tuesday to strengthen his Mars, the Ascendant lord. His wife was told to read the 'Aditya Hridayam' or to fast on Sundays to seek the Sun's help in protecting her pregnancies. They agreed to observe the remedies. They should get at least one sun in the coming years, most probably in Rahu/the Sun.

Chart 2 : Born on 5-9-1949 at 5 a.m. (IST) at 27°N 14', 79°E 03'. Balance of the Moon Dasa at birth: 1 year, 4 months and 28 days.

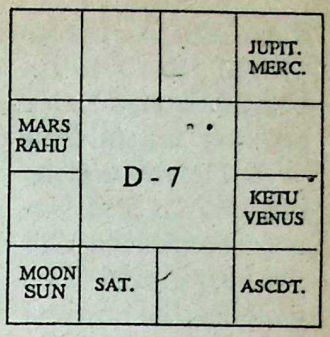




The owner of Chart 2 married in October 1978 and has suffered much regarding children. His wife conceived thrice but aborted each time. There has been no conception since 1984.

The primary factors are seemingly strong. The Ascendant and its lord the Sun suffer from Papakarthari Yoga. The barren sign is there. The Sun occupies Venus Nakshatra. Venus is debilitated. The 5th lord *cum* Putrakaraka Jupiter, though in own sign and retrograde, is weak being in the last degree. In Navamsa, these factors have shed their strength further. The secondary factors are also not sound. Venus is very weak though his debilitation is cancelled. He occupies Chitta ruled by debilitated Mars. His associates - Mercury is a eunuch, and Ketu does not favour much sexual potency - weaken him further. The 7th lord, Saturn, is combust. He is associated with his deadliest enemy, the Sun. The Papakarthari Yoga afflicts him further. A node occupies the 8th. The 12th and its lord are adversely afflicted.

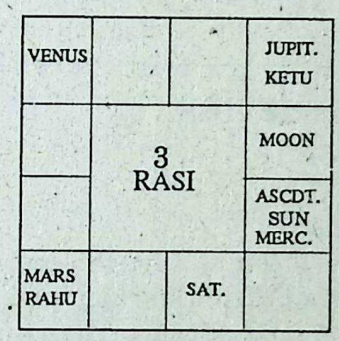
The joint analysis of both the factors show the native has limited procreating powers and the spouse is unable to retain pregnancies. Things are not savoury even from the Moon and Jupiter.



In D-7, there is not much hope. A barren sign rises in the Ascendant. Its lord, Mercury and Jupiter, the Putrakaraka, also occupy a barren sign. The 11th and 12th lords, the Moon and the Sun oppose them. Mars, the 8th and the 3rd Lord, aspects the Ascendant from the 6th.

Both the spouses are ready to take up remedial measures. I have suggested none to them. They will not work in this case. The afflictions are severe. Even the Dasas are not favourable. Saturn's major Dasa will operate from 3-2-1992. At present, he is having Jupiter/Rahu.

Chart 3 : Born on 27-8-1954 at 5.57 a.m. (IST) at 28° N 37', 77°E 04. Balance of Mercury Dasa at birth : 8 years, 7 months and 23 days.



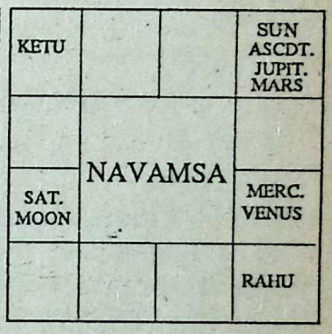


Chart 3 is of the native whose wife has not conceived since his marriage took place in September 1984. The primary factors are really weak despite their apparent strengths. The Ascendant and its lord, the Sun, occupy Ketu's Nakshatra. The sign involved is barren. Mercury, a eunuch and also combust, influences them. Two natural malefics Mars and Rahu are posited in the 5th and oppose its lord, Jupiter. Mars is also faulty being in Ketu's Nakshatra. Jupiter, the Putrakaraka, with a weak dispositor, occupies a barren sign. Ketu is with him. An exalted Saturn in Rahu's Nakshatra aspects the 5th. The Sun and Jupiter are in a barren sign in D-9, and are also associated with malefic Mars.

The secondary factors do not supplement the primary ones. The Moon, though in Cancer, is in combust Mercury's Nakshatra. The Papakartari Yoga afflicts him. He has no *paksha bala*. Saturn also aspects him. Venus is debilitated in a barren sign and is caught in a Papakartari

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Yoga. The 7th is aspected by the Sun, a malefic for the 7th. The 7th lord, Saturn, though exalted, occupies Rahu's Nakshatra. Things are not very hopeful from the Moon and Jupiter.

D-7 gives a clear picture. Its lord, Venus, occupies the 12th in a barren sign. Two malefics, the Sun and Ketu, are in the Ascendant. Saturn also aspects Venus. The Moon is alone in a barren sign. Jupiter, despite being in his own sign, is weak, as he is with Saturn, a eunuch, and occupies the last Saptamsa.

MOON		ASCDT.	RAHU
	D - 7		MARS
MERC.			
JUPIT. KETU			SUN SAT. VENUS

The Dasa of weak Venus has been operating since 20-4-1970. I don't think the Sun will help him. Moreover, he is hesitant to take the help of remedial measures. Nor will they help him.—208.89.

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Case III : Charts 1, 2 and 5

The Lagna and the Moon of Chart 5 are posited respectively on the 5th lord and Lagna of the mother. Lagna is the same as that of the paternal grandfather. The 5th lord of the mother aspects the Lagna of the son and the Lagna lord of the son aspects the Lagna of the mother. If the Navamsa charts are compared, lords of Navamsa Lagnas are the same. In case of the mother as well as the son the Navamsa lord of Lagna lord is Saturn. The dispositor of Lagna lord is Venus in the case of mother and in the case of son, Lagna lord becomes dispositor of Venus.

Charts 1 and 5 are superimposed the 5th lord of father *viz.*,, the Sun is in conjunction with the Sun of Chart 5. The Lagna of Chart 5 is on the Saptamsa Moon of father and aspects the Saptamsa Lagna. On the whole, the Astro-genetical influence from the maternal side is more in Chart 5 and hence the native resembled his mother in complexion and physical appearance.

Case IV : Charts 1, 2 and 6

The Lagna and the Moon of Chart 6 are not related to either of them of the parents. But the Lagna aspects the Moon of the paternal grandmother and the Moon is in conjunction with the Lagna of the paternal grand-father. The moon is in conjunction with the 5th lord of mother and the Lagna is in conjunction with the 5th lord of father and aspects the 5th house of father. In the Lagna of Chart 6, Mars and the Sun, the 1st and the 5th lords of father are in conjunction. In Chart 2, the 8th lord Saturn occupies the 5th house and hence the 8th house became the Lagna of her son and Saturn occupies Lagna. The native inherited the complexion of mother but the physical features can be termed neither more 'paternal' nor 'maternal' as the astro-genetical influences from both sides are almost equal.

Case V : Charts 7 and 8

In this case, the Lagna of father is the Chandra Lagna of daughter. The Lagna lord of the father occupies the Lagna of the daughter and *vice versa.* As a result there is much resemblance of physical features between the two, but the daughter's complexion changed a little towards the darker side due to the difference in the placement of the Moon. The change in complexion can also be due to her mother's Moon being placed in Taurus. Rahu and Jupiter occupy the 5th house of father and aspects his Lagna. Similarly, in the case of daughter, the Lagna lord is in conjunction with Rahu and Jupiter.

These two charts also exemplify hereditary transmission of eye defects (the defect here is astigmatism of the eyes). The 2nd and 12th houses as well as the luminaries Sun and Moon rule right and left eyes respectively. Venus also plays a significant role in producing eye- defects. In Chart 7, the Sun and the Moon occupy the 2nd house and Venus who is the Lagna lord occupies the sign Cancer. If viewed from Chandra Lagna the Sun occupies Lagna and Venus occupies the 2nd house. Similar features can be seen in Chart 8. Venus occupies Lagna and the 2nd lord Sun occupies the 12th house. When viewed from the Moon, the 2nd house is occupied by the Sun. In both the charts, the Sun, the Moon and Venus are posited with reference to Lagna/Moon in such a way as to produce some defect of the eye and hence the hereditary transmission of astigmatism of the eye.

Likewise many examples can be given to justify astrologically the phenomenon of inheritance. The examples given above establish the transmission of astrological factors from one generation to the other, and at least qualitatively suggest that some correction exists between the two apparently different subjects *viz.*, Astrology and Genetics.—210.89.

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Calendar Reform Vs. Dharmasastras

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A GOOD starting point of our discussion will perhaps be the historical background as to how it became known that the Indian *panchangas* of the traditional school are astronomically incorrect and also how the general public reacted to such incorrect *panchangas*. Our discussions will mainly remain restricted to calendrical studies in Bengal and eastern India.

From the late 18th century when the East India Company started granting festive holidays to its local employees, the Company prepared in advance a list of festive holidays for the whole year computed by local pundits. It requires no elaboration that the outdated Indian astronomical texts and tables could not predict eclipses, new and full moons on which important Hindu festivals are held and so such festive days did not agree with the corresponding dates in the Nautical Almanac. It occurs to us that this discrepancy attracted the interest of some British civilians of the Company to Indian astronomy, as, all the early works on Indian astronomy by British scholars like Davis, Bentley etc. relate to one or another claendrical problem. It is interesting that these papers, published mostly in Asiatic researches, attracted attention of scholars even outside India, but local people took little or no interest in the limitations of traditional *panchangas*. In contemporary Bengali newspapers we do not find any report by any correspondent or any editorial which can even remotely be connected with a calendrical problem. The following reason occurs to us for this indifference. Science consciousness was yet to develop in Bengal at that time. Davis remarked in his paper (on astronomical computations of the Hindus, 1792) that the Jyotisha pundits possessed no more knowledge than the application of tables their ancestors had delivered. The general public were happy that *sastraic* rites had been performed on dates prescribed by *sastraic* methods and that *punya* had accrued to the fullest extent.

In 1841, Capt. Shortred, Superintendent, Longitudinal Series, published a table of the Moon which showed, at once, without any calculations, the mean times of new and full moons, the Moon's age to the nearest day and, a second companion table in 1843 which was constructed to give the true times of new and full moons. Even a layman could consult these tables. Perhaps the easy availability of this table and particularly its simplicity raised a curiosity among a very limited section of the local elites on *panchanga* problems. The principal question was: Whether the mistaken traditional tables should be replaced by modern tables for computing *panchanga* elements.

An article by P.C. Ghosh "The Adjustment of the Hindu Calendar in Asiatic Researches 1865", followed by a similar article by Manmohan Banerjee, "Zamindar of Telenipara" in the *Education Gazette* sharply pointed out that the luni-solar positions, as given in *panchangas*, are grossly incorrect. It was then proposed to form a committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Asutosh Mukherjee, whose command over Mathematics, Sanskrit and Dharmasastras was proverbial, to

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consider the question of using modern tables to compute *panchanga* elements. But for one reason or another, lthe committee was not formed; without waiting further for the formation of the committee, Sri Madhab Chandra Chatterjee, a retired civil engineer, published in 1890 the first Bengali *panchanga* computed by modern tables, the Bisuddha *Sidhanta Panjika*.

This *panchanga* raised a new controversy which has not yet been solved, and public opinion is so sharply divided over this controversy that little progress has been made in this reformation. The *Bisuddha Siddhanta*, at least on two occasions, came on the verge of discontinuation and could survive only through the contributions of some sympathisers. The vital issue involved in this controversy is: Whether *punya* or other religious merit can be gained to the fullest extent by performing *sastraic* rites on dates and times computed by modern methods in violation of *sastraic* methods of computation.

Apart from the inherent errors in the Indian Astronomical texts, the religious leaders also had their conjectural corrections to *tithis*. The combined effect of the mistaken texts and these conjectures was that the *tithis* and other *panchanga* elements differed widely from their true astronomical values. We consider one specific instance, *tithi* may increase from its mean value 23 hours 37 minutes by 3 hours 10 minutes and decrease by 3 hours 38 minutes. But the Dharmasastras prescribe that, for performing a rite, an increment of only 2 hours and a decrement of 2 hours 24 minutes are permissible; *punya* due in a *tithi* rite will not occrue if these limits are exceeded.

Now this is a matter of personal sentiment or faith, *i.e.*, purely individualistic as to whether these *sastraic* limits can be exceeded or not. If one believes in the Dharmasastras that *punya* can be acquired by performing a *tithi* rite, it is absolutely upon the individual whether he believes in the *sastra* in its entirety and observes the *sastraic tithi* limits, or whether he believes partly in the *sastras* for *punyaphala* and on Newtonian mechanics for *tithi* limits. It cannot be scientifically measured or ascertained to what extent religious merits accrue if the right *mantra* is uttered at the right moment or the amount of virtue lost otherwise. Hence scientific norms and analytical minds demand that science should not concern itself with individualistic faith. We shall again consider it in a later section.

The *panchangas* serve a twofold purpose. The first one is to prescribe auspicious times for performing rites, the second one is to record chronology by dating. We call it civil calendar part of *panchanga*. Without going into details, we simply state that in eastern India and some parts of South India, the civil calendar is a solar (sidereal) year commencing from the Sun's entry into a fixed initial point divided into 12 solar months determined by the Sun's stays in the 12 zodiacal signs. A civil year may begin on the same day the Sun enters the initial point, or on the next day, or on the next next day; the convention is not uniform in all regions. A solar month also may begin on the day the Sun crosses a sign, or the next day, or the next next day, there is no uniform convention. The net result is that the same month may not have the same number of days in all regional civil calendars, the same day may not be designated by the same date. In northern India, the civil calendar is a luni-solar year commencing most generally from a knew moon immediately preceding the Sun's entry into the initial point. The months are lunations and datings are made by *tithis*. The final result is that the same day is designated by different datings in different regions, likewise the same *puja* is performed on different days.

The Government of India appointed the Calendar Reform Committee to formulate an all-India uniform calendar suitable for both dating and all other *panchanga* purposes. Under recommendations of this committee, the National Calendar was introduced with effect from 22nd March, 1957 A.D. corresponding to 1st Chaitra, 1879 Saka, the new year's day of the National Calendar.

The civil or date reckoning part of this calendar is a tropical year with provisions for leap-year and century corrections.

The regional civil calendars are closely related with local cultural traditions, and are not mere date-reckoners. The 25th Vaisakha is a national cultural festival for the whole of Bengali-speaking population, Bihu is a cultural festival for the whole of Assam. Throughout India, one or another calendrical date

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is associated with some cultural tradition. All these datings will be deranged in the National Calendar and it remains to be seen if all these regions agree to forego their traditional functions for the sake of all-India uniform dating. If regional calendars are allowed to continue along with the National Calendar, we fall back upon the original problem. If we agree to call a spade a spade, we are to admit that the Gregorian calendar has already become current as an all-India civil calendar. In fact, all-India uniformity in date-reckoning poses no problem unless we decide to create a new problem by raising the issue of a National Calendar. From a representation made before the Calendar Review Committee, it is seen that whereas regional *panchangas* sell in lakhs in the respective regions, the total all-India sale of the *Rastriya Panchanga* does not exceed ten thousand. We become aware of the existence of a *Rastriya Panchanga* only through the early morning announcement of the AIR once a day. In our daily official or private correspondence, it is the Gregorian Calendar that we use. We have already accepted the metric system of units and the international scientific terminology for convenience of uniformity without vitiating our national tradition and unity. Perhaps we do not run any risk of vitiating our national tradition if we accept the already well-recognised Gregorian Calendar, which we have actually done.

The initial point plays an important role both in *panchanga* computations and horoscopic Astrology because the sign-divisions and Nakshatra divisions both begin from the initial point. Explicit and unambiguous references to the initial point are found in the following sources :

Varahamihira has suggested in *B.S.* (II-7 & III-2) that the vernal equinox is the initial point and this point should be checked by gnomon shadow and water clock.

Bramhagupta and Bhaskaracharya II reckoned the initial point from the star Zeta Piscium. We call it the Revati point.

Some texts like the *Surya Siddhanta* and *Grahalaghava* reckoned the initial point at 10° east of Revati point.

Traditional *panchangas* overestimated the length of the sidereal year by some .0024 days more than its correct value. By 19th century, when calendar reformation movement started in India, this excess of .0024 days had accumulated to over 3 days *i.e., panchanga* year started when the Sun crossed over the Revati point by over 3°. Davis has also mentioned it in his paper. Reformers then had two options before them, either to delete 3 days from the year and set the year at the Revati point, or to shift the initial point to the east of Revati point by over 3°. They found the latter change less controversial, and accordingly fitted the year to a new initial point located at 180° away from Chitra, 3° 58' east of the Revati point. We call it the Chitra point.

No express or unambiguous statement has yet been found in any Indian astronomical text fixing the initial point at the Chitra point. B.V. Ketkar, in the first edition of his *Jyotirganitam*, used the Revati point and in the preface of the book quoted a verse in support of the Revati point as the Indian convention. But, influenced by S.B. Dixit, he later changed his views, switched over to the Chitra school, and discontinued printing of the said verse.

Without holding any brief for believers or non-believers in horoscopic Astrology, we state that horoscopic elements like ecliptic point (Lagna), Nakshatra, planetary positions etc. are all reckoned with respect to this initial point, and so any change in the initial point will change substantially all the above elements. As the naming of an ecliptic point will depend on the initial point from which the ecliptic arc is measured, so also forecastings will also depend on the chosen initial point. It is absurd to find mathematically which choice of initial point will make the forecastings correct. The whole matter is individualistic, *i.e.* depends on an individual's faith or belief; astronomy has no role to play here. From a believer's point of view, forecasting according to an astrological text of the VM school will hold true if the chosen initial point be the vernal equinox of 550 A.D., the period of VM, and similarly, if the text be of Brahmagupta school, the point should be the Revati point. But no astrological text has yet been found which makes any reference to the Chitra point. The Calendar Reform Committee has suggested a two-fold initial point, one a moving initial point which shall be considered next and the other, a fixed

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initial point, which is the Chitra point itself for computing ecliptic point, Nakshatras etc. Here also we fall back upon the original problem. Horoscopic Astrology rests on authority and is outside the scope of scientific reformation.

All major religious and socio-religious festivals throughout India are observed on specific *tithis* on specific lunar months of the luni-solar calendar. For this purpose, intercalary months (lunations void of *sankranti*) and expunged months (lunations overlapping two *sankrantis*) are considered unsuitable for all such festivals. We consider in brief the problems inherent to this system.

The locations of the *sankranti* points (*i.e.*, end-points of signs) are related to the initial point; hence there will be as many systems of *sankranti* points as there are chosen initial points. Thus, a lunation which may be overlapping in one system may not be so in another system resulting in a controversy over identification of expunged lunations. The Calendar Reform Committee has suggested a moving initial point *i.e.*, a point always 23° 15' east to the vernal equinox for purposes of computing expunged and intercalary months.

Under this scheme, we shall get a new set of *sankranti* points every year, the star-groups depicting a particular sign will vacate that sign, the computed Nakshatra of Moon will no longer be visibly correct, and thereby the very principle of Driksiddha will be violated.

When an overlapping lunation occurs, one lunation has to be expunged; there are at least five regional conventions as to which one is to be expunged and these conventions are based on local religious authorities. Bengal follows the Raghunandan school, and similarly, other regions follow their respective schools. These are concerned more with religious belief and faith than sentiment of national uniformity or scientific truth. Any reformation in this sphere can be done by religious leaders only, and not by scientific methods.

Any attempt by any institution to popularise science and to create scientific consciousness is always welcome. We have already discarded many of the dogmas of the Dharmasastras because of practical needs, broadening of outlook and changes in the style of living. From this experience we may hope that our practical needs will broaden our views further so as to overcome all these *sastraic* knots of expunged or intercalary months, time limitations of *tithis* etc. Consider one practical example. If we view our *pujas* more as seasonal cultural festivals than religious functions, we can at once overcome these *panchanga* disputes. If we agree to ceremonise Durga Puja as an autumnal cultural function we may reckon the new moon nearest to the autumnal equinox as Mahalaya irrespective of intercalary or expunged months. Such acceptance of the astronomical or ephemerical science may be left to this expected broadening of the outlook of the people. Let time take its own course.

The Almanac Unit has been publishing an Indian Ephemeris since its foundation, and the scope of this unit is limited to that extent only. It can do better service to the cause of promotion of calendrical science by publishing a condensed and cheaper edition of this ephemeris well within the access of anybody interested in the subject. Calculation of *panchanga* elements like auspicious times for religious rites are not ephemerical matters.—164.89.

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FOUR CONSTANT THOUGHTS FOR YOUR MIND

We should pack our conscious minds with thoughts that are useful in giving life the direction we want it to take. Sincere mental resolves that will go far in bringing mastery as you seek to control life are:

1. Your absolute refusal to be to be finally defeated by whatever adversity may come.

2. Your stubborn unwillingness to succumb to the temptation to be less than your best in everything.

3. Your declination to lose your temper regardless of the provocation.

4. Your complete rejection of a spirit of resentment and bitterness.

— John H. Crowe

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Combinations For Owning A House

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Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam
Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home"
—**John Howard Payne**

YES, there is no place like one's home. Everyone dreams and aspires for it. The question of having or not having one's own house and home does not appear to be in one's own hands. For many it remains a dream. While some are born with exquisitively furnished mansions like Swaraj Bhawan of Allahabad, some by sheer dint of luck occupy palace-like buildings like Rashtrapati Bhavan of Teen Murti house in New Delhi, or White House in Washington or Buckingham Palace in London. Some with God's Grace, succeed in building a house with their own resources; some have to take a loan to build their own house; and some though owning palaces have to live in far-off places, like Bahadur Shah Zafer. One's own *prarabdha* indicated by planetary positions gives, or destroys a hut or a mansion to live in.

Finding an answer to such a question as what kind of a house a person will live in, is the purpose of this paper.

Methodology

We are, in our investigation, making use of: (a) position of the 4th house and the 4th lord from Lagna and the Moon; (b) position of *Bhoomikaraka* Mars; (c) Navamsa position of the 4th lord in Lagna chart and Mars, and (d) the 4th house and the 4th lord, and Mars in *Chaturthamsa* - as suggested by Mr. K. N. Rao treating it as though it were a birth-horoscope.

In addition to the above, various *yogas* mentioned in classical astrological works will also be seen incidentally on the touch-stone of practical examples of (a) those who own a house, (b) those who live in palace-like mansions without owning them, (c) those who have owned but lose their houses, and (d) those who have built their houses, and (e) those who have built their houses by raising loans.

Those Who Own a House

The first case is that of Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru. The 4th house from Lagna and the Moon has Venus positioned in Libra, his own sign, along with the 3rd lord and the 12th lord Mercury, a benefic. He has Uttama Graha Yoga (Yoga No.187 given in DR. B. V. RAMAN'S *Three Hundred Important*

			RAHU
	1 RASI 14-11-1989 11-03 p.m. LMT		ASCDT. MOON
			SAT.
JUPIT. KETU	SUN	MERC. VENUS	MARS

MERC.	MARS		
RAHU ASCDT.	NAVAMSA		SUN SAT.
			KETU JUPIT.
VENUS MOON			

(Balance of Mercury Dasa at birth: 13 years, 7 months and 6 days.)

Combinations) as 4th lord Venus is with Mercury in a *kendra* (quadrant). This gave Nehru, first the Swaraj Bhavan to live in and later on, the Anand

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Bhavan. But Mercury did not allow him to enjoy his life in either of the two houses on account of other malefic effects on the 4th house and the 4th lord. In Navamsa, Venus is in Sagittarius in the 11th house. Mars is better placed in its *moolatrikona* in the 3rd house but aspected by 3rd and 12th lord Jupiter from the 7th house - *Padasthana* in Lagna chart.

In *Chaturthamsa* (considered independently) the 4th house is aspected by its own lord, the Moon, and 9th and 12th lord Jupiter. Mars as Lagna lord in Chaturthamsa aspects the 4th house from 9th house. No doubt, he could own a palace-like mansion Anand Bhavan but could not live happily in that mansion on account of heavy afflictions. See separating effect of Saturn on 4th lord Moon (in *Chaturthamsa*) and of Jupiter's aspect as 12th lord in 12th with Ketu, and of Lagna and 8th lord Mars from 9th on the 4th house.

KETU JUPIT.	ASCDT. MERC.		
	CHATUR-THAMSA		
MOON			
MARS	SAT. SUN	VENUS	RAHU

The second example (Chart 2) is of one of my friends who had to fight upto the Supreme Court to save his share in the ancestral property against his own father and his step-brothers. The 4th lord Mars is placed in its own sign Aries, along with debilitated Saturn (with cancellation of debilitation). The Lagna lord Saturn is the dispositor of the 8th lord Sun and of Mercury, 6th and 9th lord as also of Venus, the 5th and 10th lord.

Saturn aspects the 6th lord and 6th house also. This gives a clue to the litigation. The classical principle mentioned by Dr. B. V. Raman in his *How to Judge a Horoscope*, that lord of Lagna or the 7th joining Lagna or the 4th indicate possession of houses, is applicable. Mahadeva in his *Jataka Tatva* says that if the lords of the 4th and the 1st are in the 4th, the native should own a house all of a sudden. This is to be seen in this case. In Navamsa debilitated Mars is in the 12th but in *Subhakartari*.

MOON	SAT. MARS	JUPIT.	
KETU	2 RASI 23-01-1942 3.9 a.m.		
ASCDT. SUN MERC. VENUS			RAHU

SUN	KETU		JUPIT.
MOON	NAVAMSA		MARS
			ASCDT. VENUS
SAT.		RAHU	MERC.

Balance of Mercury Dasa at birth: 4 years, 5 months and 11 days.

In *Chaturthamsa*, lord of the 4th Saturn is in the 4th itself and *karaka* Mars is in 10th. Mars is the 2nd and 7th lord, debilitated and further dispositor of the 6th lord Jupiter.

	SUN	RAHU	
	CHATUR-THAMSA		MARS
SAT.			
MOON	KETU JUPIT.	ASCDT. VENUS MERC.	

The third example (Chart 3) is of another friend. He owns a mansion and is a multimillionaire. In Rasi, the 4th house is in Rahu-Ketu axis, the 4th lord is in the 6th with 2nd and 5th lord Mercury. Mars being retrograde in the 11th aspects the 4th as well as the 4th lord Sun. But does it explain the situation? Certainly not! In Navamsa, the Sun, 4th lord in Rasi, is exalted in the 3rd. Mars is in the 11th in Rahu-Ketu axis but also aspected by Venus.

MARS(R)		ASCDT. JUPIT.(R) SAT.(R)	MOON
KETU	3 RASI 8-11-1941 5.56 p.m.		
			RAHU
VENUS		SUN MERC.	

	SUN		VENUS KETU
ASCDT.	NAVAMSA		
SAT. MOON			
MARS RAHU	MERC.		JUPIT.

Balance of Rahu Dasa at birth: 12 years, 2 months and 19 days.

In *Chaturthamsa* 4th lord, the Sun, is in the 3rd in Cancer aspected by 9th and 10th lord Saturn from Lagna, the 4th house is aspected by the lord of the 11th and the 8th, Jupiter. Mars is with the Moon in the 5th aspected by exalted Venus. He does not live in that mansion on account of a new business started by him and his son and only visits that place occasionally.

VENUS		ASCDT. RAHU SAT.	
JUPIT.	CHATUR-THAMSA		SUN
	KETU	MERC.	MARS MOON

Those Who Live in Mansions Without Owning Them

A very good example of such a case is of Mr. Morarji Desai. Mercury, the 4th lord (Chart 4), is in the 8th with *Bhoomikaraka* Mars exalted and 5th lord Venus aspected by 10th lord Jupiter. In Navamsa, Mercury again is in the 8th in Rahu-

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Ketu axis and Mars is in the 3rd in Aquarius, both in inimical Navamsa.

			ASCDT.
RAHU SUN	4 RASI 29-02-1896 12.58 Noon LMT		JUPIT.(R)
VENUS MARS MERC.			MOON KETU
		SAT.(R)	

SUN		VENUS	SAT.(R)
MARS	NAVAMSA		MERC. KETU
RAHU			
ASCDT.	MOON		JUPIT.

Balance of Venus Dasa at birth: 2 years, 4 months and 6 days.

In *Chaturthamsa*, Jupiter, the 4th lord, is retrograde but is in inimical sign Libra. The 4th house is not aspected by Saturn(R). Mars, *Bhoomikaraka*, is exalted in the 5th, aspected by Chaturthamsa Lagna lord Mercury, 2nd and 9th lord Venus and 5th and 6th lord Saturn. Here again we may note the connection between the 4th lord Jupiter and the 10th house in Chaturthamsa.

		MOON RAHU	
	CHATUR-THAMSA		MERC. SAT.(R) VENUS
MARS			SUN
	KETU	JUPIT.(R)	ASCDT.

Should it mean that when the 4th and the 4th lord and *Bhoomikaraka* Mars are both comparatively well placed and well aspected in Chaturthamsa, a man may own and when only one of them is not so well placed or aspected specially when 4th lord is in *satru* Rasi, he may live in mansions and bungalows without owning them. I leave this question here to be tested by the learned readers.

The next case (Chart 5) is unusual. The native owns a mansion which has been let out to a bank and he is also living in very good accommodation allotted to him by the government. In the *Rasi*, the 4th lord Mars is in the 11th in Gemini with Lagna lord Sun and Ketu. Besides, the 4th house is occupied by the 5th and 8th lord Jupiter and aspected by the 7th and 11th lord Mercury, 10th and 3rd lord Venus, as well as 6th and 7th lord Saturn. In *Navamsa*, Mars is in the 7th in Libra, along with debilitated Lagna lord, the Sun. The great Parasara lays down a dictum that if the 10th house as counted from the Navamsa occupied by Atmakaraka planet (here Saturn) is occupied or aspected by a *shubha(s)* or benefics the native will possess immovable property. It applies here due to aspect of Venus.

	MOON	MERC. VENUS	MARS SUN KETU
SAT.	5 RASI 16-06-1939 9.52 hrs.		
			ASCDT.
RAHU	JUPIT.		

	ASCDT. MERC.		SAT.
JUPIT.	NAVAMSA		RAHU
KETU			
		MOON SUN MARS	VENUS

Balance of Venus Dasa at birth: 8 years, 3 months and 10 days.

In *Chaturthamsa*, Mars is the 4th lord and again in the 11th in Gemini along with Lagna lord, the Sun, but the 4th house is occupied by the 6th and 7th lord Saturn. The 7th is Padasthana and if its lord influences the 4th and 10th houses or their lord, it gives accommodation due to Rajyakrupa or Anugraha.

RAHU			SUN MARS
VENUS	CHATUR-THAMSA		
			ASCDT. JUPIT. MERC.
	SAT.	MOON	KETU

The sixth case (Chart 6) is again such a case where the native owns a house but is living in very good government accommodation. In his case the 4th lord is in the 4th with Mars, 3rd and 8th lord and the Moon 11th lord aspected by 5th and 6th lord Saturn (retrograde). In *Navamsa* the 4th lord Jupiter is in Scorpio in the 11th in Rahu-Ketu axis aspected by Mercury and Saturn.

SAT.(R)		KETU	
	6 RASI 13-10-1937 3.26 a.m.		
			VENUS
JUPIT. MARS MOON	RAHU		ASCDT. SUN MERC.

		MERC. KETU	
	NAVAMSA		
ASCDT			SUN MARS
VENUS MOON	JUPIT. RAHU		SAT.

Balance of Sun's Dasa at birth: 4 years, 11 months and 12 days.

In *Chaturthamsa*, the 4th lord Jupiter is in Virgo with 11th lord, the Moon, aspected by Saturn and Mars; the 4th is occupied by Lagna and 10th lord Mercury and aspected by 5th and 6th lord Saturn, 12th lord Sun and the 3rd and 8th lord

SAT.		RAHU VENUS	SUN MARS
	CHATUR-THAMSA		
MERC.	KETU		ASCDT. JUPIT. MOON

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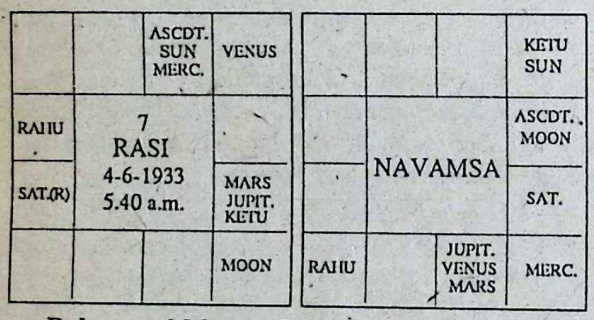
Mars. See the connection between the 4th, 7th and 10th lords again. Note also separating effect of the 6th lord Saturn, 12th lord Sun and Mars, 3rd and 8th lord. But also note exchange between Lagna lord Mercury in the 4th and 4th lord Jupiter in Lagna with 11th lord and aspect of Mars on 4th and 4th lord. This allowed him to own a house as well as to enjoy fruits of government allotted accommodation.

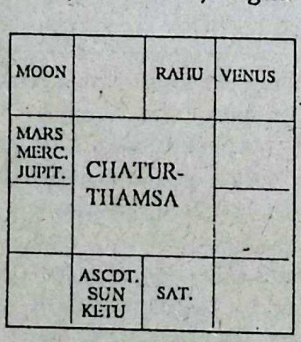
Those Who Owned But Lost Their Houses

An interesting case is of a native (Chart 7) who is a senior railway official who has lost his ancestral house and property on account of partition of the country. But even before that his other house was destroyed due to a bomb explosion at Rangoon. The 4th house is occupied by Mars, Jupiter and Ketu, all two of them representing Agnitatva in Leo Rasi, again an Agnitatva Rasi. However, the Sun, the 4th lord, is in Lagna with 2nd and 5th lord Mercury. In Navamsa, the Sun is in the 12th in Gemini and in Rahu-Ketu axis. Mars is in Libra in the 4th with Venus and Jupiter aspected by Saturn.



Balance of Moon's Dasa at birth: 1 year, 10 months and 19 days.

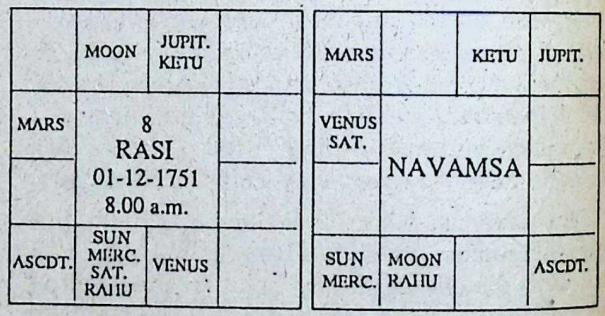
In *Chaturthamsa*, the 4th lord Saturn (R) is exalted but in the 12th house, and Mars, Lagna and 6th lord, is in the 4th along with 2nd and 5th lord Jupiter as well as 8th and 11th lord Mercury. See Mars though Lagna lord is dispositor of Ketu on one hand and 10th lord, the Sun, on the other. The 4th lord Saturn has given him a good house at New Delhi far off from his birth-place Rangoon.



One should not forget Mars and Jupiter both are involved in "Graha Yuddha" and this happens in both Rasi and Chaturthamsa charts in the 4th house. Significations of the house suffer in which "Graha Yuddha" takes place along with Karakatwa of the concerned planets. He lost his ancestral property in Rahu-Saturn period due to partition of the country.

Graha Nasa Yoga (191) is also present from Chandra Lagna. It requires that lord of the 4th should be in the 12th aspected by malefics. See the 4th lord Jupiter is in the 12th with Rahu-Ketu axis and that too with malefic Mars, 3rd and 8th lord.

For another kind of *Graha Nasa Yoga* (192) of *Three Hundred Important Combinations*, one may refer to the horoscope of Tipu Sultan given in *Notable Horoscopes*. If the lord of the Navamsa occupied by the lord of the 4th is disposed in the 12th, the person will lose all the house property. In his case (Chart 8) it proved to be a loss of not only of his house or palace or fort but also loss of Rajya as well as life in Saturn-Jupiter. The 4th lord, Jupiter, is in Gemini Navamsa and its lord is in the 12th in Rasi afflicted by Saturn and Rahu. In Jupiter-Saturn he lost both his life and kingdom. Satyacharya prescribes that from Dasa lord planetary relationship should be seen to ascertain the nature of results. From Jupiter, Saturn being placed in the 7th is *maraka*. *Maraka* theory applies in respect of significations of every house and every planet, it so appears. It may be tested by learned astrologers.



Balance of Venus Dasa at birth: 3 years, 4 months and 24 days.

In Tipu Sultan's case (Chart 8) the 4th lord Jupiter is in the 6th with Ketu in inimical Rasi and aspected by 2nd and 3rd lord Saturn, 7th and 10th lord Mercury, 9th lord Sun with Rahu. Mars in the 3rd is in *satru* (inimical) Rasi, Aquarius. In *Navamsa*, Jupiter is aspected by the Sun and Mercury as well as by Mars. In *Chaturthamsa*, considered independently, see the 4th lord Jupiter is in the 3rd aspected by the 3rd lord Mars, Sun and in Rahu-Ketu axis. Not only that it is aspected by Lagna 10th lord Mercury, Mars is in the 12th along with 5th and 6th lord Saturn. Saturn, no doubt, is

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	VENUS	MERC. SUN RAHU	
	CHATUR-THAMSA		
MOON			SAT. MARS
	KETU JUPIT.		ASCDT.

the 5th lord but in Leo, a *satru* Rasi along with another malefic lord of the 3rd and 8th. If one takes the 4th house in Chaturthamsa, he was running the Dasa of Jupiter who is lord of the 4th and the 7th. It should be seen that Jupiter was in Rahu-Ketu axis in the 12th from the 4th house aspected by Mars. Mars was also placed in the 12th in Chaturthamsa and was afflicted by Saturn. Applying the rule of Satyacharya, Saturn, no doubt, was aspecting his own house but could not save his kingdom and fort as Saturn was weak being placed in the 12th from Chaturthamsa in *satru* Rasi Leo. Note further that dispositor of Saturn and Mars both, the Sun, is also afflicted by Rahu-Ketu axis.

Those Who Took Loans to Build a House

One may refer to Chart 5. He purchased a single storeyed bungalow in Rahu-Ketu-Jupiter in November 1978. It may be seen that Rahu is aspected by Mars, the 4th lord. Ketu is with the 4th lord Mars and Jupiter is the dispositor of Rahu and placed in the 4th house. He raised some loan at that stage to buy it. It is explained by the aspect of the 6th lord Saturn on the 4th in Rasi chart. In Chaturthamsa the 6th lord Saturn is in the 4th in Scorpio and aspecting Jupiter. Saturn is aspected by Rahu and Mars, the 4th lord aspects Ketu in the 2nd. In Rahu-Venus it was let out. Apply Dasa on Chaturthamsa according to Satyacharya principle taking the position of Dasa lord as Lagna. Rahu though in the 8th in Chaturthamsa not only gave him a bungalow but also enabled him to convert the same into a multistoreyed mansion in Rahu-Sun by raising loans. The Sun is the 6th lord from Rahu. Mars as 2nd and 9th lord with the lord of the 6th (house of loans), the Sun is in the 4th house. Synthesis requires we take note of the Sun and Mars both in the 11th in Chaturthamsa, and of the Chaturthamsa Lagna which has the 5th and 8th lord Jupiter and the 2nd and 11th lord Mercury aspected by Saturn, lord of the 6th (house of loans) and the 7th house (of Pada) from the 4th. This position enabled him to shift to a government bungalow and that single storeyed building also helped him raise a loan. One must not forget the influence of Saturn on the 4th house in Rasi also. It is again the 6th and 7th lord.

In this respect, I am tempted to refer to the horoscope (Chart 9) of another friend who has *Vichitra Saudha Prakara Yoga* (See Yoga 188 in *Three Hundred Important Combinations* of DR. B. V. RAMAN) with slight modifications.

VENUS SAT. JUPIT. MERC.	SUN KETU		
ASCDT.	9 RASI 25/26-4-1939 2.40 a.m.		MOON
MARS		RAHU	

SAT.			
RAHU	NAVAMSA		SUN MOON
			KETU JUPIT.
	ASCDT. MARS MERC.		VENUS

Balance of Jupiter's Dasa at birth: 3 years, 11 months and 9 days.

If the lords of the 4th and the 10th are conjoined together with Saturn and Mars, the above Yoga is given rise to. Any person having such a Yoga acquires innumerable properties. In his case, the 4th lord Venus is in the 2nd house aspected by Mars, the 10th lord and is with Lagna and 12th lord Saturn, 2nd and 11th lord Jupiter, 5th and 8th lord Mercury. Mars is connected with this group by aspect. But he is in the process of at least having 2 houses in his own name and a 3rd house in the name of his son. A man of humble beginnings he is a Central Government official. Venus Dasa started on 5th April 1986. Venus is the 4th lord accompanied by Lagna lord Saturn. Venus is exalted in the 2nd. Mars is in the 11th in Sagittarius. In Navamsa, Mars is in Scorpio, its own house, and Venus is in the 11th but debilitated.

In Chaturthamsa, the 4th lord Venus is exalted with Jupiter, the 11th lord Mars no doubt is in the 8th but is aspected by Jupiter and exalted Venus. He sold his share in one of the ancestral properties in June 1986 in Venus-Venus-Venus. See Venus is the 4th lord placed in the 2nd in Rasi and Chaturthamsa. Immoveable property was converted to liquid property in the shape of cash with gain as Venus is placed in the 11th from the 4th. He took a loan in August 1988 for a flat. At that time, he was again running Venus-Venus but it was sub-sub-period of Jupiter/Rahu and Jupiter is aspecting the 6th in Chaturthamsa as well as Lagna. He had to raise loans further in June 1989 in connection

JUPIT. VENUS	RAHU		
ASCDT.	CHATUR-THAMSA		SUN MOON
SAT.		KETU	MARS MERC.

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with reconstruction of an old ancestral house in the sub-sub-period of Mercury.

Mercury is in the 2nd in Rasi and the 8th in Chaturthamsa with Mars. Exalted Venus in Lagna and Chaturthamsa is bringing money in exalted sums but in Navamsa, Venus is in debilitation. Hence, at the fag end of Venus-Venus he is in deep debts, though these were taken for building a house and a flat. See Mercury. In Lagna it is debilitated, in Navamsa it is in *satru* Rasi Scorpio with Mars. In Chaturthamsa Venus is exalted but Mercury is in the 8th. See also influence of Mars, *Bhoomikaraka* on all these planets in Lagna and Chaturthamsa. If one applies Satyacharya's rule, then Lagna and Chaturthamsa explain the loans taken in Venus-Venus in different sub-sub-periods.

Observations: I have made case study of over 50 cases. This leads me to the following observations:

(a) If the 4th house, 4th lord and Mars are all fortified in Lagna as well as Chaturthamsa, it gives one a very good house to own and to live in.

(b) If one of the 4th house, 4th lord or Mars be in Lagna and 2 of these are fortified in Chaturthamsa, one either owns or lives in a very good house.

(c) If only one of these three is well-placed and fortified, it may give one his own humble house or he lives in a humble house.

(d) A connection between the 4th and the 10th houses and their lords gives one a chance to live in an allotted house, on account of his work. If the 7th lord in Lagna in Chaturthamsa is involved, it gives good accommodation to live in on account of 'Pada'.

(e) Connection between 2nd house and 2nd lord and 6th house or 6th lord or planets posited therein make a person raise loans but for building a house it must have some connection with the 4th lord in Rasi and/or Chaturthamsa.

(f) The *Maraka* theory applies in respect of significations of the 4th house nay all houses as it applied to Lagna or the Moon-sign and the house is lost or destroyed or sold under compelling circumstances, if Dasa/Antardasa or Pratyantara of *maraka* planets operate.

(g) Satyacharya's rule to treat the sign of Dasa lord as Lagna in Lagna chart and Chaturthamsa, gives clearer results when applied to Chaturthamsa chart independently.

The readers must keep one thing in mind. These are observations only. To convert them into conclusions, one needs to observe them further, and must apply them on vast data. At the same time, I believe that these rules may give 70-80% correct results.—246.89.

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Life-Span — Vriddhakarika Method

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THE readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE are by now acquainted with the Kakshya Year method of the calculation of life-span innovated by the present scribe through the two articles in May and June, 1988. And the Vriddhakarika method of life-span is found dealt wisely in *Studies in Jaimini Astrology*. Methinks, the method has not been properly handled, later, for its practicable exposition. In this article a humble attempt is made to deal with the method clearly and appraise the truth of its results in comparison with that of the Kakshya Year method, with the help of a few horoscopic charts of the deceased natives.

I. Specific Requisites

(a) Diurnal duration or Nocturnal duration.
(b) Birth *ghatikas* from sunrise or sunset.
(c) Logitudes of Lagna lord and the 8th house lord.
(d) Longitudes of Legna and Hora Lagna.
(e) Longitude of the Moon.

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N.B. The calculations of the above requisites are not unknown to the readers. But I must confess here that the Hora Lagna known to the readers, as explained as the Parivrittidwaya method in my previous article (*A.M.*, May 1988) does not hold good here, since the longitude of the Hora Lagna should be used in the Vriddhakarika method of the calculation of life-span. I give below the most appropriate method of Hora Lagna (Savayavi)as dealt by Raghavabhatta, the best Sanskrit commentator of Jaimini.

Calculation of Hora Lagna

Find out diurnal duration (Ahapramanam in *ghatikas* etc.) or nocturnal duration (Ratripramanam in *ghatikas* etc.). For the day birth, divide D.D. (diurnal duration) by 12 and by the quotient thus obtained, divide the birth *ghatikas* from sunrise. Now the quotient + I will be the number to count directly from Janma Lagna if Janma Lagna is an odd sign. Count in reverse from Janma Lagna if Janma Lagna is an even sign, to get Hora Lagna. The remainder can be converted into degrees etc. which become the longitude ofHora Lagna. Use the sameprocedure for the night birth by the nocturnal duration and the birth *ghatikas* from sunset. The method can be better understood by the following formulae.

Step-1 $\frac{\text{D.D.or N.D.}}{12} = Q$

Step-2 $\frac{\text{B.G.R. or B.G.S}}{Q} = Q \text{ and } R$

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Step-3 N = Q1 + 1

Step-4 $\frac{30}{Q} \times R = L.H.L$

D.D. = Diurnal duration

N.D. = Nocturnal Duration

B.G.R = Birth *ghatikas* from sunrise

B.G.S = Birth *ghatikas* from sunset

Q = Quotient in the 1st step

Q1 = Quotient in the 2nd step

R = Remainder in the 2nd step.

In Step-4, the *vighatikas* of Q and R to get the longitude of Hora Lagna (L.H.L)

II. Vriddhakarika Method

Its Theory

Ascertain the term of life, whether short, middle or long by the following three factors, after judging Kakshya Hrasa and Kakshya Vriddhi.

1. Lagna lord and the 8th house lord
2. Lagna and Hora Lagna
3. Lagna and the Moon.

The term of life indicated by any of the three factors is full when the planets involved are in the 1st degree of the sign. If they are in the last degree, the term of life would be **nil** which means the validity of the previous term of life. For example, the middle life is indicated by any of the three factors. If planets involved are in the 1st degree of the signs, the middle life is decided. But if the planets involved are in the last degree of the signs, only short-life stands valid. Similarly, if the long life is indicated by any of the three factors the long life stands valid if the factors involved are in the 1st degree of the signs, but the middle life should be accepted if these planets are in the last degree of the signs, though long life is indicated. If the planets involved are in intermediary positions, the years of the ascertained term of life should be calculated by the rule of three. The term of short life is 33 years. The term of middle life is 66 years. the term of long life is above 66 years. There is a Vriddhakarika which states that one degree corresponds to 1 year, 1 month and 6 days. So 30 degrees of a sign correspond to 33 years. Using this convention the years can be calculated by the rule of three. Dr. B.V. Raman has used 1:1 in the formulae for calculating the life-span. There are two Vriddhakarikas which hold that Lagna lord and the 8th house lord and Lagna & Hora Lagna can be the factors in the calculation of the life-span. I hold the opinion that sometimes Lagna and the Moon also can be the factors involved, if the term of life is ascertained by Lagna and the Moon. But Dr. Raman, as an example, has used Lagna lord and the 8th house lord as the factors for the calculation of life-span. The following formulae may be used for the calculation of life-span:-

III. Formulae

1. Short life = 12 + (30-n) x 1.1
2. Middle life = a + (30-n) x 1.1
3. Long life = b + (30-n) x 1.1

n = Degree of Lagna lord
= Degrees of the 8th house lord
= Degrees of Lagna
= Degrees of Hora Lagna
= Degrees of the Moon

a = short life (33 years)

b = middle life (66 years).

IV. Application of the Formulae

1. Judge the term of life by the methods shown already in my previous articles using the K.V. and K.H.

2. Find out which of the three factors *viz.* Lagna lord and the 8th house lord, Lagna and Hora Lagna, Lagna and the Moon, indicate the term of life ascertained already.

3. Use those planets involved in the formula of the concerned term of life. Suppose the ascertained long life is indicated by Lagna and Hora Lagna. Then use the degrees of Lagna in the 3rd formula which gives the years of life-span by Lagna. Similarly use the degrees of Hora Lagna in the third formula which gives you the years of life-span by Hora Lagna. Now take the average of the two as the years of the life-span.

4. If the same term of life is indicated by (1) Lagna lord and the 8th house lord and Lagna and Hora Lagna, take the average of the life-span got by both the factors.

5. If the Moon is in Lagna or in the 7th house ascertain the term of life by Lagna and the Moon, using K.V. or K.H. Use any of the three factors which indicate the term of life ascertained, in the relevant formula of the term of life. The methods of calculation will be clear from the illustrated charts that follow.

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Case-1: K.V. Nagaraj: D.B. 5-10-1935 at 11-55 a.m. IST

Rasi: Birth Ascendant - Sagittarius 7 and Moon 14° and Rahu; Aquarius - Saturn; Gemini - Ketu; Leo - Venus; Virgo - Sun; Libra -Mercury and Jupiter; Scorpio - Mars, A.K. Jupiter 29 50.'

Diurnal Duration = Gh. 29-34

Birth *ghatikas* from sunrise = 14-35

Calculation of Hora Lagna:

$Q = \frac{29 - 34}{12} = 2\text{-}28$

$Q1 = \frac{14\text{-}35}{2\text{-}28} = 5, R=2\text{-}15$

$N = Q1 + 1 = 5 + 1 = 6$

The 6th sign from Sagittarius is Taurus which becomes Hora Lagna. Since the Moon is in Lagna, longevity is ascertained by Lagna and the Moon, which give middle life. Since the middle life is not indicated by the other two factors, the life-span should be calculated from Lagna and the Moon.

Middle life = 33 + (30-7) x 1.1 = 58.3

Middle life - 33 + (30-14) x 1.1. - 50.6

Average $= \frac{58.3 + 50.6}{2} = \frac{108.9}{2} = 54.4$

Hence the life-span comes to 54 years. The native expired on 7-3-1988 at the age of 53 years. Hence the method proved correct.

K.Y Method = 33 + 6 (Venus) + 6 (Jupiter) + 3 (Mercury) + 6 (Saturn) + 1 (Moon) - 2 (Rahu) = 53 years. Hence K.Y. method proved correct.

Case-2: Pandit Nehru: D.B. = 14-11-1889

Rasi: Birth Ascendant - Cancer 24° and Moon 17°; Leo - Saturn; Virgo -Mars; Libra - Mercury and Venus; Scorpio - Sun; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Rahu.

N.D. = 32 *ghatikas*, B.G.S.= gh. 14-10

$Q = \frac{32}{12} = 2\text{-}40 \quad Q1 = \frac{14 - 10}{2\text{-}40} = 5$

$N = Q1 + 1 = 5 + 1 = 6$. Therefore the 6th sign counted backwards from Cancer is Aquarius which becomes Hora Lagna. Since the Moon is in Lagna, the longvity should be ascertained by Lagna and the Moon, which give long life to the native. Since the long life is not indicated by the other two factors, the life-span should be calculated by Lagna and the Moon.

1. Long life = 66 = (30 - 24) x 1.1 = 72.6
2. Long life = 66 = (30 - 17) x 1.1 = 80.3

Average $= \frac{72.6 + 80.3}{2} = \frac{152.9}{2} = 76.4$

Therefore the life-span comes to 76 years. Nehru expired at the age of 75 years. According to K.Y. method, the life-span came to 75 years (May, 1988 *A.M.*) So both the methods proved correct.

Case-3: Tagore: D.B. 7-5-1861 at 2.51 a.m.

Rasi: Birth Ascendant - Pisces 5° and Moon 20°; Aries - Sun, Venus 23° and Mercury; Gemini - Mars and Ketu; Cancer - Jupiter 26°; Leo - Saturn; and Sagittarius - Rahu.

N.D. = 29 - 25, B.G.S. = 20 - 53

Therefoe Hora Lagan = Cancer.

Since the Moon is in Lagna, the longevity should be ascertained by Lagna and Moon, which indicate the middle life. Since the A.K. is Jupiter and is exalted, the middle life is raised to the long life. The long life is indicated by Lagna lord, Jupiter (26°) and the 8th house lord, Venus (23°). Since long life is not indicated by the other two factors, the life-span should be calculated by Lagna lord and the 8th house lord.

1. Long life = 66 + (30-26) x 1.1 = 70.4 years
2. Long life = 66 + (30-23) x 1.1 = 73.7 years

Average $= \frac{70.4 + 73.7}{2} = \frac{144.1}{2} = 72$ years

But Tagore died at the age of 80 years, but according to K.Y. method, Tagore's life-span is calculated to be 77 years (May 1988 *A.M.*) So. the K.Y. method is nearer to truth than the V.K. method in the case of Tagore.

Case-4: Indira Gandhi: D.B. 19-11-1917 at 11-12 p.m.

Rasi: Birth: Ascendant - Cancer 27°, Saturn 22°; Leo - Mars; Scorpio - Sun and Mercury; Sagittarius - Venus and Rahu; Capricorn - Moon 6°; Taurus - Jupiter; and Gemini - Ketu.

N.D. = gh. 33-15, B.G.S. = gh. 15-12

Hora Lagna = Aquarius

Long life is indicated by Lagna and the Moon, and Lagna lord, Moon and the 8th house lord, Saturn. Hence the life-span should be calculated by these two factors.

1. Longlife 66 + (30-27) x 1.1. = 69.3
   = 66 + (30-6) x 1.1. = 92.4

Average $= \frac{69.3 + 92.4}{2} = \frac{161.7}{2} = 80.6$ years

2. Long life = 66 + (30-6) x 1.1 = 92.4
   = 66 + (30-22) x 1.1 = 74.8

Average $= \frac{92.4 + 74.8}{2} = \frac{167.2}{2} = 83.1$

The life-span got by the average of the two factors

$= 80.6 + 83.1 = \frac{163.7}{2} = 81.3$

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Hence the life-span comes to 81 years. But Indira Gandhi died at the age of 67 years. But according to K.Y. method the life-span is calculated to be 66 years (*A.M.*, May 1988). Hence K.Y. method proved correct in the case of Indira Gandhi, while V.K. method failed.

Case-5: Mahatma Gandhi: D.B. 2-10-1869 at 7-45 a.m.

Rasi: Birth Ascendant - Libra, Mars 26 Mercury and Venus 24°; Scorpio - Saturn; Capricorn - Ketu; Aries - Jupiter 29 (A.K); Cancer - Rahu; Leo - Moon; and Virgo - Sun. D.D.= gh. 28-53. B.G.R.=4-27, Hora Lagna = Scorpio.

Middle life is indicated by Lagna and the Moon and Lagna and Hora Lagna. But Jupiter is A.K. and is in the 7th. Hence the middle life is increased to the long life. This long life is indicated by Lagna lord Venus and the 8th house lord, Mercury (From Hora Lagna, Scorpio. Since Venus becomes Lagna lord and the 8th house lord. Hence the long life should be calculated from Venus (24°) and Mercury (12°).

Long life = 66 + (30-24) x 1.1 = 72.6
= 66 + (30-12) x 1.1 = 85.8

Average = $\frac{72.6 + 85.8}{2} = \frac{158.4}{2}$ = 79 years

Gandhiji died at the age of 79 years. K.Y. method gave 78 years, which is nearer to the truth.

Case-6: Swami Vivekananda: D.B. = 12-1-1863 at 6-31 a.m. LMT

Rasi: Birth Ascendant - Sagittarius 26 - Sun; Capricorn - Mercury and Venus; Aries - Mars; Taurus - Ketu; Virgo - Moon 18° and Saturn; Libra -Jupiter; and Scorpio - Rahu. D.D. =29-30, B.G.R. = 0-22, Hora Lagna = Sagittarius 26°.

Middle life is ascertained by Lagna and Moon and Lagna and Hora Lagna.

1. By Lagna and Moon

Middle life = 33 + (30-26) x 1.1 = 37.4
= 33 + (30-18) x 1.1 = 45.2

Average = $\frac{37.4 + 45.2}{2} = \frac{82.6}{2}$ = 41.3

2. By Lagna and Hora Lagna

Middle life = 33 + (30-26) x 1.1 = 37.4
= 33 + (30-26) x 1.1 = 37.4

Average: 37.4

The life-span got by that of the average of the two factors = $\frac{41.3 + 37.4}{2} = \frac{78.7}{2}$ = 39.3

Therefore life-span = 39 years, and Vivekananda died at the age of 39 years. According to K.Y. method also, life-span is calculated to 39 years. Both the methods proved correct in this case.

Case-8: V.R. Sastry: D.B: 5-10-1909 at 11-15 p.m.

Rasi: Birth Ascendant - Gemini 2, Moon; Virgo - Jupiter and Sun; Libra - Venus 29 and Mercury; Scorpio - Ketu; and Pisces - Saturn and Mars. N.D. = 30-20, B.G.S. = 13-18, Hora Lagna = Scorpio 11°.

1. By Lagna lord and the 8th house lord—Short life
2. By Lagna and Moon—Middle life
3. By Lagna and Hora Lagna—Long life

Since the Moon is in Lagna, the middle life is ascertained by Lagna and the Moon. Atmakaraka Venus is in his *moolatrikona* and associated with the benefic Mercury and placed in the 5th from Lagna. Hence middle life is increased to the long life. The life-span should be calculated from Lagna (2°) and Hora Lagna (11°) since these factors indicate the long life.

1. Long life = 66 + (30-2) x 1.1 96.8
= 66 + (30-11) x 1.1 + 86.9

Average = $\frac{96.8 + 86.9}{2} = \frac{183.7}{2}$ = 91.3

The life-span comes to 91 years. But the native died at the age of 76 years (on 11-4-1985). Hence V.K. method failed in this case. K.Y. method = 66 + 6 (Moon +6) (Venus +3) (Mercury) +6 (Jupiter) -3 (Sun) -5 (Saturn) -3 (Mars) = 76 years. Hence K.Y. method proved correct.

Case-8: My father: D.B. 26-6-1877.

Rasi: Birth Ascendant - Taurus and Mercury; Gemini - Sun and Venus (26°); Leo - Ketu; Sagittarius - Jupiter (5°) and the Moon; Aquarius -Saturn, Mars and Rahu.

N.D. = 27-35, B.G.S=19-35, Hora Lagna = Virgo

Long life is indicated by the Lagna Moon and Lagna and Hora Lagna. But the long life is reduced to the middle life, due to Saturn the Yogakaraka in his *Moolatrikona* associated with the malefics, Mars and Rahu, besides being the lord of the 8th house of Hora Lagna. The ascertained middle life is indicated by Lagna lord Venus (26°) and the 8th house lord, Jupiter (5°).

Therefore Middle life = 33 + (30-26) x 1.1 = 37.4
= 33 + (30-5) x 1.1 + 60.5

Average = $\frac{97.9}{2}$ = 48.9 = 49 years

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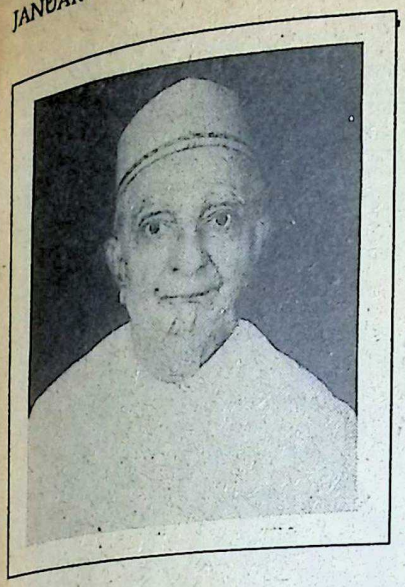

Eventful Years In One's Life — II*

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SINCE his articles "Searchlight an Navamsa" (*A.M.*, Annual 1986) mentioning "Fruitful Years in LIfe" based on one Navamsa, equal to one year of life (1 = 1 year), the scribe had continued further research on Navamsa which resulted in the full-fledged article "Eventful Year in One's Life" (*A.M.*, Annual 1989). During the current year the scribe had vigorously pursued further research on Navamsa during which he had come across more such methods of arriving at certain eventful years in one's life. The result is the present article.

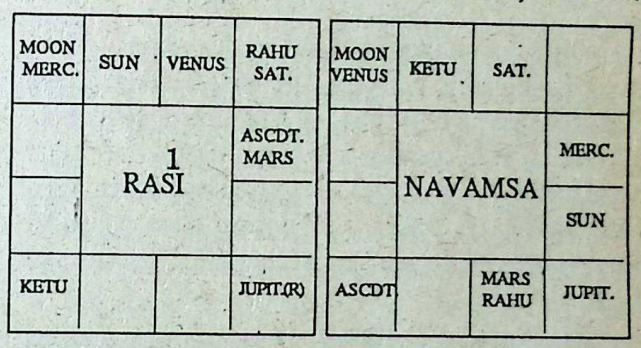
Till now, five different methods of reckoning the number of Navamsas have been found out.

The First Method: Reckon the number of Navamsas from the Navamsa occupied by various planets (including Rahu), upto the Navamsa occupied by the Ascendant, both inclusive. This method has been fully discussed in the above referred two articles.

(*Horasara*, Chap. XVII, vs. 88 1/2 and 91 1/2).

Example Horoscope

The horoscope of this scribe is a follows: Born 31-12-1915 at 7.44 p.m. (IST) at 23° 2'N, 72°39' E.



Rasi: The Sun 8-16-10; the Moon 6-12-13; Mercury 8-2513; Jupiter 10-29-29; Venus 9-13-14; Saturn 2-20-42 (R); Rahu 9-17-6; Ketu 3-17-6; and the Ascendant 3-8-53 with a balance of 10 years, 6 months and 3 days of Rahu Dasa.

For the sake of convenience, the same horoscope has been shown also in a composite circular chart. The outer circle of the disc indicates Navamsas, the third inner side shows constellations (Nakshatras) and the fifth inner circle indicates signs. Signs and Navamsas are marked numerically as Aries (1), Taurus (2), Gemini (3), Cancer (4), upto Pisces (12) in clockwise direction.

In the example horoscope the Ascendant is in Cancer sign and Virgo Navamsa (3° 8' 53') and this is indicated by an arrow in the circular chart at the proper place. Similarly natal positions of all the seven planets and Rahu and Ketu are marked with arrows in their respective Navamsas

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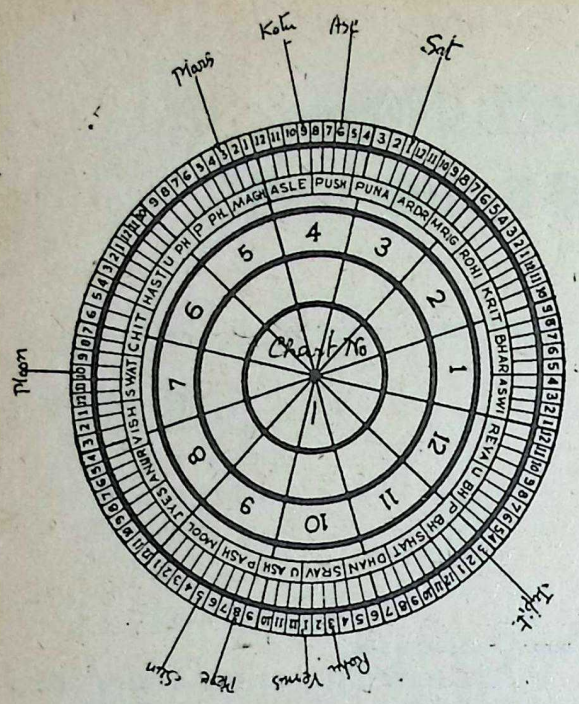


and signs as shown in the circular chart. This circular diagram, with all 108 Navamsas marked along the circumference, will be found very useful and convenient for making all kinds of prognostications. One can find immediately the sign, Nakshatra, its *pada*,. Navamsa sign position occupied by a planet in no time from the above diagram.

The Second Method: Learned men should reckon the number of Navamsas from the first *pada* of Aswini star upto the *pada* (Navamsa) occupied by each planet (including Rahu and Ketu), both inclusive. Good or bad events should be expected in the year indicated by the benefit or malefic planet. (A partial mention of this method is made in *Horasara* XVII, vs. 91 1/2 to 93 1/2.)

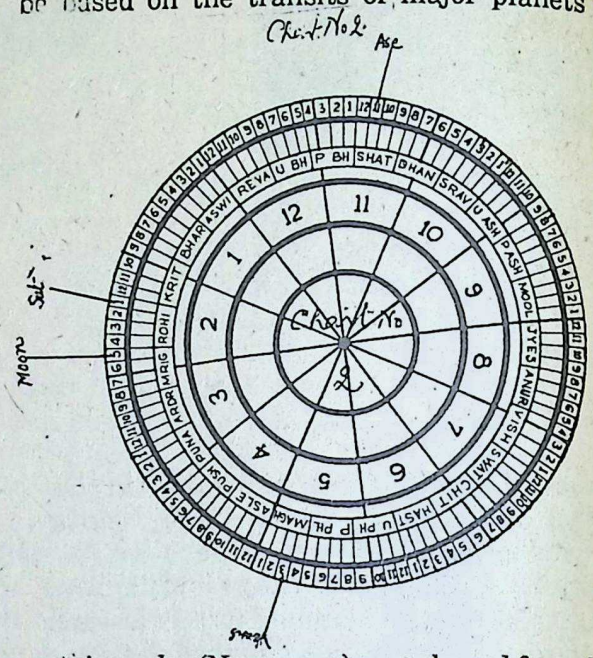
Let us look into the chart of Dr. B.V. Raman as shown in Budha Nadi (Ref: My Experiences in Astrology - XXVII, *A.M.*, April 1989 issue - pages 313 to 316.)

The study of this article gave me a great pleasure to go deep into the subject, because it deals with some secrets of Budha Nadi. The second method as explained earlier has been fully corroborated by Dr. Raman's article.

In the circular chart, the Ascendant is in the 95th *pada* from Aries 1st *pada;* so also the Moon is in the 17th *pada* and Venus in the 39th *pada*.

"The Nadi author further suggests that a planet in the 84th *pada* from Saturn's position and 97th *pada* from the Moon's, gives Balarishta.

"The mode of direction employed appears to be based on the transits of major planets in



certain *padas* (Navamsas) as reckoned from the *padas* in which the planets and the Lagna are situated."

To cite one more example let us look into the chart of our late prime minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi Mercury is 7-13-15 *i.e.*, in the 2nd *pada* of Anuradha star (Libra Navamsa in Scorpio sign) which is the 67th *pada* from Aswini's 1st *pada*. Date of birth is 19-11-1917 and date of demise is 31-10-1984. She breathed her last in the 67th year. May it be, because Mercury is the lord of the 12th house (exit from the world) and lord of the 3rd house *i.e.*, the 8th from the 8th house (house of death)?

The Third Method: Chandrakala Nadi, Part II, Vol.II, page 247, verse 4894 —

Sanou janmamsaparyantam pitrusoukhyam na vidyate

Meaning: Reckon the number of Navamsas from the Navamsa occupied by Saturn upto the Navamsa occupied by the Moon, both inclusive.

In the example Chart No.1:

Mars to the Moon 7 + (9 x 1) + 4 + 20th year
Ketu to the Moon 4 + (9 x 2) + 4 = 26th year
Ascendant to the Moon 7 + (9 x 2) + 4 + 29th year
and so on from Saturn, Jupiter, Rahu, Venus, Mercury and the Sun to the Moon.

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Foundations of an Integrated Personality

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IN *Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra*, the sage Parasara on his volition revealed to Lord Maitreya the secrets of *Sudarshan Chakra* which was originally told to him by Brahma himself for the welfare of the mankind. Often the *Sudarshan Chakra* is not directly applied by the astrologers in everyday mundane progonstications, though many discerning astrologers do take into consideration the placement of Sun and Moon in making general predictions. In fact, in revealing the psychological complexities of modern life, the *Sudarshan Chakra* can be of immense value. In this short article, an attempt will be made to indicate the use of this technique in unravelling the deeper layers of one's personality.

In Hindu metaphysics, the human individual is often considered as a trinity, the two extremes being *Universal Spirit,* the impersonal life essence, the one which is popularly called the *Atman*, which is beyond the limitations and restrictions of evolutionary impetus. In everyday life, this eternal or the permanent essence in man often strikes the note of conscience and gives to some individuals the special majesty and grace flowing from this basic nature of mankind which in spite of being universal in nature expresses in individualised life-particles as well. This aspect of one's life is one extreme of a human individual with all its subtlety and universal nature: *it does not accumulate any experience, but always radiates beneficence.* The direction in one's life, in its basic impulse, comes from this central spark in the individual. The other extreme in man is his personality or the physical being which is constituted of various chemical elements. The portion of one's personality which consists of face, hands, legs, body, etc., which can be touched, seen and photographed constitute the physical portion of one's existence. This physical body has its own volition as well as it is a vehicle of the other constituents of the human being. This physical component of the being is often described as the mansion in which the Being dwells. In between these two extremes, there is vast realm of psycho-spiritual-Divine forces which connects the two to give an integrated wholeness to the individual life. Once this integration is achieved, much of the life's battle is won and clarity of vision attained. Unless this unity or the integration is realised, the individual will be in sorrow. When in everyday life, one finds that his everyday circumstances, psychological motivations and the voice of the inner conscience are not harmoniously blended, it indicates that the three components of the being need careful synchronisation. With this awareness, the individual may have an understanding of the task before him in any one particular incarnation. This knowledge could be productive of much satisfaction and enlightenment to the individual.

In order to prepare the *Sudarshan Chakra,* it is advisable to draw three concentric circles

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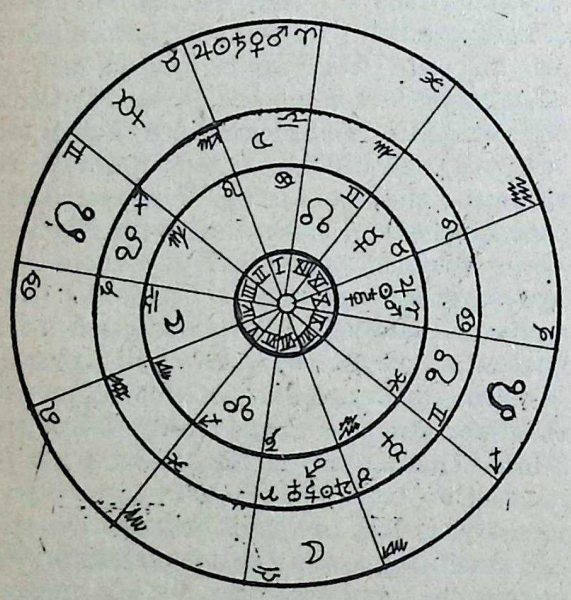
(actually one will be required to draw four concentric circumferences) each of these divided into twelve parts. Each sub-division will represent one house-division or a *bhava* of the horoscope. Thus there will be three house-divisions, one each in the concentric circles, which would represent the specific *bhava* of the person. These three house-divisions will be delineated in such a way that the Ascendant in the original chart represented the Ascendant noted on the innermost circle. The sign posited by the Moon will represent the Ascendant on the middle circle, and in that sign all the planets will be described in their respective zodiacal signs. Similarly, the sign posited by the Sun will represent the Ascendant on the outermost circle and other planets located as in the case of the Moon, that is, they will be described in their respective zodiacal signs. In this way, the entire planetary positions of Lord Buddha, as given by Dr. B.V. Raman in his *Notable Horoscopes* will appear as follows:

Chart - I



Planetary Positions: Sun 29° 3'; Moon 200° 45'; Mars 26° 54'; Mercury 53° 6'; Jupiter 11°; Venus 6° 12'; Saturn 24° 36'; Rahu 86° 54' and Ascendant 116° 45'. *Ayanamsa* - + 14° 16'.

Before venturing astrological predictions on the basis of this kind of triple representation of the planetary positions, it will be important to keep in mind a few basic astrological principles. As it has been mentioned earlier, the innermost circle will represent the physical conditions of the individual. If, say, the 5th house in this delineation is afflicted, that will indicate the physical state of the condition. Affliction existing even in the second or the middle circle in which case the Moon is in the Ascendant sign, it would signify the psychological repercussions of the physical affliction. The condition in the outermost circle as it existed in relation to the 5th house would indicate the creative impulses flowing to the individual from higher realms. Thus the middle circle could be viewed as the battleground of the forces flowing downward from the central Divine Impulse which in short could be called the Atmaic Impulses and the psychological-spiritual repercussions of the denial of the creative opportunities and fructification of the 5th Bhava. The practising astrologer will have to use his understanding and ingenuity in interpreting the various forces as they are evident from the triplicity of each *bhava* as evident from this method of horoscopic delineation. In dealing with the triplicity of the various house-divisions, there are however certain basic principles which could be kept in view. The first consideration relates to the nature of different signs of the zodiac which occupy these house-divisions. The astrological texts have already attributed the various elements to different zodiacs. Aries, Leo and Sagittarius are considered fiery signs, Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn earthy signs, Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are airy whilst Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces are watery signs. When the same house-division at different levels is occupied by disharmonious signs, the result will inevitably be disturbing. Fiery Capricorn at the physical level, watery Cancer at the psycho-spiritual middle level, and airy Gemini at the Atmaic level will not produce a well-integrated expression of the particular *bhava:* there could be turmoil at the physical level, unperturbed and cool-headed reaction at the middle emotional or psycho-mental bridge whilst deep down in the individual's heart there could be great upsurge for intense activity. The forces operating at the three different levels of the being in relation to the specific *bhava* would be so much conflicting that peace would be denied there. On the same principle, when the three zodiacal signs are well blended, the result pertaining to that specific *bhava* could be heartening.

Furthermore, the three attributes namely *Rajas* (activity), *Tamas* (inertia or sloth), and

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Sattwa (harmony or pristine nature) are basic in Hindu metaphysics which underlie almost every activity and every operation in this world also influence the different zodiacs. The first four zodiacs namely Aries, Taurus, Gemini and Cancer are under the sway of *Rajas* or activity principle, whilst the next four namely Leo, Virgo, Libra and Scorpio are governed by *Tamas* or sloth attribute, whilst Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces are related to *Sattwa* the essential or the pristine nature of the being. At this stage of consideration, it would be helpful to incorporate the relationship between different Nakshatras or the lunar mansions. Each set of four zodiacs under the major influence of the basic impulses or the *Gunas* consists of nine Nakshatras, the first three of these are under the secondary influence of *Rajas*, the next three under *Tamas* and the last three under *Sattwa*. Again, at the tertiary level, these three *Nakshatras* will be under the sway of *Rajas, Tamas,* and *Sattwa* respectively. All the defferent zodiacs throughout their expansion will not therefore have the same basic impulses or *Gunas* operating at the secondary and tertiary levels. At these levels, it will be necessary to take the degrees of the Ascendant, the Moon and the Sun into account for assessing the impact of various impulses. While dealing with different house divisions, this study becomes a little complicated but with a little familiarisation of extension of different *bhavas* occupied by different zodiacs, the predictive methodology could be easily grasped.

While on the topic of the nature of harmony existing in different house-divisions, it will perhaps be important to take note of primary motivations of the different zodiacs in these *bhavas*. In this connection, one needs to recapitulate that *artha* (purposeful motivation), *kama* (passionate involvement), *dharma* (religion or the righteous cohesion) and *moksha* (liberation) are given much importance in Indian metaphysics and they motivate all actions. The table alongside shows the sway of these basic motivations of different *Nakshatras*.

For a clearer understanding of the nature of different *bhavas* at the three levels mentioned above, it will be necessary to synchronise the different lunar mansions and the different signs of the zodiac and then evaluate the impact of elements, basic impulses (*Gunas*) and the primary motivational forces influencing the various *bhavas*, specially the Ascendant at the three levels and assess their harmonious blending in order to find out the integration of the life-force operating at these three levels.

Categorisation of Lunar Asterisms into Four Primary Motivational Impulses

Dharma	*Artha*	*Kama*	*Moksha*
Aswini	Bharani	Krittika	Rohini
Pushya	Punarvasu	Aridra	Mrigasira
Aslesha	Makha	P.Phalguni	U.Phalguni
Visakha	Swati	Chitta	Hasta
Anuradha	Jyeshta	Moola	P.Ashadha
Dhanishta	Sravana	(Abhijit)	U.Ashadha
Satabisha	P.Bhadra	U.Bhadra	Revati

The next stage involves the assessment of the quality of the Moon and the Sun along with the Ascendant at the innermost circle. The results of different zodiacal signs in the Ascendant are well known. (Chapter XVIII, Results of Ascending Signs, in DR B.V. RAMAN's *Hindu Predictive Astrology* could give the necessary information on the subject very succinctly.) It is very important to consider the Ascendant sign very carefully. If the reader wishes to have extensive knowledge of the life of the individual in its various depths, he could find several very helpful books presenting the theme very expertly. On this knowledge, he will be required to superimpose the knowledge about the radiation of the Moon described in the middle circle and affecting the psycho-spiritual bridge of the individual. The Moon in Aries will make the psyche of the individual disturbed, always wanting change, never satisfied and never accepting the advice of others. Unless the individual experiences the repercussions himself, his life cannot be moulded on the advice of others coming from the physical level or even from his own Atmaic mentor at the outer circle. In Taurus, the individual becomes extremely receptive to others; he wants to remain in whatever situation he is placed. He is always careful about the feelings and reactions of others which accentuates the sensitivity

In Gemini, the Moon activates the psyche towards finding a base for its own foundation. In ideas and opinions of others which agree with its own experiences, or in association with those thought currents which make the individual a little parochial, the individual payche will feel

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restful and harmonised. When the Moon is in Cancer, the psychic bridge of the individual is oriented towards the impulses coming through it from the higher sources. Many a time, the individual may not understand what messages are flowing through his mind but he will be receptive to those messages and will like to express them in the physical levels of existence. In Leo, the Moon at the middle level will pine for the understanding of the premonitions, urges and messages and when received, it will endeavour to mould itself accordingly: at this level, the psyche under the influence of the Moon will be likely to be influenced more by the higher forces than by the attractions and influences of the lower planes of existence. In Virgo, the Moon makes the psyche susceptible to the influences of earthly life and involvements in pleasures derived from sensual gratification. It will be almost shut from the admonitions of the higher plane. Even in Libra, the Moon will induce greater movement towards pleasures of life: at this stage, the psyche will struggle to have increasingly more and more intense experience of worldly pleasures. It becomes incapable of learning spiritualising lessons from the earthly experiences. The *Tamasic* proclivities will be greatly accentuated. The desire to move in the realm of psychic experiences, delving in psychic phenomena, and such forbidden pleasures which destroy the susceptibilities of the individual to higher realm impulses will be heightened under the lunar situation in Scorpio. With the Moon's placement in Sagittarius, the attraction towards pristine existence, the desire for closer association with higher influences will be greatly pronounced. In Capricorn the Moon could restructure the psyche in such a way that the individual could without much remorse sacrifice his worldly pleasures for gaining higher experiences. In Aquarius, the Moon will impart an unusual understanding and restructure the psyche in such a manner that the individual may seem listless, lost to the ideas and visions of an imaginary character. At this stage, the psychic bridge is open more to the influences of the higher impulses. When the Moon is situated in Pisces at the middle circle, it enables the psyche of the person to acquire great tranquillity where every single ripple or vibration at the higher realm could be clearly registered. Given the favourable physical level conditions, the bridge between the highest level of one's existence and the physical level of activities could be effectively established. In considering the various influences of the Moon in different zodiacal signs in the middle circle, the centre of attention for prognostic purposes should be at the fluid condition of human consciousness which is perenially affected by numerous physical and non-physical influences. The Moon's position in different signs will indicate how this stream of consciousness in its immense depth and extension is structured so as to guide the course of human behaviour.

The Sun is the most powerful planet in a horoscope. On its disposition depends much of the progress and welfare of the individual. In the present approach to prognostication, the importance of the Sun is special in the sense that it always *attempts* to direct the individual to his destiny. Sometimes the middle principle or the bridge whose main function is to transmit this message, to carry the message, sometime completely distorts the message. It also happens that the central planet guiding the destiny of the individual takes him to such a course of action that the seeming retrograde situations ultimately enable him to proceed faster towards the goal. It is therefore very necessary that the role of the Sun in an individual's life is properly comprehended in order to rightly assess the significance of different aspects of his life-events. If the Sun in the first house in the outer circle is posited in Aries, it will always radiate powerful impulses impelling the individual towards his goal of self-knowledge. The message will be invincible: if the lower levels of existence is unharmoniously situated there could be violent storms but the solar impulse must reach the individual and his life significantly reorganised accordingly. The zodiacal-mix of the three circles will only indicate the difficulties or helpfulness of the intervening forces. the Sun in Taurus, the tremendous voice indicating the fruitlessness of sensual involvements will much impress the middle circle, and in case the Moon is not well attuned to this message, the individual will have to be prepared for some stress and strain. In Gemini, the Sun will send its message in intelligent language so that the mind-principle of the individual is activated and he begins to see the wisdom and reasonableness of what the soul of the individual wants him to follow. In Cancer,

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the Sun's message will be to understand one's worldly obligations but not to get immersed in it. Destroy your individual affiliations without the world realising that you are neglecting your social obligations. In Leo, the Sun will make the individual extremely self-centred: the message is that 'You are the God'. In case the individual could rightly, in all his humility which can happen if the middle bridge is well adapted to this esoteric wisdom, could comprehend the message it will lead him to all glory, otherwise the strain of the impulse may be unbearable often leading to nervous breakdown. When the Sun is in Virgo and that happens to synchronise with the Ascendant, the individual will be capable of getting mysterious knowledge of the universal spirit pervading every event of life. It will demand that the individual gives up all his sense of personal self. In Libra, the Sun will send a very disturbing message. The individual will be surrounded by undesirable situations and the individual will feel that he is missing something precious in life which he is unable to comprehend. A kind of veil of ignorance, a shadow of illusion will intensify around him and his soul will weep at the core of his being and he will not know wherefrom that sorrowful voice is coming. In Scorpio, the Sun will send the message of universal truths which it will vaguely let the individual know tempting him to search for these but his physical and psychic bridge may determine where he could understand and follow it. When Sagittarius is the zodiacal sign in which the Sun in placed, it will enable the individual to draw upon the experiences of his past proclivities which would easily enable him to listen to the voice of his conscience. There will be an innate understanding that the voice of the conscience has strength and its own rationale which must be listened to and respected. In Capricorn, the Sun will have difficulties in making his message heard and appreciated by the individual. The voice will demand very high level of morality and sacrifice which may seem difficult to follow unless the individual has been prepared for it for the last several lives. When the personal vanity of the individual is not permitted to blossom, the individual at the physical level may feel his life disintegrating but in this dissolution there will be the germ for fresh realignments of a permanent character. In Aquarius, the demand of the Sun will be very exacting: it will require the individual to give up everything that belongs to his personal self and thus completely identify himself with the universal spirit. Whether he could fulfil the challenge and meet the demand or not would depend upon the disposition of the conditions and the forces generated at the middle level and the physical level of his being. When the Sun is in Pisces and it occupies the Ascendant in the outer circle, there will be the inner urge of complete dedication to the Supreme and full surrender of all personal considerations at the altar of the Universal Spirit. In case the individual is able to adjust and arrange his personal life to obey this inner compulsion, there could be peace and harmony in his life. He will feel his destiny fulfilled.

On the lines indicated above, it could even be helpful if the disposition of all planets at all the three levels is properly delineated, but even in the absence of such detailed evaluation, it may be possible for oneself to get a glimpse of one's wider life's perspective. That is why Sage Parasara emphasised the importance of the *Sudarshan Chakra*. The method of drawing conclusions can very briefly be indicated on the basis of *Chart I* given earlier. This chart as indicated above pertains to Gautam Buddha as given by Dr. B.V.Raman which illustrates some of the suggestions made above. In this case, the Ascendant in the innermost circle representing the physical life pertains to the zodiacal sign Cancer. The life-force operating at his physical level symbolised by Cancer shows immense possibilities of extension and development of sympathetic sensibilities. Cancer-born persons would be found to play the role of the vehicle and as such these persons will surrender themselves to the circumstances and let the events mould them. Further, Cancer is capable of reflecting the highest glory of God, of achieving and assuming the noblest form of divine manifestation, and of sacrificing every form of personal egotism at the altar of the higher triad, yet it is a fully individualized sign with full awareness of what it does. In this way, on the physical plane Guatam Budha was well equipped to undertake serious penance for fulfilling his mission if such a need arose. The Moon was in Libra which created much trial. At the middle or the *Kamamanasic* level he was confronted with every kind of psychological obstacles. Even during the last

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hours of his final trial before he could attain final enlightenment or *Nirvana,* he had to wage a war against *Mara* which represented the past physical proclivities, including attachment to the *form* of his wife Yashodhara. But the inner voice represented by the outer circle was invincible. The exalted Sun itself could not be resisted by any other force but in the present case it was supported by Mars in its own sign providing enormous courage and strength to the voice of the higher principle. Jupiter in a friendly house gave much spiritual support and purity of intention. Venus providing sensibility and sensiti- vity and rulership of the Moon-sign at the middle level contributed its own might to the Sun. Saturn, the planet of *Nirvana,* is not less significant in this position. Thus the highest principle in the case of Gautam Buddha was very powerful becoming almost irresistible. The difficulties raised by the middle principle or the middle psychic bridge were overcome and made to ope- rate as a bridge between the highest impulse and the physical level of existence; thanks to the placement of Venus. The 10th house is also very significant in the present case. His purpose of birth was the very fulfilment of his higher principle as the Sun was in his 10th house. The10th sign from his Ascendant in the outer circle was Capricorn signifying the universalisation of his life-essence. The three zodiacal signs in the Ascendant trinity represented by Cancer, Libra and Aries are all angles from one another: Libra moreover was the 4th from Cancer whilst Libra was the 7th from the sign of the higher principle thus enabling it to reflect the impulse generated at that level very effectively and adequately. There are many other significant relationships in this chart which we would not discuss presently. In case the readers so desire and the Editor so permits, we may at a later stage take numerous examples to show how this approach can be revealing even in ordinary individuals on the basis of which they could reorient their life's conditions in order to reach their goals and reduce the everyday problems of their daily struggle. Here we merely wish to emphasise that there is much in the application of *Sudarshan Chakra* approach in prognosticating conditions of inner life of the person on the basis of which knowledge one could possibly effectively integrate various principles of one's life. —184.89.

LIFE-SPAN—VRIDDHAKARIKA METHOD

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My father breathed his last on 29th October 1927 in his 50th year. K.Y. method gives 51 years. Both the methods are nearer to the truth.

Case-9: D.B: 10-11-1936 at 11-58 a.m.

Rasi: Birth Ascendant - Capricorn; Aquarius - Saturn (22°), Gemini - Ketu; Virgo - Moon and Mars; Libra - Sun 25° and Mercury; Scorpio - Venus; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Rahu. D.D = 28=22, B.G.R.= 14-06, Hora Lagna = Leo 28°.

Middle life is indicated by Lagna lord Saturn (22°) and the 8th house lord, Sun (25°) and by Lagna (17°) and Hora Lagna (28°)

1. Middle life = 33 + (30-22) x 1.1 = 41.8
   = 33 + (30-25) x 1.1 = 38.5
   Average = $\frac{80.3}{2}$ = 40.1 years

2. Middle life = 33 + (30-17) X 1.1 = 47.3
   = 33 + (30-28) x 1.1 = 35.2
   Average = $\frac{82.5}{2}$ = 41.2

Life-span by the average of the two factors $\frac{40.1 + 41.2}{2} = \frac{81.3}{2}$ = 40.6 = 41 years

The native expired on 21-5-1978 at the age of 42 years.

K.Y. = 33 - 6 (Waning Moon) -2 (Mars) +6 (Venus) + 6 (Jupiter) = 41 years.

Both the methods proved correct.

V. Conclusion

Methods based on the fundamental tenets of Parasari of judging the longevity by Amsa, Pinda, Kala Chakra and Ashtakavarga etc., have been spelled out by the doyens right from Varaha, although his predecessors had doubted the validity and brevity of some Ayurdaya systems. Experience tells us that these methods of calculating the life-span hardly yield even 50% of correct results. But Jaimini system, as far as longevity is concerned, in particular, is unique and *par excellence.* There are no differences of opinion among scholars of Hindu Astrology, about the authenticity and dependability of Jaimini school of thought in the matter of longivity determination. From the illustrated charts of the deceased we have just studied, we can conclude that 80-100 percent accurate results of the life-span can be obtained by the straight application of Jaimini principles.—227.89.

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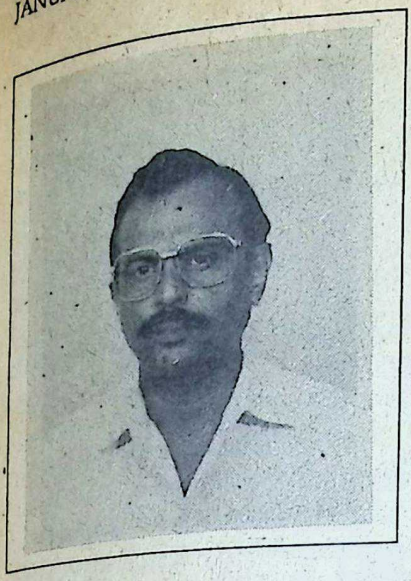

Epoch Making Conjunctions

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IN Modern Astrology conjunctions of major planets are always very important because major events of historical significance take place immediately thereafter. My research in this field has made me believe that not only these conjunctions bring in their wake important events but the periods between the two conjunctions at times mark important phases of the country's history. This paper attempts to examine precisely this aspect of these conjunctions.

As you all know Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are treated as major planets in Indian Astrology as well in the astrological studies made by other nations. In recent times three more transsaturnine planets have been located and astrologers all over the world are attempting to assimilate these planets in the astrological family. In India from time immemorial these planets have always been studied against the back drop of the Nakshatras, as if these Nakshatras infuse in them some additional qualities and thus change their mode of operation. Considering this very important part of Indian Astrology, this paper examines various conjunctions as per the Nirayana longitudes following Lahiri's Ayanamsas. Examining these conjunctions with their Sayana longitudes deprive us of the very important tool of examination, namely, the strength or weaknesses that the back drop of Nakshatras are bringing to them.

My mind was attracted towards this aspect of the study principally because the sign Capricorn which is treated as India's Rasi really does not explain the profound philosophy, culture, high values, tolerance and deep mysticism, as also the sign Aries, which Western astrologers have accepted as the sign of England does not really explain the national characteristics of that country. The proverbial John Bull should appropriately come under the sign Taurus. Certain basic characteristics of that nation are better described by Taurus. Their empire-building activity, their reserve, conservatism are all better explained by Taurus than by Aries. In my readings and in my studies I always felt that certain major phases in the history of the country are explained by recurring conjunctions of certain major planets either in the same sign or in the same triplicity, and when these conjunctions change the triplicity then a marked change in the nation's life is witnessed. Certain historical peculiarities have always attracted my attention and I have tried to trace the astrological causative factors for peculiar expression of the destiny. For instance, during the century 662 B.C. and 563 B.C.

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a number of towering personalities were born in various countries and they became founders of many great religions of today, Hinduism barring, because it is not a man-made religion. It is 'Apaurusheya'. It is the evolution of the human mind as a distinct rational being. This is the reason why what is not there in Hinduism does not exist at all for human being and what is there elsewhere was already incorporated in Hinduism. It is the product of civilisation which has no parallel. It is the expression of the best that the human mind could ever produce.

During the century indicated above Zoroaster, Lord Buddha, Mahavira, Lao-Tse and Kung Fu Tsu were born. They were the founders of Zoroastrianism; Buddhism, Jainism, Taoism and the religion of Confucius. Another peculiar sequence that has come to my notice is that since then every 600 years a great founder of religion came to be born on this earth till 600 A.D. If we take A.D. as starting from the birth of Christ then he came to the earth 600 years after Buddha and Mohammed Paigamber came 600 years from then. Could this be the expression of the Super Power's promise "Sambhavami Yuge Yuge"?

Planetary Conjunctions: Peculiarities of Recurrence and General Effects

Mars-Saturn Conjunction

Mars transits a sign on an average of one and half months, but when he retrogrades he remains stationary in a sign for quite some time ranging from five to seven-eight months. These long periods of retrogression are very important. Major events happen close on the heels of these retrogressions. The events herald epochs when they are coincided by conjunctions of major planets, many times Mars also is involved in these conjunctions. For instance, Mars was retrograde in Gemini between September 1960 and April 1961. At the same time Jupiter and Saturn were transiting Sagittarius. Close to this cosmic event the tempo of Goa liberation was gaining monentum. By the time Goa was liberated, India had to face the aggression of China. Destiny builders of the country, who were playing the game of Ostrich, were shaken to the core. The humiliation of Chinese aggression unleashed the potentials of this great nation. The aggression proved a blessing in disguise. India awoke to the realities of survival. Thus started a new epoch. India became slowly but surely a power to be reckoned with. Subsequent history is proof enough. Did this happen merely due to the retrogression of Mars? Mars gets retrograde every two years, epochs don't start with that frequency. In February 1961 Jupiter and Saturn conjuncted in Capricorn in Uttarashadha Nakshatra ruled by the Sun.

Mars became retrograde in Leo between October 1964 and June 1965 and Indo-Pak war flared up in 1965. Saturn was transiting in opposition to Mars at this time. However, significantly there was another cosmic event taking place at more or less the same time. Three major volatile planets were in one another's close proximity in Leo. They were Mars, Uranus and Pluto. Mars conjuncted with Uranus in the 17th degree of Leo, proceeded further to conjunct Pluto in the 20th degree in the same sign and finally opposed Saturn in the 22nd degree from Leo. This cosmic confrontation was squared by Jupiter and Rahu from Taurus. Mars, Uranus and Pluto were in Poorvaphalguni Nakshatra and Saturn in Poorvabhadrapada Nakshatra.

Mars became stationary in Libra between January and August 1967. In November 1965 Uranus-Pluto conjuncted in Leo 24th degree and in January 1966 Prime Minister Shastri died in Tashkant. Around 21st February 1966 Saturn-Mars conjuncted in 22nd degree of Aquarius. At the same time Uranus-Pluto were in near about the 24th degree of Leo. Mrs. Indira Gandhi became Prime Minister and Dr. Bhabha died in a plane accident. It is ironic that the same plane was traced only recently after Mars became stationary in Pisces and after Saturn and Uranus conjuncted in Sagittarius in Moola Nakshatra. Uranus by then had come to the triangular sign Sagittarius. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's regime started acceleration of a phase in the political life of India, whose origin was in the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of February 1961 in the 2nd degree of Capricorn in Uttarashadha Nakshatra.

Mars became stationary between April and October 1971. On 9th June 1971 he conjuncted Rahu, in February 1971 Jupiter and Neptune conjuncted in Scorpio 9° 19' (Anuradha), and

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again in 8° 17' on 22nd June 1971. Between these two conjunctions Mrs. Gandhi had won the mid-term elections and became Prime Minister. Jupiter-Neptune conjuncted once again in Scorpio 7° 9'. After the stationary period when Mars came close to the opposition point of these conjunctions in Aquarius 5th degree the Indo-Pak war clouds started gathering in November. On 27th November Saturn-Neptune opposition took place in Taurus-Scorpio in 9° 25' and on 4th December Mars-Jupiter square took place across Aquarius-Scorpio in 22° 34' and the war started on 3rd December. The victory for India in this war was decisive. What started from Jupiter-Saturn conjunction in Uttarashadha Nakshatra culminated at this stage.

Mars became retrograde in Gemini between October 1975 and May 1976. Just before this stationary period of Mars, Mars-Jupiter conjuncted in Pisces on June 15 and 16 and this conjunction was squared by Saturn from 25°. In the same month Emergency was declared.

Mars became retrograde in Libra between January and August 1984, conjuncted Saturn in Visakha (Libra 22°). Jupiter conjuncted Neptune in Moola (Sagittarius 6°) in January 1984. In October 1984 Mars conjuncted Jupiter 12th degree Sagittarius. Mrs. Gandhi was assassinated in October and, in December, the Bhopal gas tragedy took place.

Mars retrogrades every two years, so also Mars-Saturn conjunction takes place every two years. Each conjunction takes place 24° 30' ahead of the earlier conjunction. Normally, therefore, successive conjunctions take place in the successive signs. But after every 58 years there is a chance of the conjunction taking place in the same sign. The conjunction can take place in the same degree of the same sign only after 265 years. It would, therefore, be very interesting to see whether there is some pattern of historical developments taking place in the period of two conjunctions in the same sign and whether there is any similarity in the period of two conjunctions taking place in the same degree of the same sign after 265 years. Before we venture into this study with reference to the history of India, let us see whether we find certain peculiarities or repetitions in the planetary patterns we have so far examined. An analytical study of the positions we have so far studied would reveal the following patter:

Sign of Mars

Retrogression	Nakshatra	Lord	Degrees involved
Gemini	Punarvasu	Jupiter	23°
Leo	Poorva-phalguni	Venus	24°
	Uttara-phalguni	Sun	18°, 19°, 21°, 25°, 26°
Libra	Visakha	Jupiter	22°
Scorpio	Anuradha	Saturn	7°, 8°, 9°
Sagittarius	Moola	Ketu	6°, 11°, 12°
	Uttar-ashadha	Sun	26°
Capricorn	Dhanishta	Mars	2°, 24°
Aquarius*	Poorvabhadra	Jupiter	24°
Pisces*	Revati	Mercury	23°

*= Signs where Mars was not retrograde but was involved in major aspects.

It will be seen from the above that in all the events Mars was retrograde only in Gemini, Leo, Libra and Scorpio. In Gemini and Libra he was found retrograde twice. All the events we have examined so far were painful and bloody. We have to examine so many other factors. After their examination only some definite pattern would emerge.

Events which took place in 1984 would remain in the minds of our people for a very long time. Mrs. Gandhi's death and the Bhopal tragedy cannot be forgotten so easily. The Mars-Saturn conjunction took place in Libra 17°, but the events took place in October and December when Mars and Saturn squared each other from Capricorn and Libra in 24° and 28°. Mrs. Gandhi's murder was the direct consequence of Operation Blue Star of June 1984, but the Khalistan movement had already been hotting up since the beginning of the 1980s. Let us see, therefore, what happened 58 years back when Mars and Saturn met in Libra. Mars-Saturn conjunction took place in December 1925 in Libra 28°. In September 1925, the All India Congress Committee's two wings were separated. One was to look after the Khadi programme and the other comprising of Swarajist members was to handle political programmes. the Swarajists and the Nationalists started demanding that Indians should participate effectively in the administration of the country. Lord Birkenhead said in 1925 that "To talk of India as an entity is as absurd as to talk of Europe as an entity...There

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never has been such a nation. Whether there will be such a nation, the future alone can show." After this the political terrain looked like a desert and hopes of independence, a mirage. Communal riots rocked the country. In Calcutta Swami Shraddhananda was murdered by Muslim fanatic. In 1927 the Frontier Muslims rose against Hindus which led to the exodus to Peshawar. In 1927 a Parliamentary Commission was appointed to look into the question of Constitutional reforms. The Simon Commission doggedly pursued its programme despite the complete boycott by Congress, Liberal Federation and Muslim League. The Government felt the impact of the storm and it was forced to do something to appease the people. On March 16,1927 the Council of States passed a resolution at the instance of C.Sankaran Nair recommending to the Government that no steps towards responsible Government be taken until Hindus and Muslims agreed to dispense with separate electorate. In 1929 Lord Irwin declared that the natural issue of India's Constitutional progress was the attainment of Dominion Status.—193.89.

(To be continued)

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The Fourth Method: According to *Sanketa Nidhi,* Chap. VIII, verse 61, page 208, units are measured by the Navamsas trversed by the lord of the rising Navamsa from the Lagna Navamsa. One can apply this rule to the positions of other planets.

In the Example Chart No.1:

Note: From the Lagna in Virgo Navamsa (Cancer sign), its lord Mercury is in Scorpio Navamsa in Sagittarius sign) *i.e.,* from the Lagna to the end of sign 7 + (9 x 4) + 8 + 51st year of life.
Ketu to end of sign 4 + (9 x 6) + 9 = 67th year;
Mars to end of sign 7 + (9 x 3) + 8 = 42nd year;
The Moon to end of sign 6 + (9 x 7) + 7 = 76th year;
The Sun to end of sign 1 or 109 because the Sun is in his own Navamsa
Mercury to end of sign 2 + (9 x 7) + 3 = 68th year;
Venus to end of sign 6 + (9 x 6) + 3 = 63rd year;
Rahu to end of sign 4 + (9 x 10) + 8 = 102nd year;
Jupiter to end of sign 1 + (9 x 9) + 8 = 90th year;
Saturn to end of sign 3 + (9 x 1) + 6 = 16th year.

The Fifth Method: *Prasana Marga* Part I, Chap. X, verse 50, page 325. *Lagnamsakat prabhruti kashtatamo navamse* second half of 1st line meaning "The number of Navamsas from the Navamsa of the Ascendant upto the Navamsas occupied by the most evil planets *viz.,* Mars, Saturn, Mandi, etc...." Similarly from the Ascendant to Navamsa upto the Navamsas occupied by the benefics. This method is complimentary to the first method.

In example chart No. 1:
From the Lagna to Mars 7 + 3 = 10th year;
From the Lagna to the Sun 7 + 5 (9 x 4) + 5 = 48th year;
From the Lagna to Saturn 7 + 5 (9 x 10) + 7 = 104th year;
From the Lagna to a benefic planet Jupiter 7 + 9 (x 6) + 9 = 70th year;
Similarly for their remaining planets.

Thus it will be clear from the above that reckoning from a starting point to the Navamsa occupied by a malefic planet will give unfavourable results, while upto the Navamsa, occupied by a benefic planet, will bear favourable results.

One more advantage of these methods is that we can cross-check and verify the correctness of Navamsa Ascendant.

The technique of timing events has by and large come true in a number of cases.

The scribe requests the scholars, pandits and advanced students of Astrology to send any literature in Sanskrit or in any other language that may be available with them on Budha Nadi etc. to him for further study and research in this virgin field.— 196.89.

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Mars and the Ascendant Cancer*

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Section I - Prologue

THE importance of Mars, like other planets, varies with the Ascendant as it is the basic determinant of a planet's lordship in a chart. So viewed from this angle, Mars assumes, for obvious reasons, tremendous significance for the Ascendant Cancer because of its simultaneous ownership of an angle and a trine. Since Rajayoga in a horoscope is formed through simultaneous relationship between an angular and a trinal lord, Mars, due to its lordship over the 5th and 10th houses, becomes itself a Yogakaraka without waiting for any sort of relationship with other planets in the horoscope. Classical writers on Astrology therefore aptly describe Mars as the ruling or key planet for the Ascendant Cancer.

A question in this context naturally comes to our mind. Does this attribute totally obviate the need for any relationship? Or in other words does this mean that no additional conditions are to be fulfilled in order to obtain optimum results from Mars? There is a belief, presumably shared by many, that if a person born under the Ascendant sign Cancer happens to get the major period of Mars during his life-time, he is sure to reap a golden harvest in this brief spell of 7 years. Real life results however sharply contradict this expectation which usually owes its origin to three main factors, *viz.* (i) failure to measure appropriately the strength of Mars, (ii) failure to evaluate the role of Mars in the complex nexus of relationship with other planets in the birth chart and (iii) tendency oftentimes to mix up Dasa effects with positional effect leading to gross misinterpretation of birth data. It is quite possible that the Yogakaraka planet may operate through other planets. The purpose of this paper is mainly to explain the mechanics of Mars' operation through other planets in the chart with no intention to denigrate its independent role in generating favourable results under specific situation.

1.1 In fact this key planet may operate (i) directly, (ii) through other planets to which it is functionally linked in the chart and (iii) even through its dispositor or dispositor linked planet's Dasa. In all the cases, the strength of Mars very much counts because of direct correlationship between such strength and intensity of impact. It is thus beasic strength of Mars in the horoscope of a man born under the rising sign Cancer which sets an upper asymptote to his career. So to begin with, different yardsticks, used by astrologers for measuring Mars' strength, may be discussed.

Firstly Mars is deemed powerless if it is too near the Sun to be visible neither after sunrise nor after sunset. The critical zone within which the planet gets combust is (+ or -) 17 degrees from the blazing luminary. A combust Mars is not capable of generating either good or bad results. A Cancer-born person therefore saddled with a combust Mars in his horoscope may have to depend on other planets for his rise in life.

*N.B: The line of reasoning followed in this paper will also apply to Mars for the Ascendant Leo, Saturn for the Ascendants, Taurus and Libra and Venus for the Ascendants Capricorn and Aquarius.

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There are some discrepant viewpoints regarding the behaviour pattern of a retrograde planet in a chart. Without entering into controversy, we prefer here to stick to views expressed in *Saravali* which states that a retrograde malefic becomes more malefic in creating troubles and hardship. In fact findings based on cross-section data did not indicate favourable results from retrograde Mars for the Ascendant Cancer. A retrograde planet may fail to act as a trend-setter probably because it is not forward looking due to slow relative motion.

Fourthly, ascending Mars is considered to be more powerful than a descending one. Its ascending and descending zones are '28 degree Cancer to 28 degree Capricorn' and '28 degree Capricorn to 28 degree Cancer' respectively. Aries fails within the descending zone which is its own house and also represents the zenith of the birth sign Cancer. Similarly in Leo and Sagittarius which fall within the ascending zone, Mars becomes extremely powerful because these houses are houses of its best friends and their attributes fit excellently well into its fiery and fighting disposition.

(N.B. Jupiter in Sagittarius is not the Brahmin Jupiter in Pisces. It is a fighter with bows and arrows in hands.)

Mars is exalted in Capricorn. From Capricorn *it aspects the 10th house* from Cancer the house over which it has lordship. In Cancer, the sign of its debilitation, it is not as powerless as it seems to be because it is the 9th from the 5th house and 4th from the 10th. In order however to obtain optimum results from Mars in this position, it needs to be functionally related either to the Moon or Jupiter or both.

Fifthly, a powerful Mars becomes more powerful when it is aspected by or conjoined with Jupiter and/or Venus. A fiery Mars is tempered by benevolent Jupiter and Venus as well. Its dynamic propensities are channelled through constructive lines. Moreover in the context of the Ascendant Cancer, Mars-Venus or Mars-Jupiter nexus assumes special significance because they tantamount to forming a relationship either between the 4th and 5th or between the 9th and 10th lords. Similarly Mars relationship with the Ascendant lord Moon very much counts for similar reason. The Mars-Moon interchange of houses may be specially thought of in this context.

Mars gets directional strength in the 10th house and loses that strength in the 4th house but for the Ascendant Cancer, the second part of the dictum probably may not be applicable. For Mars in Libra is able to aspect direct its own house, the house of service, profession. There is no denial of the fact, that a malefic harms the prospects of a house it looks at. If that house however happens to be its own, matters relating to it definitely prosper. That is why a Cancer-born person with Mars in Virgo or Capricorn is often blessed with a streamlined service career.

Like all malefics, Mars is strong in the 3rd, 6th, 10th and 11th from the Moon in the natal chart. Following the same line of reasoning, it may be said that Mars is also strong in these four houses when reckoned from the Ascendant and the Sun. So in a horoscope, positioning of three centres of gravity the Sun, the Moon and the Ascendant may be such that radical Mars when measured from all the three reference points yields satisfactory results. In Pandit Nehru's horoscope, Mars is in the 3rd from the Rasi and the Ascendant and in the 11th from the Sun.

These are some of the several ways astrologers proceed to measure the strength of Mars in a horoscope.

Section II - Nucleus of the Paper

2.1 With these observations on the strength of Mars, we may now go to the nucleus of the paper. It is that besides the strength of Mars in the basic chart which is invariably to be assessed, its ability to produce 'Rajayoga' effects is also determined by the (i) nature of its relationship with other planets in the chart. This may be termed as the 'Multiplier Effect' - to borrow an expression from Economics because the effect of Mars may be felt even through other planets provided such Mars is involved in a relationship with those planets in the chart. The planet or planets under such circumstances are induced to give effects of the Yogakaraka during their major period by virtue of this inter-relationship and inheritance of Yogakaraka qualities from Mars.

So as far as Dasa results are concerned the position of Mars is not as relevant as its relationship with other planets in the chart. If Mars is found alienated from other planets in a set-up it may not be able to transmit its own impact as effectively and efficiently as it would have been

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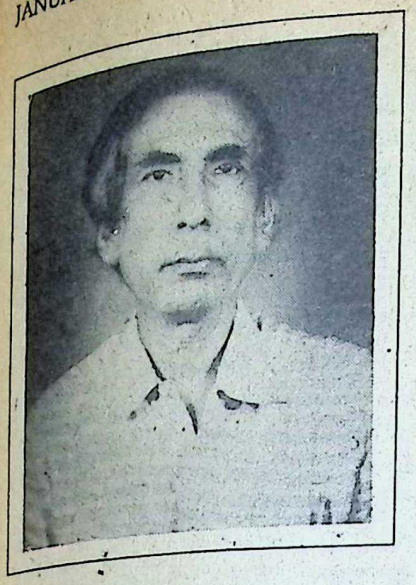

Budha-Aditya Yoga

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BUDHA (Mercury) is the smallest planet in our solar system. In the Hindu *puranas* Budha has been described as the child of the Moon which may appear to be ridiculous in the sense that Mercury like other planets was born of the Sun whereas the Moon was born of our earth. But our *puranas* were not so wrong. After observing the influences of the Moon and Mercury on man they found that both actively influenced the mind of a person. Further, they found that the Moon governed the mind as a whole whereas sharpness of mind, known as intellect, was governed by Mercury. Therefore, they described Mercury as the child of the Moon only symbolically.

Mercury being the smallest planet in our solar system and by position being closer to the Sun is visible to our eyes only for a few minutes before sunrise or sunset. Also, it is not as bright as Venus or Mars. It is, therefore, difficult for most of us to identify Mercury in the sky.

Generally, astrologers pay more attention to the Lagna, the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and the nodes of the Moon. They do not pay the required attention to the Sun, Mercury and Venus. Even among three, Mercury is the most neglected one. But a wise astrologer will never commit such a mistake. Of all the planets Mercury alone possesses Kalabala (time-strength) at all times. Mercury alone is capable of giving good results even in the 8th house which is deemed to be the worst house in a birth-chart. If it is not otherwise afflicted, Mercury will give good results in any of the houses, the degree of results varying. Another peculiarity of Mercury is that even when combust it is not as ineffective as other planets. Mercury is the only planet that is free from planetary groupings. Mercury is the common friend to both the solar and saturnine groups. The Sun, Moon, Mars, Jupiter and Ketu belong to the solar group. Saturn, Venus and Rahu belong to the Saturn group. By nature and by position Mercury has closer relations with the Sun and Venus. Normally it is faster than the Sun and Venus. Retrogression of Mercury has more implication than other planets on the mental plane. When Mercury and Venus combine in one sign it is an indication of a happy and prosperous life from the material point of view unless otherwise seriously afflicted. But such a combination of Mercury and Venus alone does not constitute any special combination in Astrology.

Mercury contributes to two very important special combinations. One is known as Bhadra Yoga which is a Pancha Maha Purusha Yoga. The other is Budha-Aditya Yoga. Bhadra Yoga is caused when Mercury is in *kendra* (quadrant) in its own sign. Budha-Aditya Yoga is caused when Mercury combines with the Sun in any sign in

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any house. The probability of formation of Budha-Aditya Yoga in a larger number of cases as compared to Bhadra Yoga makes the former less important than the latter. Bhadra Yoga has the potentiality of making a person great and noble. Budha-Aditya Yoga may not be so helpful in making a person great but it is surely helpful in making a person skilled in his job. It is a combination for efficiency and expert know- ledge. Great persons figure more in the pages of history, but from the socio-economic point of view the role of job proficiency or expertise is much more important. For example, India, Greece, the Arabic Peninsula, China and Iran have produced a large number of great persons but these countries lag behind Japan, U.S.A., Germany, Russia, Israel, Great Britain, France and Italy in technical skill. So from the socio-economic point of view countries of great persons had to suffer more. From the national point of view results of Budha-Aditya Yoga are much more important than those of Maha Purusha Yogas or Raja Yogas. Prosperity of a nation lies in the prosperity of its people and prosperity comes only through better know-how which is the gift of the Budha-Aditya Yoga to a great extent.

The Sun rules over heart, devotion and dedication to sense of duty. Mercury rules over intellect. When devotion and intellect are blended together, skill and success are the results. This is what the Sun and Mercury jointly give when they combine in a birth-chart. Mere intellect cannot give job-proficiency or skill and success unless one has devotion to sense of duty. So also, mere devotion to sense of duty can never give proficiency unless one possesses the necessary intellect for the job. Mercurian talent in its raw form is highly volatile. It gets properly stabilised and seasoned only when combined with the Sun. The Sun really makes it highly useful. When the fickle Mercury combines with the Moon, no doubt it makes one super-intelligent but at the same time it makes one quite moody and an unbalanced personality is formed. When Mercury combines with the nodes there is fear of lunacy. When Saturn combines with Mercury it makes one dejected. When Jupiter combines with Mercury natural vibrations of Mercury get stifled under the heavy weight of Jupiter. Rather, combination with Venus is more suited to better expression of mercurian talents. Yet, Venus cannot equal the Sun. Of all other celestial beings the Sun alone is the most capable guardian for the fickle child Mercury. The Sun does not destroy any fibre of mercurian talent. It only sharpens, strengthens, stabilises and makes them more purposeful. True, there may be cases where Bhadra Yoga is formed along with Budha-Aditya Yoga. This can be said to be as one of the best positions for Mercury.

Budha-Aditya Yoga has been classified into two categories. When Mercury is far removed from the Sun in the same sign, it is called Buddhi Madhurya Yoga which gives the native a pleasant mind. The second category of Budha-Aditya Yoga takes place when Mercury combines with the Sun only within the combustion belt in the same sign and this is known as Nipuna Yoga. It means that one can have skill and proficiency only when Mercury gets combust in the same sign by the Sun. But there are others who hold the view that this Yoga can give skill or proficiency as well as high intellect only when Mercury is not combust in the same sign where the Sun is posited. Generally, no particular sign is ascribed for formation of this Yoga. But there are also some such astrologers who say that this Yoga gives results only when it takes place in Aries, Gemini, Leo and Virgo signs. In Aries the Sun is exalted and in Virgo Mercury is exalted. Gemini is the own sign of Mercury while Leo is the own sign of the Sun. True, this Yoga in the above four signs may give better results but it is wrong to say that it will not give any result in other signs. Similarly, it is wrong to say that a combust Mercury will nullify the results of this Yoga. A combust Mercury is not so ineffective as other combust planets. So also astrologers are divided over the retrogression of Mercury. One group of astrologers holds retrograde benefics equal to exalted planets. Another group holds only retrograde malefics as equal to exalted planets. There are yet some more views on this point. Experience, however, shows that retrograde Mercury will make the mind somewhat indecisive or confusing. When it goes retorgrade in transit, there is confusion but when direct results will flow smoothly.

Budha-Aditya Yoga makes one intelligent, clever, famous and happy. It gives wealth but there is less savings. There is fulfilment of hopes. It gives good rank and position. It makes

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one meritorious. It gives skill proficiency, honour and fame.

In the 1st house, it makes one lucky, wealthy, well-ranked, a good mathematician or a *yogi*. In the 2nd house, it makes one intelligent and possessed of good qualities. In the 3rd house, it makes one sexy but otherwise it gives good results. In the 4th house it gives results of Raja Yoga. In the 5th house it gives longevity and prosperous children. In the 6th house, it gives good status in life. In the 7th house it gives a lucky or wealthy wife. In the 8th house, it gives long life, wealth and high status. In the 9th house it gives good rank and wealth from the 24th year. In the 10th house it makes one wealthy and gives high position. In the 11th house it confers gain of property and wealth, prosperity in life. In the 12th house also it may give prosperity if one always wears some gold. It will thus appear that Budha-Aditya Yoga is the only peculiar combination that is capable of giving good results in one form or other in any of the twelve houses of a birth-chart. But again it is to be noted that the results of Budha-Aditya Yoga given above are rather over-simplified. The lordship of different houses by the Sun and Mercury Ascendant-wise will give different results. Since it is not possible for me to give results of this Yoga occurring in all the 12 houses Ascendant-wise which may number 144 cases, I shall be dealing with the results of this Yoga Ascendant-wise only in respect of a few important houses with some examples.

Aries : The Sun is here the 5th lord. Mercury is the 3rd-*cum*-6th lord. When this Yoga occurs in the 1st, the 3rd, the 5th or the 6th house it gives more effective results. Such persons generally occupy good positions and command respect. In the 1st house it may give very high position. In the 3rd or the 6th the native may attain high positions, earn wealth by self-effort, will gain power and may have victory over opponents. They may do quite well in writing or acts of valour and courage or in suppression of enemies or opponents. They are good administrators. They may be good doctors or good scientists. They may be good warriors also. In the 5th this Yoga may make the native fortunate. In the 1st house this Yoga will make the native fortunate, highly skilled, courageous, well-placed, highly intelligent, powerful, dashing and dynamic but somewhat rash. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had the Sun, Mercury and Rahu in the 10th in Capricorn. Had Rahu been not associated with the Sun and Mercury and had his Saturn not aspected the 10th house Netaji could have liberated India militarily.

Taurus : The Sun is here the 4th lord. Mercury is the 2nd and 5th lord. So for Taurus Lagna, this Yoga may confer the results of Raja Yoga, Dhana Yoga, Maha Yoga and Vidya Yoga in addition to its own results if it occurs in the 2nd, the 5th, the 4th, the 7th, the 10th or the 11th houses. In the 10th house this Yoga may also make one a Karma Yogi. If it occurs in the 1st, the 4th, the 2nd or the 5th it may make one a good scientist, mathematician, astronomer, astrologer etc. In the 2nd house it may give wealth, property, popularity, family happiness, fine oratory power etc., but such persons may also be under the influence of their parents or issues, particularly daughters. We do not understand why the author of *Bhavartha Ratnakara* has dismissed the Sun-Mercury as causing no Yoga for Taurus Lagna. Omar Khayyam has this Yoga in Lagna. Lord Tennyson has this Yoga in the 3rd house. They were great literary figures of their time.

Gemini : Mercury here owns the 1st and the 4th houses and the Sun, the 3rd. It gives best result in the 3rd. In the 1st, 4th and 11th houses also it gives good results. In the 1st or 4th house it may give results of Bhadra Yoga in addition. For Gemini Lagna this Yoga is found to have been giving good results even in the 10th house as in the case of Albert Einstein and Rama Krishna Dalmia.

Cancer : Mercury owns here the 3rd and the 12 houses and the Sun, the 2nd house. In the 1st house it makes the native attain self-knowledge or may make him a very shrewd person. In the 2nd, it makes the native tactful and a fine orator. In the 3rd it may make one a good statesman with a pragmatic outlook. In the 10th this Yoga is helpful for higher education and accretion to power on the material plane or in attainment of salvation and self-knowledge on the spiritual plane. Acharya Adi Sankara and Ramanujacharya had Budha-Aditya Yoga in their 10th.

Leo : The Sun owns the 1st and Mercury owns the 2nd and 11th houses. If this Yoga occurs in the 1st, the 2nd or the 11th houses, it may give wealth and good position. In the 4th it may

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make one highly learned. In the 10th it may make one wise or expert, rich and successful in profession. In the 9th it may give high status and high position but will also obstruct prosperity. In the 1st house this Yoga may cause fickle-mindedness. Guru Nanak had this Yoga in the 4th house.

Virgo : Mercury owns the 1st and the 10th and the Sun owns the 12th house. This Yoga in the 1st, the 10th or the 12th house may give success in foreign trading, charitable works, works associated with hospitals or jails. It is helpful for foreign studies, overseas occupation and foreign service. In the 5th it may give various kinds of comfort. Jesus Christ had this combination in the 4th house. Chaiang-Kai Sheik had this Yoga in Lagna. Both these persons had overseas eminence.

Libra : Mercury owns the 9th and the 12th and the Sun, the 11th house. In the 9th and 11th houses this Yoga may confer wealth and fortune. In the 7th this Yoga may cause success through wife or partner or some woman or through trade. Goethe had this Yoga in the 11th and Hitler had this Yoga in the 7th house.

Scorpio : Mercury owns the 8th and the 11th houses and the Sun the 10th house. In the 2nd, this Yoga may confer wealth and inheritance. In the 9th this Yoga may help in occulticism or mysticism or in research, discovery and inventions. In the 6th house it may at first obstruct a rise in career but in the end may give success and a rise in position. Both Henry Ford and Mussolini had Budha-Aditya Yoga in the 9th. Their rise in career was in a mysterious way.

Sagittarius : The Sun owns the 9th and Mercury owns the 7th and the 10th houses. This Yoga may confer a powerful Raja Yoga in the 1st, the 4th, the 7th, the 9th, the 5th and the 2nd houses. In the 1st house one may have good health and control over many persons. In the 2nd house, it makes one far-sighted and patrio- tic, but may deprive one of his hereditary pro- perty in some form or other. He may be an astrologer or mathematician or a scientist. In the 3rd this Yoga may make one intelligent or shrewd. In the 9th this Yoga may cause loss of brother. Emperor Nero of Rome who had Budha-Aditya Yoga in Lagna rose from rags to riches but Tippu Sultan who had this Yoga in the 12th house was killed soon after coming to power due to his own tactlessness.

Capricorn : The Sun owns the 8th and Mercury, the 6th and 9th houses. In the 2nd this Yoga may make one a Vedantin. In the 4th or the 8th it may give success in research work or mystic knowledge. Lord Mahavira had this Yoga in the 4th house. This Yoga in the 4th or the 2nd makes one a good historian or pioneer of ancient culture. M.S. Golalkar, R.S.S. leader, had this Yoga in the 2nd house.

Aquarius : The Sun owns the 7th and Mercury, the 5th and 8th houses. This Yoga in the 3rd or 7th may make one an astrologer or a scientist or an innovator. Also, it may create interest in Mantra-Tantra or ancient sciences. It may confer Raja Yoga in the 3rd, the 7th or the 9th houses in certain cases. Prophet Mohammed who founded a new religion had this Yoga in the 3rd house. Aurangzeb had this Yoga in the 9th house. He came to power through a big plot. Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. President, had this Yoga in Lagna. He was assassinated under a plot.

Pisces : The Sun owns the 6th and Mercury owns the 4th and 7th houses. If this Yoga occurs in the 2nd, in a *kendra* or a *kona* or in the 11th it may make the native a good astrologer or mathematician or scientist or spiritualist or a literary figure. Rabindra Nath Tagore had this Yoga in the 2nd house. For Pisces Lagna, Budha-Aditya Yoga may give success in various fields of learning if it occurs in good houses and is well associated or well aspected.

Persons having Budha-Aditya Yoga are generally intelligent, somewhat exciting, courageous, command respect and position in life and are skilled in their jobs. Astrologers, asrolnomers, occultists, mathematicians, scientists, engineers, scholars, lawyers, orators of outstanding category generally have well-placed or well-aspected Budha-Aditya Yoga. This Yoga may get further accentuated by Bhadra Yoga, Subha Yoga or Maruda Yoga. It is better if other planets do not combine with the Sun and Mercury in the same sign. The aspect of the Moon or Jupiter on Sun-Mercury will be more helpful than their association.

Whether Mercury should be ahead of the Sun or behind the Sun is another interesting point to be noted. A section of astrologers hold the view that Mercury should move behind the Sun to

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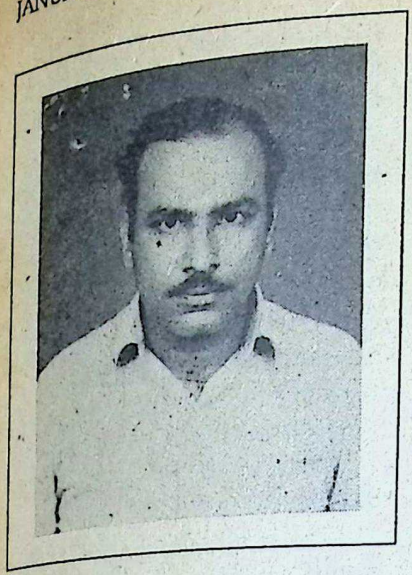

Significance of Degrees of the Sidereal Zodiac

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IN the art of delineating horoscopes several methods are employed by astrologers to predict character, mental make-up, the ups and downs in the native's fortunes, marriage, children, longevity, nature of death and other important aspects of life. While the western astrologers use the Tropical Zodiac and progressions (Primary and Secondary directions) and Solar Return Charts etc., to predict events, astrologers in India invariably use the Nirayana (Fixed) Zodiac and the Vimshottari Dasa system for the purpose of prognosticating the important aspects of life and for timing events. Rasi, Navamsa, Drekkana, Saptamsa, Dasamsa and other various sub-divisional charts are also made use of to judge the horoscopes in greater detail pertaining to children, career, education and other important aspects of life. In addition to the various methods advocated by the sages who have propounded the wonderful astrological systems, the symbolisms of the degrees of the sidereal zodiac (of the fixed stars) and their interpretations as given by Charubel, Sepharial and Adriano Carelli also provide much useful information.

The duration of each Lagna (Ascendant) is 2 hours and the duration of each Navamsa Lagna (1/9 division) is about 13 minutes. In the case of twins born in the same Ascendant and in the same Navamsa Lagna with a difference of 8 to 10 minutes, it is quite likely that there may be much variance in their character and the pattern of their lives due to the fact that the cusp of the Ascendant and the cusp of the midheaven vary by a couple of degrees as each degree on the horizon changes in 4 minutes time approximately. This change of the degree of the Ascendant may be accounted for the change of character and the pattern in their destinies although the Navamsa Lagna is the same.

In this article an attempt has been made to elucidate the significance of the degrees of the Nirayana (sidereal) zodiac in analysing the charts of some renowned persons whose horoscopes are well known.

In addition to the rising degree of the Ascendant, the degrees held by the luminaries, the Sun and the Moon, the midheaven and other planets may also be made use of in judging nativities.

For instance in the horoscope of DR. B.V. RAMAN (Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE) the Sun is posited in the 23rd degree (22° 53') of Cancer (Ayanamsa = 22° 38'). This degree is ruled by Neptune and is a degree of a *peace*. It is symbolised by *firshermen pulling in their nets in calm weather.*

DR. RAMAN is gifted with mediumistic power and his impressions enable him to make but few errors in his affairs.

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RAHU 22-49		MOON 26-38 SAT. 10-12	
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			VENUS 2-16 MERC. 14-05 MARS 21-23
	JUPIT. 12-58		KETU 22-49

This is known to be the degree of the astrologer, the seer or prophet who has the gift of healing.

It is significant to note that the Sun is in the 23rd degree of Cancer also in the horoscope of Alan Leo who was born on 7th August, 1860 at 5.49 a.m. at Westminster in England. Alan Leo was a renowned British astrologer of the 19th century who wrote more than 12 standard works on Western Astrology.

The 9th degree of Aquarius rising in the Ascendant is symbolised by *a huge rock rent by a flash of lightning.* This symbol denotes one who has a powerful, aggressive, forceful and executive nature, capable of driving his way through all obstacles, however hard and enduring they may be. Quick, energetic and alert, he will make considerable progress in his particular walk of life, and may be the means of convincing the most skeptical concerning certain matters of a celestial and ethereal nature. His spirit is very intense and forceful, incisive and critical and heedless of reviling and bitterness of spirit in others. He will do his work with clarity and directness of execution, and will let light into dark places. His departure will be sudden, but will not transpire till he has done some work of magnitude. It is a degree of Conversion (vide *The Degrees of The Zodiac Symbolised* by Sepharial). The above interpretation of the symbolism of the 9th degree of Aquarius is so fitting to the life and career of DR. RAMAN, that further elucidation is not necessary.

In keeping with the symbolism of the 9th degree of Aquarius and the able interpretation given by Sepharial the native is undoubtedly a great astrologer of the 20th century who has made several accurate predictions solely on the basis of Hindu Astrology which speak for themselves. He has written more than 25 books on Hindu Astrology, which is no mean achievement. If Astrology is now accepted as a science by the elite, the credit is due entirely to the relentless efforts and dedication of DR. RAMAN for more than five decades.

The 9th degree of Aquarius is ruled by Mars. Its keyword is *reputation.* It is symbolised by a *large, bright military shield lying on a mountain from which flow rays reflecting shafts of brilliant light.* It denotes one of powerful energy and firmness of purpose, who in the second half of his life attains the reward of his labours and the gratification of his ambitions. He then attracts fame, drawing it unto himself as the loadstone draws steel. From the wisdom come rays which dazzle men by their brilliance.

The Moon is posited in the 27th degree of Taurus 26° 01' to 26° 60' = 27th degree). This degree is symbolised by *a chemist at work in his laboratory; upon his table is much gold.*

It indicates a patient, thrifty nature. One who by industry and inventive faculty will acquire wealth, but yet will live simply. It denotes an eccentric (unconventional)vocation and success therein. Such a person is likely to have more means at his command than his nature requires. It is a degree of *success.*

The exalted Moon in the 27th degree of Taurus — in the 10th house from Aroodha Lagna— gave him success in an eccentric vocation (Astrology) in keeping with the symbolism of the 27th degree of Taurus as given by Borelli, a French astrologer, in his work *La Volasfera* which has been translated into English by Sepharial.

Another interesting feature of DR. RAMAN's chart is that Jupiter (the lord of the 2nd house *wealth*) is posited in the 13th degree (12° 58') of Scorpio very near the point of Midheaven.

Scorpio 13° is symbolised by *a great and lonely tower rising from an eminence of rock.* It shows one of a powerful and independent nature, relying on his own counsel and capable of standing alone. A degree of taciturnity and reserve will add to the general inscrutability of the mind of this person and dispose him to command the respect and regard of others. His position will be elevated, his success in life will be assured by his own innate strength, and his fortunes will remain untouched by the hand of change. It is a degree of *stability.*

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The 13th *degree of* Scorpio is known as the Degree of *Reverse* and ruled by Neptune. It is symbolised by *water bubbling over rocks and flowing into a large river.* It denotes one whose work is destined to live and influence men long after he has left the earth, one of an intensely psychic nature, sensitive and mediumistic. He will have many earthly struggles and will find many sharp obstacles in the way of his progress.

Dr. B.V.Raman stands as a colossus in Hindu Astrology in keeping with the symbolism of the 13th degree of Scorpio occupied by the greater benefic Jupiter in the 10th house from Janma Lagna. the interpretations of the symbolism of the 13th degree of Scorpio are so clear and so fitting to his life and work that I need not dilate upon it at length.

Thomas Alva Edison, the inventor of the incandescent (electric) lamp, the first motion picture camera, the talking machine (gramophone), devices for locating hidden guns, gas masks etc., etc., was born on 11-2-1847 in Libra Ascendant (13° 10') with Mercury in the 28th degree of Capricorn and the Sun in the 2nd degree of Aquarius (1° 16' Aquarius).

The 2nd degree of Aquarius is symbolised by *book on which stand a compass and an hour glass.* This is the index of one who has a scientific and highly versatile mind. He will be disposed to the study of the laws of nature, will gain an intimacy with the principles of scientific and philosophic investigation and may be the inventor of some instrument, or discoverer of some force in Nature by which the elements of space (the compass) and time (the hour glass) are annihilated to a great degree. Undoubtedly he will be a man of depth of thought and will make some useful discoveries. It is a degree of *extension (vide* Sepharial's *Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised).* When Edison died in 1931 at the ripe age of 85, he had more than 1200 inventions to his credit in keeping with the symbolic interpretations of the 2nd degree of Aquarius. Is not the great inventor's genius borne out by the symbolism of the 2nd degree of the sidereal zodiac?

Swami Vivekananda, the great disciple of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, was born on 12-1-1863 in the 27th degree of Sagittarius Ascendant. He was born with Jupiter in Navamsa Lagna (Scorpio) which accounts for his scholarship in Sanskrit and English. *Guruna sarvavid granthikascha* is the relevant Jaimini aphorism which means if Jupiter joins the Karakamsa or the 5th from it, he will be an all-round man and will know many branches of knowledge, well-read in sciences and author of various works. He becomes a versatile genius (vide *Jaimini Sutras* by Prof. B. Suryanarain Rao).

	MARS 6-20	KETU 22-15	
	Chart 2 Vivekananda 12-1-1863 Ay: 21° 57'		
MERC. 12-15 VENUS 7-00			
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Karma Jnananishta; Vedavidascha Jeevay is another Jaimini aphorism which means when Jupiter joins the Navamsa with Atmakaraka, the person will be well-versed in Vedic or religious rituals, will have religious wisdom well known in the rules of sacrificial functions and will have good knowledge in Vedanta and will be a religious man (vide *Jaimini Sutras* by Prof.B. S. Rao).

In my practical experience I have observed that the literal application of the Karakamsa principles of Jaimini Astrology do not yield results as the aphorisms are symbolic by nature and they yield satisfactory results only when the Karakamsa principles are extended to Navamsa Lagna and Janma Lagna. Those who have gone through *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda* (8 volumes) are sure to be convinced how well the Karakamsa principles of Jaimini Astrology explain his alround knowledge in Vedanta and Vedic literature. It may be noted that Jupiter is posited in the 12th house from Karakamsa whereas the same Jupiter is posited in Navamsa Lagna (Scorpio) which clearly explains that he is well-read in Vedic literature.

Swami Vivekananda was born in the 27th degree of Sagittarius. This degree is ruled by Mercury and is a degree of *eloquence.* It is symbolised by Mercury *holding up his caduceus in his right hand and with his left helping a fallen man to rise.*

It denotes one inspired and gifted, prophetic, poetic and artistic, whose mission it is to raise and uplift the race. He brings through the dark paths

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light and ecstacy and those who hear the music will have their wounds healed. The honey of wisdom flows from mouth. This degree gives artistic talents.

When Swami Vivekananda gave his first lecture on 11-9-1893 at the Conference of Religions held at Chicago (U.S.A.) the audience was spellbound by his command of the English language and his eloquent lecture on Hinduism that William Whitehead was so moved that he called Vivekananda 'an orator by the Divine right'.

According to Charubel the 27th degree of Sagittarius is symbolised by a beautiful star of the colour and size of the planet Venus, situated about 50° from the midheaven; it shines brighter and brighter, then suddenly disappears. A mighty genius, a poet, a painter, or a musician; promises great things, but dies before middle age. This extraordinary man with majestic and kingly personality (Sun near the Ascendant point) left an indelible mark on the Western hemisphere with his eloquence and immense knowledge in Vedanta, wrote 8 volumes of Vedanta and died in 1902 at the age of 40 just before middle age as indicated by the 27th degree of Sagittarius.

It is significant to note that the 10th lord (Mercury) is posited in the 13th degree of Capricorn in the nativity of Swami Vivekananda.

Capricorn 13° is symbolised by *tripod with flames of fire issuing from a brazier.* This is the index of a nature that is aspiring and active, disposed to lead a life of adventure and hazard, but honourable in the pursuit of lofty ambitions. The has a restless and aspiring nature, such as will impel him to action upon a wide scale. He will travel and explore, lighting up dark places and devastating ancient sites in the quest of new food for the mind. Chastity and purity of life will mark him as of singular, temperament, and his efforts will thereby become concentrated and highly successful. Alive to all the higher ambitions of this world, he will nevertheless be zealous in the conquest of worlds that are beyond the normal ken. He may be an ambassador, consul, spiritual researcher or explorer. It is a degree of *aspiration.*

It is well known to one and all that Vivekananda left India in 1893 at the age of 31 as a spiritual ambassador to participate in the Conference of Religions at Chicago. This is certainly in keeping with the symbolism of the 13th degree of Capricorn occupied by the lord of the 10th house.

In the horoscope of Mahatma Gandhi we find that the Sun is posited in the 18th degree (17° 14') Virgo) born 2-10-1869 - Ayanamsa: 22° 03') of sidereal Virgo.

Virgo 18° is a degree of *serving.* It is symbolised by a *man, supporting a little girl, swimming toward the shore in a rough sea.* It denotes one whose mission is to serve his fellowmen. He will perform acts which will win him approval and honour. Life will not always be smooth with him, and he will have his share of sorrow and pain in this world of matter, but near him are the protecting forces and he cannot fail, no matter how fierce the waves.

According to Sepharial the 18th degree of Virgo is symbolised by *an old white-headed man surrounded by happy children.* It endows the native with a kind, benevolent and fatherly interest in his fellows, especially those of tender years. He will be much beloved, and will end his days in prosperity and peace. It is a degree of *guardianship.*

The above interpretations of 18th degree of Virgo are so fitting to Gandhi's life and work that he was called 'the father of the nation' for the dedicated service he rendered to his country.

It is significant to note that the Moon is posited in the 18th degree of Virgo in the 10th house in the nativity of Swami Vivekananda (Moon in Virgo 17° 25'. Ayanamsa: 21° 37' Lahiri).

Gandhi was born in the 9th degree of Libra (8° 45'). Libra 9° is *degree of unevenness.* His work should be in reclaiming the weak and the destitute from the misery into which they have been cast by force of circumstances and he should be and probably will be connected with some organisation having this as its object. The native worships freedom and is ready to forsake his life for this ideal.

The life and work of Mahatma Gandhi is so well known that it is not necessary to write about it any more.

Marie Curie who discovered radium was born on 7-11-186 with the Sun in the 23rd degree (22° 40') of Libra) Dr. C.V. Raman was born in the 23rd degree of Libra Ascendant (22° 20') on 8-11-1888 (Ayanamsa 22° 18'). Both of them were renowned scientists who were awarded the Nobel Prize for their outstanding contribution to science.

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Libra 23° is symbolised by *an old man in a gown and skull-cap like a doctor surrounded by chemical and other instruments.*

It denotes a person of careful, systematic and patient observation, much inclined to the study of science especially chemistry, medicine or alchemy. A researcher into the secrets of Nature, given to the careful and accurate tabulation of results which will prove of use to science and by this means, the native will gain for himself certain distinction and honour. It is a degree of *research* (vide Sepharial's *Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised).*

In the horoscopes of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (5-9-1888) and Cheiro (1-11-1866) the Moon is posited in the 7th degree of Leo of the fixed zodiac. Alan Leo was born in the 7th degree of Leo Ascendant (6° 20'). Dr. Radhakrishnan was a renowned philosopher whose articles on philosophy were published in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica,* a rare honour for an Indian author. Cheiro was a gifted palmist and numerologist who wrote a number of books on palmistry and numerology. Alan Leo was a renowned astrologer of the 19th century. These three persons are eminent authors in their own chosen fields in whose horoscopes the 7th degree of Leo is prominent.

Leo 7° is symbolised by *a sceptre on the crest of which shines a diamond like a magnificent star.*

The native is born to power, eminence, fame. He will, by the use of his many talents, supplemented by a powerful will, rise to a foremost position in his sphere of life. There is in the character a large amount of courage, nobility, energy and endurance, and the free use of such qualities will, under a benign fate, bring the native into a field of life where he will be a central figure. It is a degree of *superiority* (vide Sepharial's *Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised).*

The foregoing examples bear ample truth and testimony to the validity of the fixed zodiac in contradistinction to the Tropical Zodiac used by western astrologers for the simple reason these degrees are related to the fixed stars of the sidereal zodiac as pointed out by Sepharial.

If I have succeeded in kindling interest in serious students of Astrology in the signi-ficance of the degrees of the Sidereal Zodiac, I consider my efforts as amply rewarded.—181.89.

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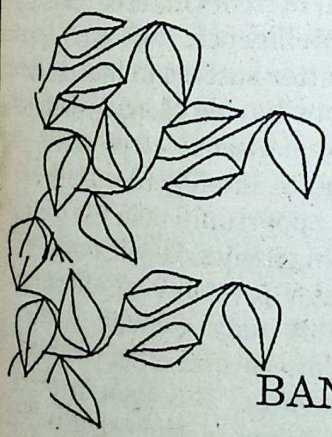

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MARS AND THE ASCENDANT CANCER

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in the event of an existing network of relationship in the horoscope with the key planet playing the role of a prime-mover. An otherwise apparently weak Mars may produce more tangible results than anotherwise strong Mars divorced from the mainstream of the horoscope. It also logically follows that greater the number of planets related to Mars in a birth chart either directly or indirectly through other planets, the greater will be continuity of good result

Mrs. Gandhi's horoscope serves as an excellent example for substantiating this viewpoint.

Mrs. Gandhi. Rasi: Ascendant - Cancer and Saturn (R); Leo - Mars; Scorpio - Sun and Mercury; Sagittarius - Venus and Rahu; Taurus - Jupiter (R); Gemini - Ketu; and Capricorn - Moon.

Here Mars being in the 10th house from the Sun has exchanged houses with the Sun which is conjoined with Mercury. The induced Sun appears also to have formed a mutual aspect relationship with Jupiter which has also exchanged houses with Venus.

2.2 An emphasis of 'Relationship' is in essence an emphasis on the end for analysing a horoscope in its totality instead of succumbing to isolated intellectual acrobatism or Mars' strength leading oftentimes to erroneous estimation of anticipated results from a chart. A word of caution: The focus on relationship aspect does in no way dispense with the need for an assessment of Mars' strength in the fundamental chart. For instance, if the inducing planet is strongly placed in the chart, its ability to induce other planets in the chart will rise *pari passu* with such positional strength. A completely powerless Mars is incompetent to generate favourable results *via* conjunction, opposition or interchange of houses with other planets in the horoscope.

2.3 Again, the strength of Mars counts in another way. Suppose a planet in a chart with Cancer as the Lagna is found located in the house of Mars. Mars here by definition becomes its dispositor and needs to be powerfully placed for imparting strength to that planet. Similarly if a man gets the Dasa of a planet in whose house Mars is located or even located in the house of the planet with which the period lord is conjoined, the effect of Mars may be reasonably anticipated - of course to a limited extent - during its Dasa. Under such circumstances, a powerful Mars would invariably help.

2.4 One word more before going to the empirical part of this paper. We are very fussy about 'Mars' for the Ascendant Cancer. We often ignore that other planets for this Ascendant can also raise a man to dizzy heights of success. Jupiter, the Moon or even Venus and Saturn are worthy of mention in this context. One cannot discard a horoscope on the basis of a single factor alone.—207.89

(To be continued)

BUDHA-ADIYTA YOGA

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make the Yoga more effective. They hold that a fast-moving Mercury cannot be drilled to proper channels. As against this the common view in Northern India is that Mercury must be ahead of the Sun for super-intelligence, high skill, presence of mind and better success in life. It has been seen that persons having Mercury behind the Sun lack in common-sense or presence of mind even though quite intelligent. They are prone to losing good opportunities in life owing to their procrastinating habits. It will, however, be wrong to infer that super-intellect, efficiency and skill are possible only through Budha-Aditya Yoga. There are several other combinations to give such results. But even in those cases the motion of Mercury and other influences on him play an important part. An afflicted Mercury is more undesirable than other afflicted planets. The behaviour of Mercury requires closer watch as it may not only affect our mental health but it may also affect our lungs, intestines and kidneys from health point of view.—189.89.

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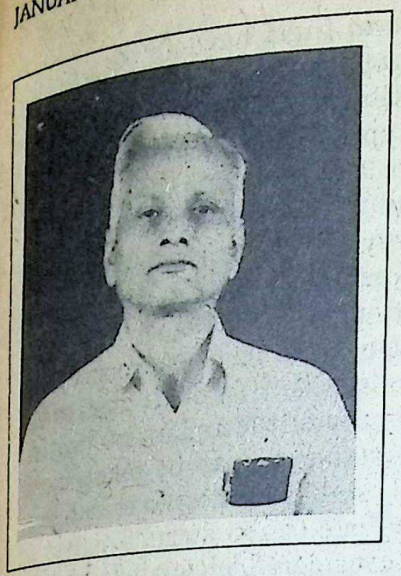

On Rewriting Indian History

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Introduction

INDIA, the largest of the democracies of the world, won independence over four decades ago, but an authentic history of the nation is not yet available. A sovereign democratic republic of nearly 800 million people - over a seventh of the world population, who has given herself a written constitution, has not been able to appreciate the need for the history of her people from her own point of view! Most of her people appear to claim the rights given to them by the constitution but do not appear to appreciate their responsibilities. A nation which has had a glowing history in ancient time suffers from an inferiority complex developed over a millennium of foreign rule and that prevents it from bringing out her own version of history. Who can rewrite her history? Her historians, her law-makers, scientists, geographers, sociologists and many others need to sit down and discuss threadbare the developments of the country from her origin. Where did the history of India originate? Was it from her *puranas* or from her European rulers? Then there is recorded history and unrecorded history. When did actually human history start? Who decides this factor? The historian for this matter should become an archaeologist, an anthropologist and a geologist/paleontologist all rolled into one. They are all closely related to one another and each of the disciplines cannot be treated separately for this purpose. Should the epics form part of history or not? What status should they be given in modern history? What is the authenticity of the *Ramayana* and the *Mahabharata* in the Indian context? These are some of the more important questions that have to be answered by modern Indian historians. It should be made clear that modern history cannot be treated in isolation.

India enjoys one of the oldest, if not the oldest, civilisations of the world, from the point of view of world historians and archaeologists. Though there are no monuments of ancient times—as comparable to those of Egypt—the *Rig Veda* has been acclaimed to be the oldest text in library o

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mankind. There is great controversy about the antiquity of the *Vedas*. According to Max Mueller, the *Vedàs* appear to have been composed about the 12th or 14th century B.C. It is not known on what basis the learned author fixed the age of the *Vedas*. Many authorities have considered the great *Mahabharata* War which ended by the beginning of the present Kali Yuga, which is said to have started on the 17/18 February 3102 B.C. Were there no *Vedas* when the *Mahabharata* took place? It is actually considered by tradition that the *Vedas* which were actually codified by Vyasa who authored the great epic, *Mahabharata*. Then it stands to reason that the *Vedas* are older than the *Mahabharata*. Were the *Vedas* not there during the period of the *Ramayana*? The Vedic sages Vasishta, Viswamitra and others were contemporaneous with the *Ramayana*. When actually did the *Ramayana* take place? It is generally known that the *Ramayana* took place in the Treta Yuga. Which Treta Yuga? The Treta Yuga of the 24th Manvantara? The present Manvantara is noted to be the 28th. Then what is the antiquity of the *Vedas*? How can the *Vedas* be considered to have been composed during the 12th to 14th century B.C.? Why not the students of the *Vedas* rectify the date and make some research and fix the age of the *Vedas*? The Vedic foundation of Indian culture is very well established and their secular nature eulogised. Though the traditional school believes that the *Vedas* are not of human origin, it is impossible to contribute to such ideas, for each and every hymn has its metre, deity and the author given at the beginning. When such is the great antiquity of the *Vedas*, where is the difficulty in establishing a history of the *Vedas*.

The archaeologists have brought in another problem. The Harappa and Mohanjo-Daro civilisation, called the Indus Valley civilisation, according to them are pre-Vedic. It is simply ridiculous to equate a riverine culture with such an advanced urban culture as the Indus Valley one and it is the Vedic civilisation which preceded the Indus Valley.

The European historians brought in another problem into Indian history stating that the Aryans came from mid-Asia, and were not Indian in origin. The fixing of a later age for the *Vedas*, consideration of the Indus Valley civilisation to be older than the *Vedic* civilisation, the non-Aryan origin in India have all been introduced by the European historians with an ulterior motive. This brain-washing has affected the Indian mind deeply. India cannot establish herself in the world's eye unless she makes her history clear defining its antiquity and its achievements. Her own people will not be able to appreciate her history in clear terms and the future of the nation will be affected.

Some major clues can be given from certain quarters of certain scientific disciplines to establish the antiquity of the Indian civilisation based on which research may be taken up to substantiate and establish history in clear terms. The present versions of the ancient history of India cannot be considered adequate to educate the future generations in India to appreciate the real history of their nation. The great contribution of India to world development and world peace can only be appreciated when her people understand her real history. This task is not possible of individuals but can be undertaken only by a group of competent scholars and scientists.

Archaeological Considerations

Archaeologists have an important role to play in rewriting ancient Indian history. They have to establish clearly the relationship that prevails between the Vedic civilisation and the Indus Valley civilisation. In the absence of any evidence from the Saraswati Valley on which the Vedic civilisation flourished, the unilateral decision that the Vedic civilisation is post-Indus Valley civilisation does not make any sense. The valley of the great river Saraswati which used to drain the present Ambala district and flow towards the Arabian Sea flowing into it at Prabhasa *kshetra* and which has left its dry course here and there disturbed by geological activities in later times, needs to be examined thoroughly to establish the Vedic civilisation. Towards the close of the Vedic civilisation it appears that the major tributaries of the Sindhu, Ganga and Yamuna rivers were emerging on the north Indian scene. The change in the river course, the onset of the great Indian desert etc. have influenced the drying up of the river Saraswati which has been extolled in the *Rig Veda*. Hence a detailed study of these rivers and their basins and banks needs to be made to understand antiquity of the Vedic civilisation.

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Anthropological Considerations

The origin of the Aryan race is connected very closely with the origin of the human species from the homo-sapians. The origin of the first man on the earth is shrouded in mystery. The Java man, the Sumatra man, the China man, the Cro-magnan man etc. etc. discoveries have made the problem of the origin of the first man most complicated. However they have not been able to discover any evidence for early man in the Indian sub-continent. Though they have found evidence to the origin of the first man in other parts of the world, the advancement of civilisation from then onwards in those parts have been questionable.

It may be noted that India is the only country wherein all the four human races are represented *i.e.* the Europoid, the Negroid, the Mangoloid and the Australoid. While the Himalayan region represents the Europoid and the Mongoloid, the main land represents the Negroid and the Australoid. Due to later migration and mixing up, the division may not be very clear today, though the majority conform to the above observation. It must be understood that man did not originate at one place of the earth and the origin of man was probably simultaneous at several places. For want of fossil evidences one has to confine one's observations to some localities only. There is a controversy amongst the anthropologists as to the correct ancestors of the man. Based on the evidence that is available to us today, it can be surmised that the maximum fossils of the primate—from which man is supposed to have originated—occur in the Siwalik Himalayas. Ramapithecus, Sugrivapithecus etc. etc. fossils of primates have been found in plenty only in this region in the whole world. This being the case, there is hardly any doubt that the first man on the earth originated here in the foot-hills of the Himalayas and belonged to the Europoidal race. The first person on the earth who formulated a code of conduct for humans is well known to be Manu and he lived in this region (the word *man* has been derived from Manu). He happens to be the first human being or the nearest to homo-sapian class and has been the ancestor of the Aryan race. The Aryan race or the Aryans did not immigrate into India but they were original to the Siwalik Himalayan land. This rectification is a must and should be made in Indian history as early as possible, to set aside the fiction that the Aryans immigrated into India.

The Indian main land supports the Negroidal race and evolution of the other two races in the continent and is closely connected with these two fundamental races. The geological basis of such an implication is clear from the following.

Geological Considerations

There are many evidences from the geological point of view to rewrite Indian history. The uplift of the Himalayan mountains in several stages, the origin and extinction of several Himalayan rivers as for example the river Saraswati, the submergence of the epic island Dwaraka, the movement of the Indian main land in causing the Himalaya mountains and thus bringing in close contact the Negroidal race with the Europoidal race in the sub-continent etc. etc. have great historical truths to be considered in rewriting ancient Indian history.

At the turn of the century Giekie's theory on ice-ages impressed B.G. Tilak who propounded the theory of the 'Arctic Home of the Vedas'. A deeper reflection would have resulted in the non-acceptance of such a proposition when it would be seen that the evolution of life is faster and more intense at the equatorial region than the polar regions. The long drawn dawns described in some Vedic hymns could have been by the Vedic bards who might have migrated to such lands as the first men set their foot on the various continental regions of the globe from India. This is evident from Manu who states that:-

Etaddesaprasutasya sakasadagrajanmanaha
Swam swam caritramsikeran prithivyam
sarvamanavaha
Manusmriti (Ch.2, verse 20)

meaning that by the learned born in this country the people of other countries will learn. Institution of decimal system, human conduct and code, spices, diamonds etc., gems, arts and culture, art of war and peace etc. etc. have taken birth in India and have been India's contribution to the world.

The geological basis of Indological studies are many and the rewriting of Indian history will be more authentic on the hard and lasting ground of geological data.

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Astrological Considerations

The most important of all the disciplines which help rewriting Indian history is Astrology. The various internal evidences available in the *Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas,* epics etc. need to be discussed in depth and the date of the historic activities fixed. First of all it will be necessary to construct the history of Kali Yuga India right from the commencement of the present Kali Yuga from 3102 B.C. Then the history of Dwapara yuga India and that of the Treta Yuga India are to be reconstructed based on internal evidence from the *Mahabharata* and the *Ramayana* respectively. The internal evidences from the *Puranas, Upanishads* and the *Vedas* have to be considered for pre-Treta Yuga history of India.

There are certain differences which will crop up in the above job. The details given in the *Mahasamkalpa* of Devala do not conform to the modern concepts and the establishment of Brahma-kalpa is not clearly understood except from the *Surya Siddhanta.* Though there is some kind of correlation between the modern geochronology and the chronology of India, it is not possible to reconcile facts with either of them. If it could be established that the method of observation etc. was followed by ancient Indians in the reconstruction of their chronology, then it may be possible for one to reconcile with the modern geochronology or the age of the Universe.

As per modern geochronology though life appeared on the earth as early as 3600 million years ago, evolution started barely 600 million years ago. The march of life on this planet as ascertained from the stratigraphic records has been through the fishes, reptiles, birds and mammals on the animal side and through algae, ferns and flowering plants in the vegetative world. In the present juncture of the history of the earth we are witnessing only the flowering plants and mammals while the earlier forms have been reduced in size and number.

But the traditional school does not accept the modern scientific point of view and believes in the instant appearance of all the things from the beginning of creation. Though there are evidences to support the theory of life's evolution from the *puranas* that first it was Matsyavatara, then Kurmavatara followed by Varahavatara etc., there is some contradiction in the beliefs of the traditional school. If the material can be outside of the framework of tradition, possibly many facts can be reconciled, bringing a scientific outlook for the traditional literature, which will form the firm basis of ancient Indian history.

The question of the precision of equinoxes being oscillatory or rotatory is unsettled, though modern astronomy asserts that it is oscillatory. Considering it as oscillatory, the description of commencement of the Uttarayana, in the star Krittika, Mrigasira etc. in the *Vedas* gives them the credit of considerable antiquity for their composition. It would have been the traditional school's pride to have such ancient compositions from the sages included in the *Rig Veda* for study and scrutiny by posterity. A detailed study in depth of such factors found in the *Rig Veda* will certainly throw light on the type of data collected by the sages of yore and rendered into beautiful compositions for being carried on for long time by word of mouth. The astronomical considerations for their sacrifices and personification of geological and celestial agents have rendered the *Vedas* the most ancient secular literature. The data of such compositions have to be unravelled to fix the age of the *Vedas.*

The Alexandrian invasion of India in the 3rd century B.C. appears to be the latest event in the history of India with its pan-Indian civilisation spread over most parts of middle and southern Asia and from where people went outside to other lands in the early part of history. The parrot-like statements of the modern historians from the time of Alexandrian invasions is well known. But hardly has any attempt been made to trace the history of India in the pre-Alexandrian period. What made Greece invade India? Why did the Greeks not go to China? From time immemorial India was famous for her knowledge, wealth and technology and efforts were made constantly in world history to invade India. The western Europeans discovered America, Australia and other continents only in their search for India. India was the cyacure of the world and people who migrated from India after the great *Mahabharata* war wanted to regain India. In their efforts to do so, the new world was discovered. World history is closely linked with the ancient history of India. Hence it is very necessary to rewrite the ancient Indian history unravelling the sacred and other literature of India.

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Reflections on Ramayana — V*

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KAIKEYI! Ravana! These are not only two infamous names in the *Ramayana* but are also used to identify or associate those men and women who manipulate, exploit, abuse or take undue advantage of other people. In fact, Kaikeyi, and Manthara - the other despicable character in *Ramayana* - are detested so much that each almost single-handedly signifies any and all evil attributes that an individual can possess or represent in society. An interesting fact is that one tends to cover the subject of Kaikeyi's Adharmic behaviour in a quick and easy manner, possibly to avoid any controversial discussion on the subject or hoping to draw as little attention as possible to the subject-matter. The study of the *Ramayana* is not complete unless one attempts to understand the actions and attitudes of various persons in the epic, including Kaikeyi and Ravana.

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All persons are subject to the interaction between Karma and Dharma. A constant reminder is that while Sri Rama attempts to uphold Dharma, he is also at the same time subjected to the influence and intervention of Karma. In dealing with Karma, a classical modern doubt is whether nurturing or nature or both effect our behaviour and thus affect our Karma. Nature symbolizes and signifies to a great extent one's Karma. As indicated in the earlier articles, one's Prarbdha Karma is practically etched in a stone, and profoundly affects an individual, while one's free-will can modify at least to a certain extent one's future and fate. Nurturing signifies the environment and all the surroundings in which one is born and raised by the family. The influence of parents on their offsprings can extend from extremes of minimal to enormous. There is no question that the unbringing of Kaikeyi was upto the accepted high standards of the time. Nurturing appears to have no negative influence or effect on Kaikeyi, so the answer in her case seems to be in nature or Karma. Contrary to the commonly accepted view, Kaikeyi was about the same age as Kausalya. Similarly, Sri Rama and Bharata were almost of the same age. Dasaratha preferred, on a personal level, the company of Kaikeyi. There is nothing unusual about this. It does not, however, imply that Dasaratha did not prefer the company of Kausalya and Sumitra. Kausalya, being the senior queen, had more religious and social obligations and responsibilities than the other two queens. Dasaratha had to

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spend more time with Kausalya during the religious, social and royal functions than with Kaikeyi or Sumitra. No one has explicitly or expressly indicated that Kaikeyi had unusual influence over Dasaratha on many matters pertaining to the royal family. However, incorrect impressions do exist in some to indicate that Kaikeyi exerted some unfair or undesirable influence on Dasaratha. Dharma dictated that Dasaratha treat all his queens reasonably equal. Dasaratha's special liking, if any, for her does not automatically indicate his acquiesce to her attitudes or actions. It would be injustice to ascribe the powerful and the harsh decisions purely to Dasaratha's liking for Kaikeyi, or to Kaikeyi's strong influence on him. Dasaratha was no meek person or personality to be pushed around by Kaikeyi or any other person when it came to his royal duties, responsibilities and obligations. He was an ideal Emperor. Karma and Dharma imposed on him the heavy burden of accepting Kaikeyi's demands. Unlike today's politicians, he was not interested in making only a popular decision. He had to uphold Dharma at all costs.

In addition, the presence of Sage Vasishta and other eminent advisers not only precluded the possibility of Dasaratha swaying from the path of Dharma in Ayodhya, but provided a strong moral force to adhere to Dharma at all times. The advisers such as Sage Vasishta would not have tolerated any imbalance in Dharma in Dasaratha's administration. And in those days, there were no if's and but's in decisions pertaining to preservation and protection of Dharma. Was Dasaratha a strong king devoted and dedicated to Dharma? The answer is an unequivocal yes. He was no weakling. The easy and fluid values of today's society make it rather difficult to not only understand the concept of Dharma in Sri Rama's times, but even fully acknowledge and accept it as it then existed. We must remind ourselves that Dharma is truth; Dharma is duty; Dharma is obligation and responsibility; Dharma is mandatory. It interfaces all the ideals that make a person into a divine personality. Based on this understanding of Dharma, one can agree that Dasaratha's response to his obligation to Kaikeyi's left him only one way. If there was ever any alternative at all that satisfied and subscribed to Dharma, Sage Vasishta and others would have not only known it, but would have taken the responsibility to act on it. The fundamental point is that there was no other alternative.

The sudden transformation of Kaikeyi from a noble character into a despicable person makes our understanding of her character always a difficult task. The chilling thought that strikes one's mind even now is what happened to Kaikeyi in that she swayed momentarily from the path of Dharma into Adharma. Her one diabolical act changed the course of life for Sri Rama and others. Kaikeyi was simply a "trigger-mechanism" of Karma that was needed at that instant in Sri Rama's life to initiate various steps in the ladder of events that Sri Rama had to claim to eventually uphold, protect and defend Dharma. Ultimately, Dharma was upheld by destroying evil personified by Ravana and others. Kaikeyi's action resulting in the banishment of Sri Rama is an example of a person whose attitudes changed by one hundred and eighty degrees. Kaikeyi's actions were also a part of her evolving Karma. One need not condone her actions, but understand it in the light of Karma and Dharma. Bharata, a noble character in the *Ramayana*, choose never to forgive her.

Manthara, often sarcastically referred to as the "evil-genius", was only interested in her own welfare and nothing more. Manthara's self-interest was that if Bharata became the king, she would then have the status of principal royal-maid. She wanted the good things in life, and she hatched a diabolical plan to fulfil her desires. Manthara was not interested in the welfare of Kaikeyi, Bharata, Sri Rama and others. Manthara's only interest was Manthara. Nothing more and nothing less. Now, for a moment, let us forget that neither Kaikeyi nor Manthara had any ideas of sending Sri Rama to the forest. If Sri Rama was crowned as the Yuvaraja or heir-apparent to the royal throne at Ayodhya, Bharata and Lakshmana would have been the principal advisers to Sri Rama. Dasaratha, consistent with the *Vedic* prescription of life-duties would have gradually voluntarily retired from the royal duties, leaving Sri Rama as the Emperor of Ayodhya. Then, Sri Rama would not have had the opportunity to leave Ayodhya, as his brothers would have by and large primarily taken care of military matters. This hypothetical picture, though a desired and a happy one for all of us, was never a part of the divine ordination involving Sri Rama.

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The finale of the divine plan was for Sri Rama to eliminate the terror perpetuated by Ravana. The divine ordination for Sri Rama was not royal pleasure but the travails of forest life. The future Karmic unwindings of many involved in the drama of the times was thus brought out by utilizing Kaikeyi as the principal or primary instrument to perpetuate the catastrophic decision to banish Sri Rama from Ayodhya. Her demands to Dasaratha horrify one and all for ever. Sri Rama's instant acceptance of Kaikeyi's demands to Dasaratha potentially prevented the irate citizens of Ayodhya dealing harshly, if not brutally, with her and others. Sri Rama's quick action prevented another major Dharmic catastrophe. The voluntary exile of Sri Rama from Ayodhya dignified the Adharmic action of Kaikeyi. Sri Rama was completely aware that Kaikeyi was merely an instrument of divine intervention to remind him that destiny or fate had harsher plans for him. That is why we see Sri Rama strongly admonishing Lakshmana for the impetous and impolite, if not improper, remarks on Kaikeyi. The divine element in Sri Rama easily accepted and acknowledged the many situations as and when they arose in his life, although on a few occasions Sri Rama's actions seem to reflect a little bit more of the mortal than the divine.

Although one cannot easily accept Kaikeyi's action as the result of divine ordination or Karma, one must also not consider Kaikeyi as totally reprehesible personality even though she closed her eyes completely to Dharma to cause permanent tragedy in Sri Rama's life and Ayodhya. Our objective, of course, is neither to justify nor to defend the aberrations of Kaikeyi. Our interest is to simply understand and accept that whatever happened in the *Ramayana* was merely a divine plan of the time to root out the extreme suffering that people were by and large subjected to by the *rakshasas*. On surface, the divine plan of that time appears to contain many conflicting and confusing things that trouble us even after thousands of years later. We need to acknowledge that even all divine plans are subject to Karma and Dharma. Karma and Dharma that bound mortals also bound the Supreme Lord. This helps us to better understand the persons and events in the *Ramayana* and other scriptures.

A small attempt has been made to study Kaikeyi and her actions in the light of Karma and Dharma. It is a beginning, and perhaps as we evolve in the years to come, a better and complete picture will finally emerge. The cycle of learning and evolution must continue for us to understand the story of Sri Rama in the *Ramayana*. We will complete our discussion of Kaikeyi in the next article. In the meantime, readers who have views that complement or even contradict those discussed in the article need to share them by writing to the Editor. It is not necessary that we have common views on many matters of interest in the *Ramayana*. However, it is clearly important that reverence to Sri Rama and respect for the epic require all to express difficult, differing and debatable views with the utmost decorum, decency and dignity.

May Sri Rama's Blessings Be Upon Us All.

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Conclusions

In order to unravel the ancient history of India it is very essential to bring together astronomers, traditional Vedic and related scholars, astrologers, geologists, anthropologists, archaeologists and ancient Indian historians. It is only then some tangible facts will be available after a good deal of research by them and churning of the vast ocean of literature and scientific facts. Unless one is thorough with the ancient Indian history, one will be at a loss to know the mind and role of India in the world context. Though it is unity under diversity as brought out by Jawaharlal Nehru in his *Discovery of India*, it does not stop there. The foundations of Indian culture, arts, science, relationship with the world, and more than all the propositions of scientific religion which is as secular as science can all be brought out from a deep study of the ancient history of India. This will, if brought to the modern generation of students, make them citizens of the world, with a strong Indian outlook.

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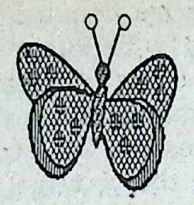

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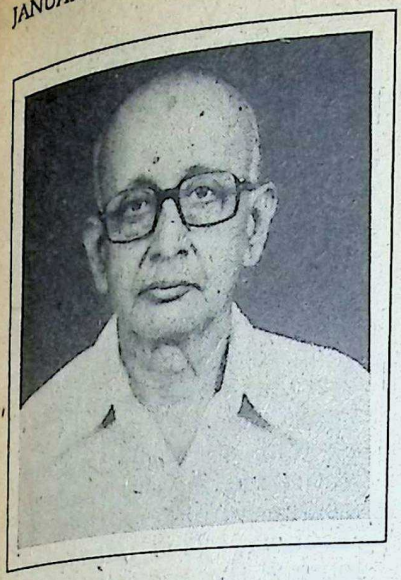

Agastya and Viswamitra: Little Known Facts

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MANY outstanding astronomical facts and events found by observation by our ancients have been related in the form of odd and funny stories to convey the main points to be understood by all, as the phenomena required. In the course of hundreds of years, the skeleton alone remains with the true import lost and the link twisted.

The present study covers stories current in our midst, relating to the lone star Agastya that twinkles rapidly at the tail end of the southern sky, with its proud claim as the pole star of the south and the star Viswamitra (CRUX, or southern cross) and the constellation Trisanku (CENTAURUS) situated at the remote end of the southern sky.

Rishi Viswamitra like Agastya Rishi, as an ancient outstanding astronomer, had the distinction of exploring the southern sky, coming down to the south as he did, from his home in the north, similar to some western astronomers making long trips to different locations on the earth, just to observe and record their findings during total solar eclipses, whenever and wherever such eclipses occur and also to study the transit of Venus from different places. Like other Rishis, Agastya too made a trip south of the Vindhyas to study the southern sky more accurately.

Trisanku

Viswamitra is always praised as 'Nuthana Srishti Kartha' or a great inventor of new things. No wonder he took up for his study the constellation Trisanku (CENTAURUS), shining as it does, in the remote end of the southern sky, opposite Vrischika Rasi, (Scorpio) comprising of the last quarter of the star Visakha and the two other southern stars Anuradha and Jyeshta.

This constellation Trisanku sets when the Sun enters Vrischika Rasi (Scorpio) as it lies due south of this sign in mid-November, and rises when the Sun reaches Kumbha (Aquarius) in February-March.

Trisanku is not visible for 4 (four) months. For eight months it is visible as a morning, evening and night star-group, depending upon its rising time. It would be very interesting to watch its behaviour when it reaches the zenith, as it would slowly begin to plunge headlong in the course of its setting, instead of making a full circle as the Sapta Rishis do in the northern sky.

Viswamitra (CRUX or Southern Cross as termed by the westerners) as a close companion to Trisanku in the southern sky, watches it without falling down! The star Viswamitra is visible to us in the same way as Trisanku is.

This astronomical phenome-

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non is clothed in the form of a story that will interest the common man. A king of Ayodhya named Trisanku had once a strange desire to ascend to the heavens with his physical body and approached his Guru Vasishta to help him by performing a Yagnya for the purpose. After hearing the strange ambition of the King, Vasishta got annoyed and cursed him to become an outcast!

Then he approached the Rishis for help with no result. Finally he went to Viswamitra, who promised to help him, performed a Yagnya which, however, was not successful. Then by his *tapobala* (*mantrasiddhi*) he lifted Trisanku bodily to heaven!

But because of Vasishta's curse the guardians of *swarga* (heaven) hurled him head downwards!

Midway in the heaven, Trisanku appealed to his benefactor Viswamitra for help, who rushed to him immediately. With his great spiritual power, Viswamitra held up his right hand towards the sky, made Trisanku stand in the mid-heaven, without falling down further, exclaiming as he did, *Anya Swargam Karishyami* in great excitement. Viswamitra thus created another *swarga* for Trisanku to the great astonishment of all! This is figuratively called "Trisanku Swarga" even today. There is a general agreement regarding the view that the Trisanku constellation is nearer to earth in distance than other constellations of the southern sky. This is the reason why Trisanku is said to occupy the mid-heaven! Further, the distance of Trisanku constellation calculated in light-years from the earth, as estimated by our astronomers from Viswamitra downwards, concurs with that of modern astronomy. Trisanku is about 180 degrees from the other distinguished star Agastya (CANOPUS) of the southern sky.

Viswamitra

Though it is an established fact that Viswamitra was the earliest among the sage-astronomers to study and reveal the movements and behaviour of Trisanku constellation, he is further credited with the distinction of bringing to light the two southern stars Jyeshta and Moola and their reckoning in our Nakshatra scheme.

Though his contribution as an ancient sage-astronomer was well recognised, his revelations in respect of the southern sky are quite spectacular. It is as a result of this, that the CRUX (Southern Cross) is named after Viswamitra. He is indeed a friendly neighbour to Trisanku.

Naming the stars after those who discover them is quite an ancient custom of the Hindus, which the westerners also followed later on!

As the Maharishis Viswamitra and Vasishta held different views on many important matters and reached compromises later on, the stars of the northern and southern poles have been named after the two great sage-astronomers quite fittingly.

That our ancients studied the remote stars lying at the fringe, with accuracy and skill, without the aid of optical instruments speaks of the marvellous achievements of our sage-astronomers like Viswamitra, Vasishta, Agastya etc.,. *Satapatha Brahmana* of Maharishi Yagnavalkya covers many astronomical facts as observed by him personally.

Agastya

Agastya (identified as Canopus by westerners) is a lone bright star that twinkles in rapid succession posited at the tail end of the southern sky, with its proud claim as the pole star of the south.

There was a time in the past, when this star Agastya was not sighted north of Vindhya. Long after this due to shifting of the Equinoxes, Agastya suddenly became visible north of the Vindhya. This phenomenon sparked the excitement of the observers so much that they proclaimed that Agastya curbed the pride of the Vindhya by striking at it with his great mite and rose above it and also drank the ocean in a single gulp! *Narada Purana* hence describes him as *Samudra Soshitha Yena Saha Agastyaha Prasedhatow...*

The *puranic* version that Agastya was born in a pot and his parents were Mitra and Varuna, is nothing but an astronomical feature described in a figurative way.

When we go north there is nothing but land, while we go south there is nothing but water. Hence it was said that Agastya was born in a pot, taking the whole visible part of the ocean as a pot! As a student of astronomy knows, Agastya rises from the south sea, being a remote southern star!

It can also be explained in another way. The heliacal setting of Agastya takes place during summer and its heliacal rising in the rainy season. This is the reason why Mitra (Sun or Summer) and Varuna (Rain God or Winter) are called his parents, and the term *Apamnaath* for Agastya, also arose as a result.

The earlier work *Parasara Samhita* and the later work *Brihat Samhita* speak about Agastya in detail.

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Numbers and Maturity of Personality

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IN general personality is taken as an intangible quality that makes an individual attractive or inattractive in appearance. But tangible and visible qualities also contribute a lot to shaping the different facets of the individual personality. Personality is thus a complex phenomenon. Throughout lives an individual meets situations in which he is unable to satisfy his motives promptly. Partly due to the fact that some individuals are dominating in nature while others seem to be sociable whereas quite a few love to remain seclusive. Thus every individual, being endowed with some hidden inherent characteristics, shows typical ways of reacting to common situations. These hibernating characteristics actually help to build up the real personality of an individual.

As there are nine numbers out of which all human calculations are made it has been observed that at the age of 18 (1+8=9) an individual attains a full mature personality. From 18 years onwards human actions overlap thinking in such a way that one does what he or she has to do in life according to his or her destiny. The qualities one acquires on becoming mature are determined by a number called maturity number. This number indicates a particular group out of the nine groups of the periodic table of chemical elements. The corresponding properties of the elements of each group give the qualities of a mature individual. The prominence of these qualities increase like a wedge as one grows older.

The maturity number of an individual is calculated by simply adding the life-path number to the expression number. The life-path number is determined by adding all the numbers in the date of birth of an individual and reducing the total to a single digit *e.g.* the life-path of an individual born on November 14, 1889 = 11+14+1889 = 1+1+1+4+1+8+8+9 = 33 = 3+3 = 6. The expression number on the other hand is calculated by adding the numerical value of all the letters (from the chart below) in the name of an individual and reducing the total to a single numeral.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	

e.g. the expression number of Jawaharlal Nehru is 1+1+5+1+8+1+9+3+1+3+5+5+8+9+3 = 63 = 6+3 = 9. Thus maturity number of Jawaharlal Nehru (November 14, 1889) is the life-path number 6 + expression number 9 = 15 = 1+5 = 6.

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Maturity Number 1

This number indicates I group of the periodic table.

The names of the chemical elements of this group with important properties are given below:

Name	Symbol	Properties
Hydrogen	H	Source of unlimited energy
Lithium	Li	Some compounds are unstable
Sodium	Na	Reactive
Potassium	K	Reactive
Copper	Cu	Useful ornamental metal
Rubidium	Rb	Reactive
Silver	Ag	Useful ornamental metal
Cesium	Cs	Reactive
Gold	Au	Useful ornamental metal
Francium	Fr	Radioactive

People with maturity number 1 will therefore show the following correlated characteristics:

(i) They gradually become self-centred, courageous for getting their desires satisfied and can even stand alone without any help for meeting the challenges of life.

(ii) They become very aggressive in order to fulfil their desires.

(iii) They often move very fast to achieve their goals.

Maturity Number 2

This number indicates II group of the periodic table. The names of the chemical elements of this group with important properties are given below :

Name	Symbol	Properties
Beryllium	Be	Ductile like Mg
Magnesium	Mg	Soft, malleable and ductile metal
Calcium	Ca	Harder than lead, malleable and ductile metal.
Zinc	Zn	Used for galvanizing
Strontium	Sr	Similar to Ca
Cadmium	Cd	Similar to Zn
Barium	Ba	Similar to Sr
Mercury	Hg	Liquid at ordinary temperature
Radium	Ra	Radioactive

People with maturity number 2 will therefore show the following correlated characteristics:

(i) Their ability to flow with the river of life *i.e.* to respond rather than to react increases. With age they learn how to get out of difficulty in their own way.

(ii) Indicates an increasing ability to use sensitivity in a positive gentle way *i.e.* individuals with this maturity number become soft and mellow with age.

(iii) Their nature to be too submissive, taking things too personally and getting hurt unnecessarily gradually vanishes and on maturity their ability to listen, to co-operate and coexist with others increases.

Maturity Number 3

This number indicates the III group of the periodic table. The names of the chemical elements of this group with important properties are given below:

Name	Symbol	Properties
Boron	B	The compounds and metals of these elements have recently added to increasing human happiness and enjoyment.
Aluminium	Al	
Scandium	Sc	
Gallium	Ga	
Yttrium	Y	
Indium	In	
Lanthanum	La	
Thallium	Tl	
Actinium	Ac	Radioactive

People with maturity number 3 will therefore show the following characteristics:-

(i) Their ability to enjoy life increases with maturity.

(ii) They feel satisfied even with limited resources provided to them in life.

(iii) Their ability to be more positive and a constructive approach to life increases with age.

Maturity Number 4

This number indicates the IV group of the periodic table. The names of the chemical elements of this group with important properties are given below:

Name	Symbol	Properties
Carbon	C	The compounds of these elements have practical applications in day-to-day human life. Some of these elements are used in the metallic state but only after processing.
Silicon	Si	
Titanium	Ti	
Germanium	Ge	
Zirconium	Zr	
Tin	Sn	
Hafnium	Hf	
Lead	Pb	
Thorium	Th	

People with maturity number 4 will therefore show the following characteristics:

(i) They become more practical in life.

(ii) They try to get their needs satisfied by hard work only.

(iii) Their inner trust in getting rewards by labour rather than by chance become firmly fixed with maturity.

Maturity Number 5

This number indicates the V group of the periodic table. The name of the chemical elements of this group with important properties will follows.

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Letters to the Editor

The California Earthquake

I

Sir, - This has reference to your prediction about the California earthquake in your annual issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, page 157, January 1989 issue. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the accurate prediction of this event. You had mentioned that California could be hit by an earthquake some time in August-September, while the actual quake has occurred in October 1989, which in seismological terms is very much correct, considering the fact that the return periods of large seismic events are of the order of few decades.

You have also mentioned about the likelihood of occurrence of an earthquake in India, in the same issue but the likely time of occurrence is somewhat not clear. I would be grateful to you, if you could kindly indicate the likely time of occurrence of the seismic event in India as predicted by you.

Pune. *Arun Bapat.*

II

Sir, - The earthquakes of October 1989 that occurred in China and California coincided with the change of sign by Rahu-Ketu into Capricorn and Cancer and of Mars into Virgo.

In the world forecasts for 1989 in the *A.M.*, 1989 Annual Number, you have pinpointed the exact site of the earthquake in your assessment of the year for the U.S.A. when you said "An earthquake is possible in California about August-September". You have also said "A major natural disaster such as an earthquake is likely ... about the time of the Jupiter-Saturn opposition" in your forecast for China. One cannot but appreciate your amazing forecasts based merely on the chart for the lunar New Year. I am sure if you had been furnished with resources and man-power as the Meteorological Department is being done, you could have given even more details about the intensity, exact location and dates of these disasters.

Such forecasts proclaim the indispensability of Astrology to modern man.

New Delhi. *S.N. Saxena.*

III

Sir, - Congratulations for correct prediction of the earthquakes of Los Angeles, U.S.A. (S) and China which occurred recently (*vide* THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, 1989 Annual Number).

Goa. *S.K. Ray.*

"My Early Experiences in Astrology"

I

Sir, - The sensitive aspects of Astrology reflected in the brilliant editorial (*A.M.*, October 1989) leave an indelible mark on the mind of a reader who cares to delve deep into it. What could have been more astounding than to presage a prediction by an eminent Indian astrologer that the European war would break out in March 1914 "due to the assassination of a Prince".

The learned Editor has laid great emphasis on honesty for a person who takes to Astrology.

Bhubaneswar. *Kuldeep Mohanty.*

II

Sir, - Reading revered DR. B.V. RAMAN's astrological experiences is a soul-stirring experience for me.

After furnishing us with the extracts from the stunning predictions from the renowned Sibly's book *The Celestial Science of Astrology* (*A.M.*, October 1989) in his elegant style, DR. RAMAN makes a significant observation: "It will be noted that

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: MARCH 1962

Nehru and Astrology

Sir, - Pandit Nehru has come out with one of his periodic trades against Astrology, and that in a city he shares with that ardent believer in and champion of Astrology Dr. Sampuranand. Mr. Nehru is all for human free-will, which, he avers, excludes belief in Astrology.

Napoleon is credited with the saying that the word 'impossible' is found only in the dictionary of fools. He did not repeat that at Elba.

There is also a story often told in Kerala to illustrate how vanity makes men placed in positions of power prattle and get away with it. The way to a place there, lies by the gateway of a Devi (Goddess) temple and it was customary for the Maharaja and members of the family to get down from the palanquin and cross the gate on foot. A clever younger brother of the Maharaja who wielded all power while the elder borther was kept as a mere figure head took it into his head that it was utter superstitious non-sense to get down from the palanquin to cross a mere stone gate. When objection was entered against his defiance of the custom by the temple authorities he promptly ordered the demolition of the temple itself.

The Deity manifesting through the professional human medium approached him and prayed that the temple be spared and conceded that he could go and come as he pleased. To the amazed devotees the medium explained that the stars were then very powerfully behind the Raja's brother and the Goddess did not wish to create a breach in the law of the Universe to punish one mortal who would, in turn, come to grief through his own folly by the law of cause and effect when adverse influences follow like night following day.

The Prince died a wretch many years later.

It does not take extraordinary intelligence to understand the principles underlying the science of Astrology. It is the first science human beings appear to have studied. Of course, there are charlatans practising this science as there are with regard to other sciences. You don't throw the baby with the bath-water.

An aura of profound learning has been built around Mr. Nehru and then he arrogates to himself the right to pronounce upon every branch of learning. He was given the palm for his treatise on Indian History where, in the opening pages, you come across such howlers as the sage Sankaracharya being dismissed as a Saivite.

THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE has time and again carried articles from the pen of authorities pointing out the rationale of the science of Astrology. **It needs humility and an inquiring mind to try to understand a subject.**

Mr. Nehru is reported to be a Yoga addict; but he practises Yoga to keep his body fit. It is like wearing the carnation for its look missing the aroma. For him the rest of what Yoga claims for itself is superstition.

Precious metals are purified by being melted in fire; men too are purified by being melted in suffering. Those who have not suffered can never be leaders of men except through the element of luck. Their understanding of the hope, fears and sufferings of those whom they lead will remain academic and therefore superficial.

Mr. Nehru's over-confidence in himself and his agnoticism constitute the tragedy in the life of this most ancient religious community. **He forgets that his will shall not go further than King Canute's orders to the waves of the sea. If he does some introspection he will see that he has not been able to effectively command the waves lashing to our Northern frontiers. Despite his dams, floods take a heavy toll year after year, every year a little heavier perhaps.**

We miss Gandhiji for all this reason. We wail with Bernard Shaw: "We teach history from the life of our ordinary persons; when shall we touch history from the life of our saints?"

Madras. *T. Keshava Menon.*

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these ancient astrologers in the West made their predictions without the extra-saturnine planets then not yet known."

Well, the 7 harmonies of the music are the basis of all music even today. Again the 7 primary colours are the base for all combinations of colours. The 7 days of the week in every land are the outcome of the influence of the 7 creative planets.

Similarly the 7 creative planets are the basis in India for all astrological predictions. Have not these 7 creative planets influenced the world and granted DR. RAMAN international recognition?

I, for one, always stick to the mystic 7 planets which have worked wonders in Astrology.

P.D. Sarangabad. *T.A.Ram Nathen.*

Outlook for Shiv Sena

Sir, - According to *A.M.*, November 1967, Shiv Sena was born on 30-10-1966 at about 6.55 p.m. The Lagna is Aries with the Moon and Rahu in Lagna; Cancer - Jupiter; Leo - Mars; Libra - Venus, the Sun and Ketu; Scorpio - Mercury and Pisces - Saturn (R) the Moon and Rahu in Krittika. Lord of Lagna in the 5th in Leo bestows fearless but hasty actions. The Dasa of Mars has commenced from 1982 and will end in 1989. Rahu Mahadasa will be in force from 1990. Rahu is in the 10th now. From October 1989 transit Rahu in the 10th (according to *Hindu Predictive Astrology*, page 153) bestows "sudden promotions to higher position, recognition of one's merits, increase in wealth and general prosperity".

Rahu is also in Lagna in the natal chart and will be in the 10th from October 1989. So this period will see Shiv Sena come out with flying colours in the coming general elections.

Jalgaon. *S.S. Kulkarni.*

Will the British Queen Step Down?

Sir, - I read the comments made by Mr. Laksman Devasena of Colombo in regard to the article by Argus (*A.M.*, September 1989). I do not understand why Mr. Devasena has changed the correct birth time of the Queen. She was born at 01-40 a.m. GMT.

Birth data taken by Argus is correct. Mr. Devasena is wrong as the Queen's birth time is 01-40 a.m. GMT and not BST (British Summer Time). Thus whatever he has written in *A.M.* September issue can only be right if one full hour of time difference has nothing to do with astrological readings, including planetary main pe- riods, sub-periods or sub-sub-periods. Mr. Devasena misguides the *A.M.* readers when he writes ..... because of the daylight saving procedure in England between March 21 and September 23 of every year". England follows Summer Time but the dates of Summer Time - the beginning and end - are not the same every year. They are all different. Even in 1926 Summer Time began on April 18 ending on October 4th. Here also he has made a mistake.

It is hoped such mistakes and forecasts are not repeated in future, and records set right.

Wembley, Middlesex, U.K. *P.A. Patel.*

Denial of Marriage

Sir, - Reference to the 3rd case (page 896, *A.M.*, November 1989) the suggestion in the answer given of the possibility of denial of marriage seems to me to conform to the principle enunciated by that famous writer Mr. H.R. Shankar in his article on the "Eclipse Point" (page 843, *A.M.*, November 1986). Although the exact longitude of the Lagna in this case cannot be determined without knowing the place of birth, from the Navamsa position of Lagna, the longitude could be very near 296°. Based on this I find that Venus, one of the significators for marriage, falls on the "eclipse point" which according to the article mentioned above will deny marriage to the native.

I have come across three or four cases of denial of marriage, and in all those cases I found that the brilliant principle enunciated by Mr. Shankar has relevance.

Secunderabad. *S. Doraisamy.*

Horoscope of Sri Rajneesh

Sir, - Mr. Pulippani has criticised Sri Rajneesh for his "wrong approach of fusing sex principles with Yoga" and put his foreign travels in "negative" category (*A.M.*, September 1989).

I would like to draw the attention of the learned contributor to *Jataka Parijata, sloka* 27, *Adhyaya* 15:

Sitaarasuryaatmajajeeva bhaskaraih
kujendudevejya budharkanandanaih
Sitenduputraarkishshonka
bhumijairbhavettapasvi
vanaparvatasrayah

The first combination occurs in the horoscope of Lord Buddha and the third happens to be in the horoscope of Sri Rajneesh. The real meaning of an ascetic residing in forests and mountains is a pure soul of sublime and elevated consciousness. In the light of the above verse, Sri Rajneesh can be said to be an enlightened figure. The late Mr. Y. Keshave Menon also saw the 'divine' in Sri Rajneesh (*vide* his article "Horoscope of a Contemporary Sage" some years back in the *A.M.*).

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In his book *Nostradamus and Millennium* John Hogue mentions Sri Rajneesh as a spiritual master and messiah of the new human race.

His visits to U.S.A. and other foreign countries cannot be called failure because they popularised him very much. While in U.S.A., several times his discourses were televised. Recently in USSR a programme on his philosophy and Ashram was televised.

Indore. *Narendra Kumar Dixit.*

Aditi and Aditya

Sir, - Mr. Rangacharya (*A.M.*, November 1989, page 872) does not seem to be familiar with the *Vedic Samhitas* and *Brahmanas* in which I have faith more than I have in the Muhurta texts. He objects to *Aditi* being in the twelve Adityas. The *Samhitas* say *Aditirdhjouradhitirantariksham*. This *Aditi* is not the mother of the *Aditya*. It is the supreme spiritual Being. The beauty of Vedic grammar has to be understood properly to be appreciated correctly. This *Aditi* presides over Maaghamaasa when Uttarayana (winter solstice) comes and for which Bhishma waited. *Aditi* is the measureless, the infinite, the Supreme Reality which manifested to Bhishma. He cannot accuse me of lack of authority. He lacks knowledge of the Vedic texts which I have been struggling to master since 1939, and about which I published a couple of volumes recently. His reference to Dasaratha is irrelevant as I have not referred to this name. We are not interested in the twelve synonyms of the Sun. But the Vedic tradition refers to the twelve manifestations of the Sun. Originally they were only seven as the *Rig Veda* and *Zend Avesta* (Amesha Spenta) reveal. Later the Rishis saw twelve.

About the eleven Rudras he has revealed ignorance. These names are taken from the *Taittiriya Samhita* and *Taittiriya Brahmana* which I had to master as per the injunction *Svadhyayo Adhye thavyaha*. Let him follow this Vedic command. If Vedic pandits give other names, it only means that they had lost or that they did not know the originals. This is because, as Sayana said, they are like pillars which hold a house without knowing the significance of the house.

Before venturing into print on these matters, persons like Mr. Rangacharya should try to understand on what basis I have given the information. First and foremost I am a student of the Vedic texts, next a professor of English, Sans-krit and Philosophy, and lastly a student of Astrology.

Scholars like Mr. Rangacharya may think that *Aditi* is a word in the feminine gender, and hence cannot be an Aditya. I can only say that *Dara*, meaning a wife, is the masculine gender and in the plural number. Logic in such cases does not work. The Advaitic Brahman, and I am committed to this Absolute, is in the neuter gender. First, all of us should study Sanskrit grammar and ponder over this simple problem - the Dhyana Sloka of Gayatri Mantra is addressed to a Goddess and the Gayatri Mantra is an invocation to a male deity. Is he prepared to reject the Dhyana Sloka, or the Gayatri Mantra? Let not a student of Astrology encroach on astrological problems related to the Vedic texts.

Nagpur. *P. S. Sastri.*

Opposition Aspect

Sir, - In answer to Q. 2. (page 730, *A.M.*, September 1989) Mihira says "Indian Astrology does not recognise opposition aspect". I have always taken it otherwise. Please clarify.

Bombay. *T. Rama Chopra.*

***[Mihira replies:** Opposition aspect in the west is invariably adverse, while in our system the 7th house aspect is dependent upon the functional nature of the planets concerned. In this sense opposition aspect is not recognised in Indian Astrology.]*

The Horoscope of Emperor Akbar

Sir, - In a recently published book *The Great Moghuls* by Bamber and Christina Gascoigne (Jonathan Cape, London) it is stated that Akbar was born in Umarkot (Sind) on 15th October, 1542. All the dates given in the book are by the Old Style Julian Calendar. This is also the date of birth of Akbar given in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. But in the well-known book *Notable Horoscopes* the horoscope of Akbar discussed by DR. B. V. RAMAN is for 24/23 November, 1542 (Old Style). About some historical dates in the book, the learned author has, however, clarified "Notwithstanding care on my part in collecting the data from reliable sources it is left to the discretion of the reader to treat my findings as authentic or doubtful". The authors of the *The Great Moghuls* have listed a large number of references which, in addition to several books, include memoirs, chronicles, travellers' reports etc., written during the Moghul period now kept in some libraries in India, Pakistan, U.K. and U.S.S.R. where they went and studied for the purpose of their work.

It is stated that Humayun, himself a great believer in Astrology, took special interest in the casting of Akbar's horoscope and the readings run to several pages in the printed text of Abul Fazl (Akbar's friend and courtier). The authors have

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not digressed to give particulars of the horoscope (birth time etc.) or the readings. Chart I[a] is for 12 GMT of 15-10-1542 (O.S) and Chart II[b] for 24/23-11-1542 is from *Notable Horoscopes*.

Absence of Lagna severely restricts a full assessment of Chart I, besides the difficulty in linking events to the correct Dasa/Bhukti (Moon is in Poorvashadha-1). Planets in this chart (except Saturn and Mars) do not appear to be as strongly placed as in Chart II. The Sun and Venus are in debilitation (though the Sun gets *neechabhanga*) and no planet is in its own house in Rasi or Navamsa. Despite these limitations one could discern features in the chart that reflect some aspects of Akbar's life and character.

Two Yogas are conspicuous in Chart I—Kalasarpa Yoga and Chandra-Mangala Yoga. In the interesting article "Some Misconceptions about Kalasarpa Yoga" (*A.M.*, January 1988) the author quotes a text that affirms that Kalasarpa Yoga of the *anuloma type* (*i.e.*, planets moving towards Rahu) produces always excellent results (*Mahasubha*) and has given as example charts of persons in high positions of name and fame. The Yoga in Chart I is of this type. Chandra-Mangala Yoga (as per *Brihat Jataka*) indicates boldness, virtues and wealth. Here, the Moon had formed the Yoga with Vargottama Mars in the house of the divine planet Jupiter. Akbar's greatest virtue was his reverence for all religious faiths.

It is mentioned that Akbar had no heir to the throne till his 26th year as all the children (through his many wives) had died in infancy. The three sons Salim (later Jehangir), Murad and Daniyal were born after Akbar made pilgrimages (mostly on foot) to the sacred tomb of Kwaja-Muin-Ud-Din Chishti in Ajmer in 1568. What looks surprising was the high infant mortality in a royal family living in comfort and commanding the services of the best *hakims* and *vaidyas* of the day! Of the two charts the affliction to the 5th house seems to be more in Chart I (from Chandra Lagna) than in Chart II. The 5th house is directly aspected by two malefics, the Sun and Saturn, and the 5th lord by Saturn. That Akbar was not denied children may be due to the aspect of Jupiter (free from combustion and Papakartari Yoga) on the 5th house.

Pune. *Y. R. Natarajan.*

[a] *Chart I: Rasi:* Leo - Ketu; Virgo - Venus; Libra - the Sun, Saturn and Jupiter; Scorpio - Mercury; Sagittarius - Mars and the Moon; and Aquarius - Rahu.

[b] *Chart II: Rasi:* Libra - Ascendant, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn; Scorpio - the Sun; Sagittarius - Mercury; Capricorn - Mars; Aquarius - Rahu; Gemini - the Moon; and Leo - Ketu.

On Longevity

Sir, - In the astrological text *Jatakadesamarga* written by a very learned astrologer of Malabar by name Somayaji of Poduhouse in *Adhyaya 7, sloka 29*, it is said that if malefics do not occupy *kendra* or *kona* houses, the native's longevity will be similar to that of the gods. Venus and Mercury occupying the Lagna and the rest occupying the 3rd, 6th and 11th houses will give similar results.

Please let me know how far we should go by the rule that malefics if they do not occupy *kendra* or *kona* houses, the longevity will be similar to that of the gods.

For instance, a person was born on 21-6-1907 at ghatis 12-30 from sunrise in Leo Lagna having the Moon in Libra, Mars and Ketu in Capricorn, Saturn in Pisces, Venus in Taurus, the Sun, Mercury and Jupiter in Gemini, and Rahu and Mandi in Cancer. Will the above-said rule apply? Saturn comes to the 7th Bhava from Lagna. Is the Yoga to be interpreted according to Bhava or the Rasi chart?

Nasik. *K. V. Shankar.*

Which House rules Business?

Sir, - Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev says that "the question of business is dependent not only on the 10th house but also the 2nd house as well as the 5th house" in Astrological Miscellany (*A.M.*, October 1989). There is no reference to the 7th house at all.

Is not the 7th house the most important one for business?

Kottapuram. *C. P. Ramavarman Erady.*

Clarifications Needed

I

Sir, - The Surya Prakash Memorial Number of the *A.M.* is full of vital information as to the combinations for foreign travel.

The Editorial illustrating the four charts throws light indicating the various circumstances of different nature taking one to a foreign country, whether for good or worse, the duration of stay, return or migration.

Which Dasa?

I have to invite the attention of our learned contributor, Mrs. Mridula Trivedi to the example Chart 2 on page 697. The native had a balance of Rahu Dasa years 5-5-23 at birth. The next Dasa of

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Jupiter must follow. The author says, the native went abroad with her father when running Mercury Bhukti in Mars. She married a German in Saturn Bhukti in Mars on 11-2-1985.

Mars Dasa can run only when the native is over hundred years. As per the birth data, Rahu Dasa at birth is correct, followed by Jupiter Dasa.

Again, one is sure that Mars, exhaustively discussed by the author as lord of 4-9 houses, is occupying the 12th house in debility with exalted Jupiter and aspecting the Moon. Lord of 12 and Saturn lord of 7, is not an 'oversight' on the part of the author, using Mars for Jupiter.

According to the author's own Dasa balance calculation, the native was running Mars Bhukti in Jupiter at marriage on 11-2-1985 (and not Saturn in Mars) from 11-11-1984 to 17-10-1985.

I request the author to clarify the issue. She has quoted DR. B. V. RAMAN's Sahams but has not illustrated the use thereof in any of the example charts.

Prof. Gupta does not find the Sahams as dependable. This requires more investiagation since the two points on the circumference of a circle can be linked in two ways always: From point (a) proceeding directly upto point (b). The Ascendant may not be crossed one way, but has to be crossed by the other way.

Ahmedabad. *N. C. Trivedi.*

II

Sir, - Mrs. Trivedi has not given the position of Saturn as on 18-9-1966 at 5.30 a.m. in her article published in the September 1989 issue of the *A.M.* in Rasi Chart 2, page 697 correctly. Saturn was in Pisces right from 9-4-1966 and on 18-9-1966 (at 5.30 hrs) it was retrograde in the same sign and not in Aquarius as shown in Chart 2. This fact appears to have escaped the notice of Mrs. Mridula Trivedi.

Further it is not clear as to how when Rahu Dasa was running at the time of birth of the native, the next Dasa could have been of Mars. The illustration given by the writer needs review, as arguments given (in so far as the points mentioned above are concerned) in support thereof appear to have no relevance. I request the writer of the article to provide the necessary clarification.

Durg. *K. D. Grover.*

Parliamentary Elections

Sir, - In October 1989 issue, the prediction that Congress will get success in Parliamentary elections and Mr. Rajiv Gandhi will lead it once again, is good. Now according to "Raman Ephemeris", Mr. Rajiv Gandhi's current period is Rahu-Venus, and Mr. N. T. Rama Rao's is Venus-Rahu (commences on 1-10-1990). Hence Mr. N. T. Rama Rao may get some of the North-East Parliament seats for the Front.

Janagaon. *S. V. Jagannadh Acharya.*

"Foreign Travel - Pleasure or Pain?"

Sir, - This has reference to Mr. Pulippani's article (*A.M.*, September 1989) published under the above caption. The interaction between the 3rd, 7th, 9th and 12th Bhavas and their lords, their placement in moveable and watery signs are what are discussed in most of the articles in this special issue. Some opine that even the 5th and the 8th houses and their lords have a say in the subject, since the 5th is 9th from the 9th and the 8th is 12th from the 9th. The 4th house affliction is also not of minor importance. The airy signs Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are also to be reckoned since a good majority of travels now-a-days are by air. Rahu and Saturn deserve respect in this regard as the significators of overseas travel. The role of the quick-moving Moon and its association with the aforesaid vulnerable Bhavas and their lords and watery or airy signs is also important.

Mr. Pulippani's assessment does neither fit in with the rules he has given nor with anybody else's. He has overlooked the role of Rahu and Saturn, the two important planets which figure in foreign travels. For want of space, I would like to mention only one example, that of our revered Editor DR. B. V. RAMAN.

The lord of the 7th denoting foreign travel in a *chara* Rasi in the star of Mercury does not help him go abroad, unless it is aspected by Saturn and Rahu, the former being his Lagna and 12th lord and the latter a *karaka* for foreign travel. This is because the 7th lord is placed in the 6th which in no way is connected with foreign travel; and a *trika* house. Mercury cannot be considered a Yogakaraka for the Ascendant since his *moolatrikona* and exaltation fall in the 8th. Mars is the 3rd lord in the 7th. The 12th lord of the sign where Lagna is posited is Mars, both being bitter enemies. These are some of the positive points for his foreign travel. Above all these plus points, the 7th lord is placed in the 12th of the Navamsa chart in the sign of Saturn along with Rahu. It is also seen from the Navamsa chart that the Lagna and the 12th lord are placed in the 3rd with 9th lord in a moveable sign; the 3rd lord in the 9th, again a moveable sign. Saturn is linked with Rahu in the Navamsa chart (10th aspect).

Thalayalaparambu. *N. K. Venugopal.*

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Vasumati Yoga

Sir, - In the normal course, orthodox professional astrologers apply the verbatim meanings of Sanskrit *slokas* from classical texts. Our learned friend Mr. Venugopalan has done the same while discussing Vasumati Yoga found in a particular horoscope (*A.M.*, October 1989). Atheeva Vasumati Yoga is rarely found. This Yoga in full occurred in the horoscope in discussion: Of course, the adverse points brought out by our learned friend did, to a small extent, reduce the potency of the Yoga, but are not adequate enough to cancel the fruits altogether.

The Moon-Jupiter position in 2/12 or *vice versa* is termed Sakata Yoga in a few texts. Yet a similar situation results in Anapha and Sunapha Yogas, favourable yogas, and supported by almost all popular texts.

May our learned friend once again go through the 9th stanza of Chapter XIII of *Brihat Jataka*? Prof. Suryanarain Rao, well known to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, in his English translation of the stanza emphasised that this Yoga predominates all others and has also given an example with Sakata Yoga. Mr. Venugopalan may also refer to the comments on the subject by Vidwan Kikullangara Rama Varier who has elaborately discussed the subject along with the commentaries from Bhattotpala, Dasadhyayi etc.

Kindly note the following peculiarities in the horoscope concerned:

(a) Out of the three benefics in Upachaya Rasis two are in Bhava Sandhi (Venus and Mercury). They are in planetary war, Mercury the lord of 2 and 11 is the vanquished; (b) 3rd lord in the 8th from the 3rd; (c) the 4th lord in the 8th from the 4th; (d) the 7th lord in the 8th from the 7th; and (e) the 11th lord in the 12th from the 11th. And so, what?

Tellichery. *C. K. Govindan Nair.*

Saakambari

Sir, - The learned Ekalavya writes about Saakambari (*A.M.*, October 1989) that "once there was a great famine on earth and for want of rain and food, men, birds, trees and cattle started dying in their millions. Seeing the alarming state of things the Mother Goddess pumped a full complement of food in millions of tons from out of the body to save lives on the earth". He further writes "In Sanskrit *saaka* means vegetable food in all its ramifications and *ambara* means clothing. As all the food emanated from around her body, it looked as though she had worn it as clothing".

The very word *Saakambari* is erroneous. It should be **Saakambhari** *vide* the 48th and 49th *sloka* of the 11th canto of the *Saptasati Chandi* - *"Tatohamakhilam lokatumadeha samrudbhabaih, Bhavishyani Surah Saakairavriste pranadharakaih, Saakambhariti vikhyatim tada yasyamyaham bhuvi, tatraiva cha badhishyami durgamaakhyam Mahasuram"*.

There are as many as thirty *teekas* (commentaries) of *Chandi* of which *Guptavati Teeka* of the great Bhaskara Ray is very important for he consulted the commentary of Nagoji Bhatta the great grammarian. The book is available at Nirnaya Sagar Press of Bombay. Bhaskara Ray was born at Bhaga Nagari in the early years of the 18th century. His father was Gambhir Ray and mother was Konamba. He lived at Tirullitairmaruture, Tiruvalankatu and Bhaskara-rajapuram. He wrote in his *teeka, "Surah, tatah Aham atma deha samundbhavaiah pranadha- rakaih sakaih avriste akhilam lokam bhavish- yami, tada aham chuki saakambhari* (and not *sakambari*) *iti vikhyatim yasyami"*. He added the places of the Goddesses Satakshi, Sakambhari, etc., are situated on the eastern part of Sahyadri Parvata which is between the rivers Krishnaveni and Tungabhadra.

Serampore. *Gopal Chandra Mukerjee.*

"A Point of Grammar"

Sir, - This is in reference to "A Point of Grammar" under the feature "News and Views" written by Ekalavya in the September 1989, issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

The English grammatical rule he has stated in the context of the use of verb when two subjects are joined by "or" or "nor" is correct. That is, the verb agrees in person with the subject nearest to it. But then he adds: "Incidentally, use of the plural verb also avoids the embarrassment and cumbersome construction needed later when the nouns in the subject differ in gender and number." I may here point out that Nesfield himself has advised thus to avoid the difficulties envisaged by Ekalavya: "It would be better, however, to repeat the verb for each subject." Thus the sentence "Neither James nor you were present" has been re-written by Nesfield in this way:" Neither James was present, nor were you." Similarly, the sentence in our case should be re-written thus:" Neither President Premadasa has done credit to himself, nor has Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, by adopting .....". So I do not think Ekalavya has done the right thing by agreeing with the "reader" regarding the question of the violation of a well-established grammatical rule in the name of music and elegance.

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Born 14-3-1957 at 11-48 a.m. (IST) at 26 N 32, 80 E 30 with a balance of 4 years, 6 months and 5 days of Ketu Dasa.

SUN		MARS KETU	ASCDT.
MERC. VENUS	RASI		
			MOON
	SAT. RAHU		JUPIT. (R)

		MOON MERC. VENUS	
MARS JUPIT.	NAVAMSA		SUN RAHU
SAT. KETU			
ASCDT.			

Both the native and his wife have successful careers.

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QUIZ 4 - OCTOBER 1989 RESULTS

Readers Sreepada C. of Halaharvi (A.P.) and C. Thamban Nair M.A., of Nileshwar, Kasargod Dist. come up with correct answer to Quiz 4 (1989). They share the prize amount of Rs.200.00 equally between them. Our congratulations to them.

Facts:

The native had only 2 sons both of whom died in their youth by committing suicide.

Solution:

The 5th house is Aquarius occupied by 5th lord Saturn and 11th lord Sun aspected by malefic Mars. Jupiter also aspects the 5th house which gave 2 sons. The combustion of the 5th lord in the 5th itself is said to deny or destroy progeny. From Chandra Lagna, the 5th house has a strong Papakartari Yoga. The 5th lord aspecting the 5th has given progeny but the aspect of Mars (adverse) on Jupiter as also the affliction to the 5th house did not allow the progeny to survive long. Saturn Dasa saw both sons die in tragic circumstances.

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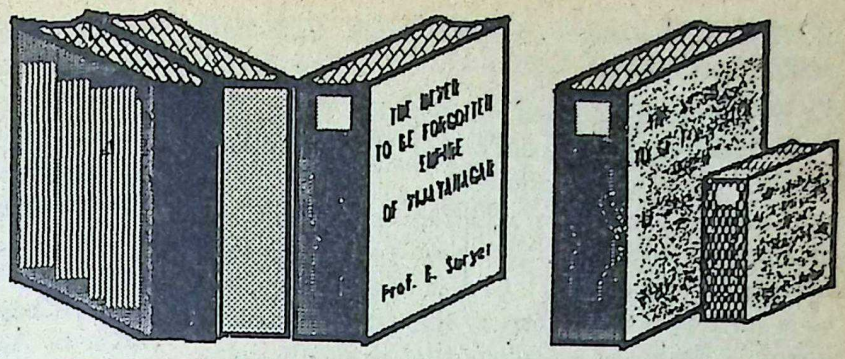

OUR LITERARY EDITOR

THE SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY, TECHNIQUES, EVIDENCES AND PREDICTIONS FOR 1989-90

By K. N. Rao and Meenakshi Raut. (Hind Pocket Books (P) Ltd., G.T. Road, Shahdara, Delhi 110 032, Pp. 184, Rs. 35.00).

One of the three *skandas* of Jyotisha is Samhita which among other topics deals with Mundane Astrology. Indian astrological savants have laid down guidelines and rules for interpreting specific planetary configurations and celestial phenomena as solar and lunar eclipses in terms of terrestrial events affecting large masses of people, events such as floods, droughts, earthquakes, pestilences, etc. In the hands of a competent astrologer these guidelines help in achieving a fair measure of precision in prediction of national and international events.

Critics are not, however, wanting, who question the claims of Astrology to foresee events that lie in the future. Mr. K. N. Rao the prolific writer on astrological themes, and Meenakshi Raut have with a missionary zeal offered in this book large volume of proof to convince any reasonable person, who may have genuine doubts about Astrology.

In Part I of this book entitled "Techniques and Evidences" the authors have listed in a tabular form running into 24 pages over 100 fulfilled predictions of national and international events made by Dr. B. V. Raman, the well-known astrological savant of modern times during the last 5 decades. To the students of Astrology these provide basic techniques for making mundane predictions.

This part also includes Elements of Mundane Astrology and 2 articles on "World Prospects—1988-89".

Part 2 lists 20 of Mr. K. N. Rao's fulfilled predictions for the Hindu New Year 1988-89, besides predictions covering major countries of the world for the year 1989-90. The reference to quack astrologers could have been omitted, however.

An eminently readable book for students and practitioners of Astrology alike. The book is well produced and reasonably priced.

THE BIOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF VEDIC MYTHOLOGY

By A. K. Bhattacharya. (Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, Calcutta-700 006, Pp. xvi + 162, Rs. 200.00.)

The book under review is an investigation into the real meaning of Vedic myths, which apparently meaningless in their structure have survived to this day. The learned author views the Hindu Cosmological Ideas about cyclic evolution in terms of the biological evolution of the Brain and suggests that it was biologically imperative for mankind to evolve in a state of spiritual perfection, as embodied by the Vedic 'Pitris'. He puts forward the hypothesis that the evolution of 'Pitris' took place in the continent of Antarctica around 100,000 years ago, and reconstructs the history of ancient civilizations with great diligence. The author suggests that the present age of Kali will extend upto 2000 A.D. approximately. However, his assertion that at the end of the age of Kali, Right Hemisphere of the Brain will once again assume a dominant role, probably through an evolutionary crisis and usher in a Great New Age, the Biblical Kingdom of God, appears to border on the wishful thinking, if not fantasy.

This scholarly work is well-worth a study by every Indian. The book is well-produced with a useful Glossary and Bibliography.

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SUN-EARTH-MAN: A MESH OF COSMIC OSCILLATIONS

By Dr. Theodar Landscheidt. (Urania Trust, 396, Caledonian Road, London N1 1DN, England, Pp. 112, Price not quoted.)

The Sun-Earth-Man equation is a simple one and carries within it just about everything that happens in this world. Critics of Astrology will soon have to make a retreat against growing evidence in favour of Astrology that is slowly being accumulated through this equation.

Dr. Theodor Landscheidt, Director of the Schoreter Institute for Research in Cycles of Solar Activity, Brussels, is a scientist-*cum*-mystic. He shows with details of statistics how planets regulate solar eruptions, geomagnetic storms, economic cycles, weather and every other activity on this earth. In fact, he goes on to prove how even the creative inspiration of poets, mystics, scientists, physicists is triggered by a solar mechanism. A good book to equip oneself with facts and figures that prove the basics of Astrology. *A*

PRACTICAL MUNDANE ASTROLOGY: BASIC PRINCIPLES

By J. C. Luthra. (Sagar Publications, 72, Janpath, Ved Mansion, New Delhi-110 001, Pp. 165+viii, 1989. Rs.70.00.)

Mundane Astrology, as we understand today, deals with the influence of heavenly bodies and phenomenon like the eclipse on nations, countries, cities and on natural calamities like earthquakes, comets, floods, droughts etc. Political Astrology forms part of it. This branch was expounded in the west by Ptolemy who has devoted a large part of his work *Tetrabiblos* to it. In the west as it is practised today the basic rules admubrated by him continue to be current coin although there have been additions to the list of countries he had ascribed to the signs. He divided the zodiac into four quarters under the heads fire, earth, water, air and equated them with the geographical parts of living earth to them. He also took into consideration the national characteristics of the people living in the areas to ascribe the Lagna. Later on he took into consideration the national effects of the major planets in transit and co-ordinated them with the planets and signs. At the time of Indian Independence in 1947 Neptune was transiting Virgo and Uranus, Gemini (all Nirayana). Following general rules of interpretation, this gives Virgo as the ruling sign of India. But Ptolemy had ascribed Capricorn as the ruling sign of India. Modern astrologers thus examine national events in the light of the movements of major planets and seek to ascribe ruling signs for countries and our author says that the ruling signs prescribed by Ptolemy are sidereal and not tropical as the westerners tend to do for the reason that at Ptolemy's time, the Ayanamsa was nil or little.

The book under review is an earnest attempt to present the subject in as clear a manner as possible. It begins with a chapter on the basic principles of Astrology. It moves on to detail the significations of the planets and houses, signs and constellations—what exactly do they denote in mundane Astrology? This description is exhaustive, as it takes account of the political, social, economical and personal lines such as disease. Inevitably certain items are concurrent, such as banking and finance, which find mention in more than one place. The author has found place for Rahu and Ketu too whose areas of influence sometimes impinge on the extra-saturnine planets. There is a chapter outlining the principles of examining company charts too. The last three chapters constitute the operative part of the science: erection of mundane charts, effect of aspects and principles of judgement. There are six appendices cataloguing the countries indicated by zodiacal signs, constellations according to Varahamihira, standard times of different countries and their dates of coming *into* being. The book is well printed and produced. The author promises to follow the book with a companion volume comprising of practical examples and the details of judgement.

PLANETS IN ORBIT (TRANSIT)

By Mahendra Pratap Singh. (Srimati Chandrawati Singh, Jyotish Prakashan, 52/4, Kabeer Nagar (Durga Khud), Varanasi-221 010, Pp. 404+x, Rs. 200,00.)

In Indian Astrology timing of events is achieved by a combination of *Dasa Bhukti, Gochara* and *Ashtakavarga* techniques, For *gochara*, as generally followed, the sign position of the transiting planet with reference to the natal Moon determines the nature of transit results. Nadi Granthas however have their own unique transit techniques.

The book under review is an exhaustive exposition of various techniques of transit including those found in Nadi Granthas like *Devakeralam* (Chandrakala-nadi). The book is divided into three parts. Part I discusses basic astrological principles and results of births in various signs as Ascendants and the different *Horas, Drekkanas* and *Navamsas*; the effects of planets on the Ascendant by occupation or aspect in terms of physical

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features and mental characteristics of the person born, etc. Pancha Tatwa Siddhanta governing male, female and eunuch births and rectification of birth time by Navamsa and Navamsa-Dwadasamsa are the other topics discussed.

In Part II results of transits of planets house-wise and on each natal planet or with 7th places therefrom are delineated for all the nine planets of Indian Astrology. In the case of Saturn, results of the house-wise transit, its transit over natal planets, etc., its degree-wise transit over and trine of natal planets, degree-wise transit over the lord of the 8th house from each house etc., are given in detail. Transit results of retrograde planets, results of transit through lords, mansions, utility of Ashtakavarga and Sarvatobhadra Chakra, effect of eclipses are all touched upon.

In Part III topics such as marriage and married life, birth of children, their timing, profession, yogas for gain of political power are dealt with.

The book can serve as a reference manual for students and practitioners of Astrology alike. The price is somewhat high.

1. SARAVALI OF KALYANAVARMA

Translated into Tamil by K. Natesa Sastri and transcreated in English by Mrs. K. N. Saraswati. (Pp. 276+xvi, Rs.70.00.)

2. SARVARTHA CHINTAMANI of Venkatesa Tr. in Tamil by K. Natesa Sastri and transcreated by K. N. Saraswati. (Pp. 164+xvi, Rs.50.00.)

(Both published by Kadalangudi Publications, 38 Natesa Iyer Street, T. Nagar, Madras-600017)

Saravali of Kalyanavarma was brought to light by the late Pt. Subrahamanya Sastri of Bangalore. He had made out a viable text from out of four MSS and the book was first published in 1907 by Nirnayasagar Press, Bombay. Since then others have translated it in English, Malayalam etc., faithfully with or without the Sanskrit text.

In the work under review it is claimed that the late Pandit Natesa Sastri translated it in Tamil in 1927. Now *Saravali* occupies a pivotal place in the hierarchy of classical texts on Astrology and no student worth his name could or would like to miss it. It is a bridge between Varahamihira of which it is a gloss and later writers like Vaidyanatha. And to any serious student who is familiar with such an important work, the present volume which does not carry the Sanskrit text will offer a shock, because it bears no relation whatsoever to the original with which we all are familiar. Neither in the arrangement of chapters nor in treatment does it have any resemblance. In the original there are 53 chapters treated in the traditional pattern - starting from the basics like Samjna, Karaka, Yogas, *Ayurdaya*, combination of planets from 2 to 6, *pravrajya, rashmi*, Dasa phala etc. The present "transcreation", whatever it may mean, just contains 12 chapters of *bhava phalas* which do not at all follow the original, but which may contain familiar formulae. Under the circumstances to call the book *Saravali* does not seem proper unless it is proved that there is another completely variant text going by that name which is far-fetched. The publishers owe an explanation to the reading public on this phenomenon.

The second book too does not have the Sanskrit original (first published 82 years ago by Venkateswara Press, Bombay). The original has 16 chapters but the "transcreation" has only 12, and that too are the *bhava phalas* which however follow the original Sanskrit text. It is worth mentioning here that the late Prof. B. Suryanarain Rao had published a faithful translation of the entire text in three volumes years ago. In the present volume, the preliminaries, which contain an excellent exposition of fundamentals in the nutshell and which students learn by heart, have been skipped.

No translator has the right to "recreate" a classic and at the same time call it by the original name.

The prices of both the books are on the high side considering the size and contents.

HUMOROUS THOUGHTS IN ASTROLOGY

By A. Srinivas. (Guhakrupa Jyothisha Kendra, 58, St. Mary's Road, Station Road, Secunderabad-500 003, Pp. 44+xii, Rs.15.00.)

The author of this booklet claims to be a poet, critic, journalist, etc., besides being an astrologer. It is a collection of spontaneous astrological "humorous" thoughts. The author has sought to put some elementary astrological rules in the form of nursery rhymes. In a section "LAUGH" he has recounted sundry anecdotes about Astrology "to evoke laughter". DR. B. V. RAMAN has written a foreword and half a dozen astrologers have added appreciative notes to this booklet. For a booklet of 44 pages the price is hefty.

CANCER AND ITS CURE

By Tapomay Ghoshhajra. (Vedic Publications, 68-d, Netaji Subhash Road, Calcutta-700 001. Pp. 52+xii, Rs.15.00.)

The present book consists of six chapters dealing with description and symptoms of cancer disease in all its ramifications like blood- cancer, cancer of lungs, pancreas, oral, breast, food-chan-

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nel, respiratory channel, liver, uterus, gall-bladder, kidney, skin, bone etc. He mentions in passing the common medicines in use and illustrates his statement with a case he claims to have predicted, prescribed the treatment and also foretold the date of recovery. According to him the Moon is the planetary factor, 6th, the house-factor and afflicting pla- nets, Rahu, Mars and Saturn. When there is affliction to these areas and by the entities, one should predict the occurrence by Gochara and its relief when the 11th house is beneficially activated, it being 6th from the 6th. He has listed 18 combinations for cure. 22 case histories, in one of which he had successfully recommended gems and eating of the crab's meat for cancer cure! He is very hopeful that at least 50% of cancer cases can be cured provided the malady is detected early.

JOURNAL OF THE GANGANATH JHA KENDRIYA SANSKRIT VIDYA PITH

(Jan.-Dec. 1985, Vol. XLI, Pts. 1-4. (Vidya Pitha, Chandrasekhara Azad Park, Allahabad-2, Pp. 201+71, Price not quoted.)

Journals of research institutes have an endemic problem: they always appear late and never timely. The one under review is no exception. The reason perhaps is that the contents are timeless! The present volume covers the four issues of 1985. It contains three sections — the English, Hindi-Sanskrit and Sanskrit books sections besides the book review.

The opening section carries 18 papers. Nalini Chapekar critically examines all the views of Mimamsakas on *pravartakatva* and concludes that Anand Bodha establishes the Vedantic view that *ishta-sadhanata* is the only *pravartaka*. Dr. U. N. Upadhyaya discusses the establishment of *Skandavaras* or military camps as bases for later cities. It blazes a new theory of evolution of ancient cities discovered so far. Dr. Brajesh Kirtane discusses the development of Vaishnavas with an abundance of literary, epigraphical and sculptural details and examines the structural theory of Sandhis and Sandiyas relating to development of plot in Sanskrit epics and concludes that this technique is common to the whole species of Kavya. Thirteen *gunas* of poetic charm with particular reference to Kalidasa as expounded by Vamana form the subject-matter of the paper by Dr. D. K. Gupta.

Other interesting papers include one on prostitution in ancient India by Dr. Krishna Murari, folk art during Kushana to Maurya by Kumud Varma, the Svastika in ancient India by N. P. Nawani, one on head-dresses and another on the images of Ganga and Yamuna.

LAHIRI'S INDIAN EPHEMERIS OF PLANETS' POSITIONS FOR 1990 A.D.

(M. K. Lahiri, Astro-Research Bureau, 17, Brindaban Mullick 1st Lane, Calcutta - 9, Pp. 88, Rs. 20.00.)

An ephemeris that every astrologer awaits each year, this year's too, is full of information. Based on Lahiri Ayanamsa, which was introduced by the late N. C. Lahiri, the daily Nirayana longitudes of the Sun, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Rahu, Herschel and Neptune are for 5.30 a.m. (IST). The Moon's longitude is for 5.30 p.m. (IST). The position of True Rahu as also furnished. The Tithi and Nakshatra for each day, sunrise and sunset for major cities in India is also for Colombo (in Sri Lanka) are furnished for 4 day intervals. Information also includes eclipses, planetary aspects, heliacal rising and setting of planets and general panchangaic data.

It goes without saying the Ephemeris as usual lives up to the expectations of its users. *A*

KIUB'S INDIAN ALMANAC FOR 1990 A.D.

— Compiled by A.P. Singh. (Kiub's Astronomy Centre, 12/3, Kaliprasad Chakraborty Lane, Howrah - 711 101, Pp 116, Rs. 25.00 or $ 6.00 or Pds. 4.00.)

A mini-encyclopaedic compilation, this vo- lume bursts at the seams with the information loaded into it. Like all ephemerides it is for the period from January 1990 to December 1990. There is a graphic representation of the planetary movements and declinations in 1990. The Calendar provides not only a list of festivals and anniversaries but also a table for each month as per the Saka Era calendar with the regional calendars for Punjab, Orissa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Bengal, Assam, as also the equivalent dates for the Muslim, Jewish and Parsi calendars and also the National Calendar. The planetary positions are given in 2 separate units - one carrying the heliocentric and the other, the geocentric longitudes. A *panchanga* section, Muhurta Table, Table of Aspects and other relevant data such as of eclipses etc., are packed into this volume.

A good addition to the list of reliable ephemerides in the country. *A*

SANSKRIT-HINDI

KURMA CHAKRA

By Jyotirvid Umashankar Dube. (Sri Hanuman Jyotisha Mandir, Kanpur-208 001, Pp 132, Rs. 25.00.)

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Kurma Chakra is an elaborate commentary in Hindi on the XIV chapter, Kurmavibhaga of *Brihat Samhita* of Varahamihira, and also an exposition of Sarvatobhadra Chakra. These two are extensively used in Mundane Astrology for predicting natural calamities on the basis of transit of malefic planets on the Nakshatras. Detailed guidance on the preparation of Kurma-Chakra, the allotment of 3 Nakshatras each commencing from Krittika onwards in a cyclic order to the different regions of the earth beginning with the central region Bharata Varsha, the interpretations of the transit of malefic planets on these Nakshatras are dealt with in the first 9 chapters. The author has tried to identify in the modern context the kingdoms, towns, rivers, etc., mentioned in *Brihat Samhita* as lying in the different regions. According to the author, the regions mentioned cover the whole of Asia, and effect of the transit of malefic planets can be interpreted in terms of countries in the whole of Asia.

Brihat Samhita's version of Kurma Chakra is based on the views of earlier Acharyas like Parasara, Garga, etc. The author has also discussed Kurma Chakra as given by Narapathi Jayacharya, which is based on Yamala Granthas, as a comparative study.

Chapters 11 and 12 discuss Sarvatobhadra Chakra. The method of preparing the chart, the nature of planets, their Gatis, Nakshatra Vedha, etc., which are all relevant in the interpretation of the chart, are explained in detail.

Charts of epoch-making events like the dropping of atomic bomb over Hiroshima in August 1945, India-Pakistan wars of 1965 & 1971, India-China war of 1962, etc., are discussed in the light of the Mundane astrological principles.

According to the author, Kurma Chakra and Sarvatobhadra Chakra complement each other, and a judicious mix of both the techniques would make for accuracy in prediction. Chapter 12 is a brief treatment of Mundane Astrology.

This is a useful addition to Indian Mundane astrological literature. Mr. K. N. Rao has contributed a foreword to the book. The book is well produced and reasonably priced.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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This is, I am compelled to say, rather a dangerous criterion — this music and elegance. "Trained ear" is a vague expression, or at least is a rare one. What will you say about this sentence? "This was the most unkindest cut of all."

To my mind this line emphatically imparts a strong feeling so beautifully with an alliterative music that we can never forget it. But will you for that reason advise us to use, or advocate the use of, double superlative in a sentence in order to be in the grand company of Shakespeare? The fact is that if we start breaking grammatical rules in the name of music and elegance, Ekalavya himself can well visualise what state of affairs it will give rise to in the field of writing. Eminent writers perhaps of all languages including Sans-krit have occasionally violated strict grammatical rules, maybe for subtle aesthetic reasons. Ekalavya should have concluded instead by quoting the same puritan Fowler: "The right course is not to indulge in bad grammar ourselves and then plead that better men like Johnson and Ruskin have done it before us, but to follow what is now the accepted as well as the logical rule."

Hooghly (W.B). *P. C. Chakravarthy.*

34 Years' Subscriber

Sir, - Enclosed is my International Money Order to renew my subscription to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, to begin with the January 1990 issue.

I think this will be my 34th year of continuous subscription to your wonderful magazine. I must be one of your oldest living subscribers. I am still doing my best to awaken people in the United States to the virtues of Hindu Astrology, but it is very difficult to convince some that anything is lacking in Western Astrology.

I look forward to another year of your magazine. I was pleased to see another article recently by Mr. Buell D. Huggins. Another of my favourite writers is Mr. H. R. Shankar.

San Diego, U.S.A. *Richard Adler.*

AGASTYA AND VISWAMITRA: LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

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Agastya is second only to Lubdaka (Sirius, Siva) in brilliancy in the southern sky.

Having said all this, it is to be remembered that the great sage Agastya at the request of the other great Rishis did travel south of the Vindhya, to watch and study this remarkable southern star, and reveal its movements to the other Rishis. It is for this reason that this star is named after him to perpetuate his memory as a distinguished astronomer and poet-scholar honoured in the *Rig Veda.*

The stories of Agastya, Trisanku, Rohini, Daksha, Dhruva., etc., are only a few of them! There are many such stories in our *puranas* connected with the History of Ancient Hindu Astronomy! — 236.89

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NUMBERS AND MATURITY OF PERSONALITY

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Name	Symbol	Properties
Nitrogen	N	Abundant
Phosphorus	P	In numerable compounds
Vanadium	V	Compounds find universal use.
Arsenic	As	
Niobium	Nb	
Antimony	Sb	
Tantalum	Ta	
Bismuth	Bi	
Protoactinum	Pa	Radioactive

People with maturity number 5 will therefore show the following characteristics:

(i) Their ability to take more risks and to jump into the unknown increases with maturity.

(ii) The enhancement of their movement and travel for a change in life increases with leaps and bounds.

(iii) They get inner courage to go beyond their conditioning.

Maturity Number 6

This number indicates the VIth group of the periodic table. The names of the chemical elements with important properties are given below:

Name	Symbol	Properities
Oxygen	O	Supports combustion; Essential for human life.
Sulphur	S	Compounds are extensively used. It is used in medicines.
Chromium	Cr	Improves the quality of steel
Selenium	Se	Shows polymorshism
Molybdenum	Mo	Improves the quality of steel.
Tellurium	Te	Shows polymorphism
Wolfram	W	Improves the quality of steel
Polomiun	Po	Radioactive
Uranium	U	Heaviest

People with maturity number 6 will therefore show the following characteristics:

(i) They work not merely out of a sense of duty and obligation but also to improve the lot of others.

(ii) Their ability to love, to give and to be in harmony with others increases with maturity.

(iii) Their capability for self noursihment markedly improves with age.

Maturity Number 7

This number indicates the VII group of the periodic table. The names of the chemical elements withimportant properties are given below:

Name	Symbol	Properties
Fluorine	F	It reacts with all the elements He, Ne & Ar.
Chlorine	Cl	Reactive
Manganese	Mn	Can improve the quality of other metals
Bromine	Br	Less reactive
Technetium	Te	Rare, radioactive
Iodine	I	Least reactive
Rhemium	Re	It improves the quality of other metal catalysts
Astatine	At	Rare, radioactive

People with maturity member 7 will therefore show the following characteristics:

(i) Their philosophical nature increases with age.

(ii) Their tendency to enjoy aloneness and move away from the concerns of the outer world increases with maturity.

(iii) They are often endowed with the qualities of head and heart.

Maturity Number 8

This number indicates VIII group of the periodic table. The names of the chemical elements of this group with important properties are given below:

Name	Symbol	Properties
Iron	Fe	All thee elements are metals which find extensive practical application in industries and almost in every walk of human life.
Cobalt	Co	
Nickel	Ni	
Ruthenium	Ru	
Rhodium	Rh	
Palladium	Pd	
Osmium	Os	
Iridium	Ir	
Platinum	Pt	

People with maturity number 8 will therefore show the following correlated characteristics:-

(i) They become very practical in life.

(ii) Their ability to mould themselves to any extent for getting success in life increases withage.

(iii) They can organize to make their life work externally for gaining material success in life.

Maturity Number 9

This number indicates the zero of the periodic table. The names of the chemical elements of this group with important properties are given below:

Name	Symbol	Properties
Halium	He	Liquid He is used as a cooling and heat transfer medium
Neon	Ne	Inert, used to protect hot welded metals from oxidation by air.
Argon	Ar	
Krypton	Kr	
Xenon	Xe	
Radon	Rn	Used for treatment of malignancies

People with maturity number 9 will therefore show the following characteristics:

(i) Their ability for compassion, tolerance and understanding increases with maturity.

(ii) They often become emotional for solving the problems of others.

(iii) They can move beyond personal attachments and self-pity to a more clear sighted attitude of compassion with passing years. --187.89.

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

(In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are put pertaining to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some similar doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at a time. This service is free to all readers of*** *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. —Ed. A.M.)*

Q. 1. Please enlighten what is durmuhurta found mentioned in Telugu almanacs? How to calculate this? What are the specific consequences?

Sub. No. 11268.

Ans: There are 15 *muhurtas* in a day and as many in the night, each of equal duration. They are lorded in the day respectively by (1) Mahadeva, (2) Sarpa, (3) Mitra, (4) Pitru, (5) Vasu, (6) Jala, (7) Visvadeva, (8) Abhijit, (9) Vidhata, (10) Indra, (11) Agni, (12) Rakshasa, (13) Varuna, (14) Aryama, (15) Bhaga. The nocturnal *muhurtas* are lorded by (1) Siva, (2) Ajapada, (3) Ahirbudhnya, (4) Pusha, (5) Asvinis, (6) Yama, (7) Agni, (8) Brahma, (9) Chandra, (10) Aditi, (11) Brihaspati, (12) Vishnu, (13) Surya, (14) Tvashta, (15) Vayu. Among these the following *muhurtas* are dur- or bad *muhurtas* and are avoided for auspicious functions: (1) Aryama on Sundays, (2) Brahma and Rakshasa on Mondays, (3) Agni and Pitru on Tuesdays, (4) Abhijit on Wednesdays, (5) Jala and Rakshasa on Thursdays, (6) Brahma and Pitru on Fridyas and (7) Mahadeva and Sarpa on Saturdays.

Q. 2. Rasi: *Cancer - Ascendant; Virgo - Rahu; Scorpio - Jupiter (R); Sagittarius - Saturn (R); Capricorn - the Moon; Pisces - Mercury and Ketu; Aries - the Sun; Taurus - Venus; and Gemini - Mars.* ***Navamsa:*** *Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Ketu and Mercury; Pisces - Mars; Gemini - Rahu; Cancer - the Moon; and Leo - the Sun, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. (a) Does the chart promise limelight, financial prosperity and social status in the present Dasa of Jupiter? (b) Is there any chance of happiness in personal life?*

K. Purkait, Calcutta.

Ans: (a) Jupiter who is Yogakaraka for Cancer Lagna occupies the 4th in Rasi in friend's house and another friends's house in Navamsa. He aspects the 9th, the 11th and Lagna. Naturally he must be expected to do good to all these areas which constitute all that you require. (b) What makes you doubt is, that 7th lord occupies 6th and receives the aspect of Mars. On the credit side Lagna lord occupies the 7th and the dispositor of 7th lord aspects Lagna as well as *karaka* Venus who occupies own house. Hence there is no need to worry about it.

Q. 3. Rasi: *Leo - Ascendant 9-44 and the Moon 3-47; Libra - Saturn (R) 9-25; Sagittarius - Mars (R) 6-32 and Rahu 21-35; Gemini - the Sun 8-34, Mercury (R) 21-34, Jupiter 15-54 and Ketu 21-35; and Cancer - Venus 26-2. The native has been working as a trainee in government undertaking since 5 years. (a) Will the 10th lord Venus in the 12th further delay his getting a permanent job? Saturn Bhukti in Moon Dasa is running.*

Mrs. Sabita Chatterjee, Howrah.

Ans: Taurus is the 10th house. With reference to it the present Dasa lord aspects its 10th which is favourable. The Bhukti lord Saturn exalted occupies the 3rd from Dasa lord and occupies moveable sign. And he is also *jeevana- karaka*. Yet he aspects 10th lord Venus and 10th house is fixed although its lord occupies moveable sign. I expect Saturn will, at the close of his Bhukti, offer a comparatively a stable job.

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Q. 4. (a) Please let me know if the Vargottama positions of the Sun and the Moon, Budha-Aditya Yoga in the 4th, being lords of 9 and 11, would not enhance the position of the native in Venus Dasa, Venus Bhukti (b) Dhana Lagna being Capricorn, with Mercury and Sun occupying it, Sun being Vargottama and Mercury being lord of the 9th would they not confer wealth in their Antara or Bhukti in Venus Dasa? ***Rasi:*** *Libra - Ascendant and the Moon; Scorpio - Mars; Sagittarius - Venus and Ketu; Capricorn - the Sun and Mercury; Pisces - Saturn; Gemini - Rahu; and Leo - Jupiter (R).* ***Navamsa:*** *Capricorn - Ascendant and the Sun; Aries - Ketu; Taurus - Venus and Mercury; Libra - Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Rahu and the Moon.*

K. Kuppu Rao, Kumbakonam.

Ans: (a) Generally planets in their own Bhukti choose to be neutral — doing neither good nor bad. Venus being Lagna lord, he cannot do bad; yet he occupies the 3rd inimical sign in Rasi although own sign in Navamsa. At best he can help you in the area of the 3rd house. The Sun and Moon Bhukti in Venus Dasa can do better. (b) Yes; especially as 2nd and 11th houses are well-placed and occupied.

Q. 5. Rasi: *Aquarius - Ascendant 17-39; Pisces - Ketu 15-05; Taurus - the Moon 16-36; Cancer - the Sun 13-25 and Mercury 23-38; Leo - Mars 13-02 and Venus 20-32; Virgo - Rahu 15-05; Libra - Jupiter 28-59; and Sagittarius - Saturn 8-10. Will Jupiter in his Dasa promote finances?*

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Ans: Jupiter is Dhanakaraka, lord of 2nd and 11th house and aspects Lagna. These are plus points, but he occupies inimical house, although, benefic house in Navamsa. Consequently he will give finances during the latter half of his Dasa, possibly not in dharmic ways. The 2nd or house of savings is ill-occupied and Ketu has to be propitiated to take full advantage of the gift or it will be dissipated.

Q.6. Rasi: *Gemini - Ascendant; Cancer - Jupiter; Leo - Mars; Virgo - the Sun and Venus; Libra - Mercury and Saturn; Scorpio - Rahu; Sagittarius - the Moon; and Taurus - Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aquarius - Ascendant; Pisces - the Sun and Rahu; Taurus - Saturn and Venus; Leo - the Moon and Saturn; Virgo - Ketu; Libra - Mercury; Scorpio - Mars; and Capricorn - Jupiter. Some astrologers predict that the best time for the native will be only upto age of 36 and after that period downfall will start, because of all the planets being in the Ascendant to the 7th house. Is it correct?*

B. P. Upadhyay, Udaipur

Ans: I can understand if they say the first ha of life will be eventful, but not from the succes point of view; for, all of them aspect the second ha which is more effective. Jawaharlal Nehru's char is an illustration of this fact.

Q. 7. Rasi: *Lagna 82-21; the Sun 63-39; the Moon 357-38; Mars 31-24; Mercury 84-16; Jupiter 104-50; Venus 45-20; Saturn 134-54; Rahu 137-57 and Ketu 317-57. (a) What is the significance of exchange of 2nd (Vargottama) and 10th (7th and exalted) lords, particularly in respect of the 2nd and 10th houses? (b) Does the horoscope indicate high administrative career like I.A.S., K.A.S., etc.?*

S. V. Sortur, Dandeli

Ans: (a) Financial luck accrues through profession and marriage. (b) Even though Mars occupies the 12th house, he has exalted Navamsa and hence the chances of administrative career are bright, possibly as an in-house person.

Q. 8. Rasi: *Taurus - Ascendant; Cancer - the Moon and Rahu; Capricorn - Jupiter, Ketu, Mars, Mercury and Saturn; and Aquarius - the Sun and Venus.* ***Navamsa:*** *Virgo - Ascendant, the Sun and the Moon; Scorpio - the Sun; Capricorn - Venus; Aquarius - Rahu; Pisces - Saturn; Aries - Mercury; Gemini - Mars; and Leo - Ketu. All the efforts for a bank job have been futile. What is the drawback in this horoscope and how to set right that drawback? Why is the native not able to come out successful in any written exam?*

B. V. Murty, Tatanagar, Singhbhum.

Ans: Jupiter stands for job in banks. He occupies the 12th from the 10th. Further, too many planets in one house give rise to emotional imbalance. It amounts to Sanyasa Yoga. Karaka Mercury occupies the 6th from the 4th, which represents examinations involving writing. Hence the experience. Mercury should be propitiated.

Q. 9. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant; Capricorn - Jupiter 14-20 and Saturn (R) 6-43; Aquarius - Ketu 8-42; Aries - Venus 20-13; Gemini - the Sun 5-55 and Mercury (R) 17-47; and Leo - the Moon 15-56, Mars 2-30 and Rahu 8-42. Star Makha 4th pada. The native was born at 2-30 p.m. on 19th June 1961 at Battlicaloa in Eastern province of Sri Lanka. There is a difference in birth star according to both Vakkiam and Thirukkantiham almanacs, according to Vakkiam it is Poorvaphalguni 1st pada and according to Thirukkantiham it is Makha 4th pada. The position of Mercury and Saturn also differs in the chart. According to Vakkiam, Mercury is in Taurus and Saturn in Sagittarius whereas in Thirukhambakkam they are in Gemini and Capricorn respectively. Please clarify which is*

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correct. We have cast the horoscopes according to Thirukkanitham, but many say predictions come correctly according to Vakkiam only. (a) Will the native complete his qualifications and get a good job in Moon Mahadasa, Mars sub-period which will commence in mid-September 1988? Now he is running Moon Mahadasa, Moon sub-period. He is doing his Ph.D. in Engineering. (b) Will his Moon Dasa affect his mother's health or will he lose his mother as he lost his father during Sun Mahadasa, Ketu sub-period?

K. Mahapaty, Madras.

Ans: (a) In my view, *drik* positions alone can give correct results. Education (academic) is governed by the 4th house; both the Moon and Mars occupy the 8th from it. However, the Moon is *vargottama* and Mars obtains own Navamsa. Hence, he will complete his qualification. Cancer, the 10th house, designates the job. With reference to it, both the planets are favourably placed and hence job prospects too are bright, especially as the two aspect the 7th which is the 10th from the 10th. (b) The Moon is the *karaka* for mother; he is Vargottama. The 4th is the house of mother and *karaka* Moon occupies the 8th (*ayusthana*) from the 4th and hence there need be no anxiety about mother's health.

Q. 10. Some astrologers say that Seershodaya might have been in Libra. I request for a clarification on Lagna. I enclose the Rasi and Navamsa herewith giving some details. I also request you to give your opinion about the Saturn period and its effect. (a) Is it Scorpio or Libra Ascendant? (b) How will the Saturn period be? (c) Why has Jupiter period caused unfavourable things like ill-health to himself and wife? ***Rasi:*** *Scorpio - Ascendant; Pisces - Ketu 23-49; Aries - Jupiter 13-4 and Saturn 17-20; Taurus - the Sun 29-15; Gemini - Mars 24-15, Venus (R) 18-15 and Mercury 21-25; and Virgo - the Moon 4-31 and Rahu 23-49. The native has one girl and two boys. The native is dark, medium height.*

B. V. Subba Rao, Peddapuram.

Ans: If Jupiter gave him and his wife ill-health, Lagna could only be Scorpio, because he occupies the 6th from Lagna and the 12th from his 7th. Saturn is *neechabhanga*, yet in the 6th house, he could be irksome. Regarding complexion and height, I could explain it, had I been vouchsafed the Navamsa Lagna.

Q. 11. ***Rasi:*** *Leo - Ascendant 28-54; Libra - Saturn (R) 9-31; Sagittarius - Mars 9-15 and Rahu 21-37; Pisces - the Moon 28-56; Gemini - the Sun 9-55, Mercury (R) 25-24, Jupiter 13-54 and Ketu 21-37; and Cancer - Venus 15-41. (a) He was unlucky and did not have any success during the entire Dasa period of Venus. How is this possible astrologically? (b) What are the effects of the retrograde planet on his career? (c) Is there any Neechabhanga Yoga? If so, what is the effect?*

R. K. Patnaik, Bhubaneswar.

Ans: (a) Venus occupies the Moon's sign in the 12th in Rasi and Mars' house in Navamsa, both of which are not friendly. Further, Saturn, arch enemy of Lagna lord, aspects him. Seen from the 9th house, he is lord of the 2nd and the 7th which are bad. As 10th lord, he is unfavourably placed. To add to the discomfort, Jupiter, *dhanakaraka*, is combust. (b) His effects will be erratic. (c) Neechabhanga arises only when there is a *neecha* planet, which is not there. To Ketu, Taurus is the *neecha* house.

Q. 12. This is the birth chart of a physically deformed boy, a dwarf due to achondraplasia affecting bone growth and other surgically irreparable congenital deformities of palate and anchor of feet, yet studying B.A. Honours in political science. ***Rasi:*** *Taurus - Ascendant; Cancer - Jupiter; Virgo - Mars; Libra - Mercury and Ketu; Scorpio - the Sun and Venus; Aquarius - Saturn; and Aries - the Moon and Rahu. (a) I have read in some books that Skanda (Kartikeya) should be worshipped with Mars in 5th position. But another astrologer suggests worship of Dakshinakali in view of 9th lord Saturn in 10th position (since Saturn is also 10th lord) stating that worship of Dakshinakali may evoke her mercy for the boy at present securing employment. What is your opinion? (b) In your articles you suggest that Saturn in the 10th suggests unstable employment. On the other hand, for Taurus Ascendant, 9th and 10th lord in the 10th is a good Yoga. In books I find that Saturn gives result after age of 36. What is your opinion about Saturn in Aquarius?*

Dr. S. K. Dutta, Calcutta.

Ans: One of the formulae for dwarfdom is the occupation of the 8th by Gulika. I am unable to verify it here. Secondly, the Sun too is said to be *karaka* for dwarfdom (*Uttara Kalamrita*). It being essentially related to the body, Lagna lord Venus is conjunct the Sun aspecting Lagna and Saturn aspecting the two planets. This may also account for it. (a) Now, Mars in the 5th causes trouble to progeny and raised the temper among others. Its propitiation through Skanda therefore relates to that area. (b) & (c) Saturn, though Yogakaraka, unlike other planets has the propensity to put the person on trial by giving more responsibility and less remuneration, lack of appreciation, delay in securing employment etc. To that extent propitiation of Kali is acceptable.

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Q. 13. Rasi: *Aquarius - Ascendant; Pisces - Saturn (R); Aries - the Moon and Rahu; Gemini - Mars, Jupiter and Venus; Cancer - the Sun and Mercury; and Libra - Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Sagittarius - Ascendant; Capricorn - the Sun; Taurus - Mars; Gemini - Jupiter, Venus and Ketu; Leo - Saturn (R); Virgo - Mercury; and Scorpio - the Moon. Rahu is in Ascendant (Venus has crossed into 6th Bhava). The lords of the 7th and the 8th are in the 6th. Regarding marriage (a) is it a case of delay or denial? (b) Will the married life be satisfactory? (c) Some say the chart shows Alpayu. Kindly enlighten.*

M. L. Joshi, Rishra.

Ans: (a) The 5th and the 7th lords in the 6th is no doubt a defect in respect of marriage, but that does not deny marriage. Along the Moon, the Rahu/Ketu axis runs which too is disruptive. But *karaka* Venus and *kutumba* lord Jupiter are Vargottama which strongly suggest marriage and children. (b) Yet, association of Mars is disruptive. You can draw your own conclusion. (c) So far as longevity is concerned, the aspect of the Lagna lord and *karaka* Saturn to the 8th house and the 8th lord's Navamsa strength ensure long life.

Q. 14. Rasi: *Cancer - Ascendant; Libra - Rahu, Jupiter and Mars; Scorpio - the Moon, the Sun, Mercury and Saturn; Sagittarius - Venus; and Aries - Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant, Jupiter and Ketu; Scorpio - Venus; Capricorn - Saturn and Mercury; Pisces - Rahu and Mars; and Virgo - the Sun and the Moon. Will Ketu Dasa, Moon Bhukti promote vocational prospects as the Moon is the Lagna lord?*

B. J. Parthasarathy, Bangalore.

Ans: True, the Moon is Lagna lord; he is however weak on more than one count. With reference to Dasa lord Ketu who occupies the house of profession, the Bhukti lord occupies the 8th which is not a good disposition. In this regard, Mars will be in a better position to help as he is the 10th lord and in a *kendra* position from both Dasa lord and Lagna.

Q. 15. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant, the Sun and Mercury; Scorpio - Rahu; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Mars; Pisces - Saturn; Taurus - Ketu; Leo - the Moon; and Virgo - Venus. (a) Does the presence of Yogakaraka Saturn in the 6th show success in litigation? (b) Will 8th lord Venus in the 12th give short, long or medium longevity?*

S. Srinivasan, Madras.

Ans: (a) The 7th is the house of litigation and the 6th is the house of quarrel. Saturn being Yogakaraka there can at best be reduction of quarrel but he cannot help win litigation. (b) In far as Saturn, *ayushkaraka*, aspects the 8th the 8th lord Venus is *neechabhanga*, high longe may be expected. The 8th lord in the 12th by it confers Vipareeta Raja Yoga, but not longevity

Q. 16. Rasi: *Aries - Mercury; Taurus - the S and Rahu; Gemini - Ascendant, Venus and Satu Cancer - Mars; Leo - Mandi; Virgo - Jupiter (Scorpio - Ketu; and Capricorn - the Moon.* ***Navam*** *Aries - the Moon; Taurus - Mandi; Gemini - Satu Leo - Jupiter; Virgo - Rahu; Libra - Ascenda Scorpio - Venus and Mercury; Capricorn - Ma and Pisces - the Sun and Ketu. Presently runni Jupiter Dasa. The native is a child specialist. E though Jupiter is afflicted with* ***kendradhipat dosha****, the native's income and profession w very good during Saturn in Jupiter and Mercury Jupiter. Ketu Bhukti was disastrous. The nat expected great rise in his profession and income Venus as Venus is Yogakaraka from Janma Lag and Chandra Lagna and associated with anot benefic Saturn and combined in Lagna, but profession is disastrous. Why is it? When will position improve?*

Dr. M. Ganesan, T. Go

Ans: Jupiter who aspects the 10th is resp sible for paediatrics as profession. *Kendra-dhipa dosha*, in my viiew, applies more to cessation longevity than others. In the present case Jupit the 10th lord, aspecting the 10th house and M cury Lagna lord occupying the 11th are bound t helpful professionally. Saturn's aspect on the 1 house invariably upsets the apple-cart and K occupying the 6th house and Venus occupy inimical Navamsa did not help. By *gochara* Ju ter will be exalted in Cancer next year, and aspect the natal Moon when the native can exp to reap a bumper crop.

Q. 17. Rasi: *Pisces - Ascendant and Jupi Gemini - Mercury, Venus, the Sun and Rahu; L Mars; Libra - the Moon 29-55; Sagittarius - K and Capricorn - Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aquari Ascendant and Jupiter; Pisces - the Sun; Gemi the Moon and Rahu; Virgo - Saturn; Libra - Ve and Mars; Scorpio - Mercury; and Sagittari Ketu. The native has faced many difficulties was deserted by everybody including parents fo fault of his. There was a break in his educa when he was studying 9th class, and he could continue it further. Will he have any good tim life?*

M. Rajasekhar, Hyderab

Ans: When Saturn aspects Lagna, one un goes difficulties in early life. The Moon in the

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How Is 1990 For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predections given below are upon a clear interpretation of movements or transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.—Ed. A.M.)*

MAJOR TRANSITS

During 1990, the Sun, as usual, makes a complete round of the zodiac. At the beginning of the year the Sun transits Sagittarius, enters Capricorn on 12th January, Aquarius on 11th February, Pisces on 13th March, Aries on 12th April, Taurus on 13th May, Gemini on 13th June, Cancer on 14th July, Leo on 15th August, Virgo on 15th September, Libra on 15th October, Scorpio on 14th November and Sagittarius on 14th December, where he continues for the rest of the year.

MARS: In Scorpio at the beginning of the year, Mars moves into Sagittarius on 18th January, Capricorn on 1st March, Aquarius on 10th April, Pisces on 20th May, Aries on 1st July and Taurus on 17th August. He gets retrograde in Taurus on 22nd October and continues his retrograde motion in Taurus till the close of the year. (He is in Taurus sign till 17th March 1991, thus he stays in Taurus for a total period of seven months during 1990-91, an unusually long period of stay in the sign for Mars.)

MERCURY: Mercury begins his transit in Capricorn with retrograde motion, enters Sagittarius on 6th February, resumes direct motion in Sagittarius on 21st January, re-enters Capricorn on 6th February, enters Aquarius on 27th February, Pisces on 16th March, Aries on 31st March, gets retrograde in Aries on 24th April, resumes direct motion in Aries on 18th May, enters Taurus on 6th June, Gemini on 20th June, Cancer on 8th July, Leo on 20th July, Virgo on 20th August, gets retrograde in Virgo on 27th August, re-enters Leo on 30th August, resumes direct motion in Leo on 19th September, enters Virgo on 1st October, Libra on 19th October, Scorpio on 5th November and Sagittarius on 26th November. He gets retrograde in Sagittarius on 16th December and continues his retrograde motion in Sagittarius till the close of the year.

JUPITER: Retrograde Jupiter in Gemini, on the beginning of the year, resumes direct motion in Gemini on 26th February, enters Cancer on 9th July and gets retrograde in Cancer on 1st December. He continues his retrograde movement in Cancer till the close of the year.

VENUS: Retrograde in Capricorn in the beginning of the year, Venus re-enters Sagittarius on 1st February, resumes direct motion in Sagittarius on

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9th February, enters Capricorn on 26th February, Aquarius on 29th March, Pisces on 27th April, Aries on 28th May, Taurus on 18th June, Gemini on 13th July, Cancer on 7th August, Leo on 1st September, Virgo on 25th September, Libra on 19th October, Scorpio on 12th November, Sagittarius on 6th December and Capricorn on 30th December. He stays in Capricorn at the close of the year.

SATURN: In Sagittarius at the beginning of the year, Saturn enters Capricorn on 2nd March. He gets retrograde in Capricorn on 6th May, re-enters Sagittarius on 11th July, resumes direct motion in Sagittarius on 25th September and enters Capricorn on 30th November. He stays in Capricorn at the close of the year. During the year Saturn has his sojourn for six and a half month in Sagittarius and five and a half month in Capricorn.

RAHU AND KETU: Continue their counter-clockwise motion in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

1. MESHA (Aries)

General : The Sun is favourable from mid-January to mid-March during his transits in the 10th and 11th signs, again from the month of June to the middle of July when he transits the 3rd sign and again from mid-September to mid-October when he transits the 6th. The Sun yields to *vedha* from mid-January to mid-February. He is free of *vedha* when transiting the favourable 11th, 3rd and 6th signs. Mars transits the favourable 10th and 11th from 1st March to 20th May but he yields to *vedha* during his transit of the 10th from 1st March to 10th April. Mercury covers all the 12 signs and hence it is advisable to refer to monthly forecasts. The principal benefic of the sign, the powerful major planet Jupiter, transits the adverse 3rd and 4th signs with checks for only two months in the year. Venus is favourable for the greater part of the year. Saturn transits the adverse 9th and 10th during the year. He is under check when transiting the 10th from 2nd March to 11th July and from 30th November till the end. In view of the absence of support from the two major planets the year does not show much promise. Bharani is better than Aswini and Krittika.

Health and Domestic: Minor ailments are likely to worry you for most months. The chronic patients should be extra careful. Health of children may cause mild concern during the second half. Domestic peace and harmony will be vouchsafed to you for most months in the year.

Finance and Speculation: Dhanakaraka's transits are not favourable. Even so, the lord of the 2nd is favourable for most months in the year. The financial affairs will not be unsatisfactory taking the year as a whole. You should guard against losses through association with deceitful friends. Speculative activities will be profitable during the Sun's transit in the 11th, 6th and 3rd signs.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The conditions pertaining to real estate are not likely to be satisfactory. The three months from 1st March to 20th May show comparatively better results. Services are likely to find the conditions generally deteriorating as the year rolls by. Professions and businesses are likely to run into difficulties.

Women: The year may not be quite satisfactory on the whole for fair sex. Bonafides of those engaged in social work are likely to be questioned. You should be careful in your association with young men. Employed girls will have mixed results.

Students: The influences are not harmonious. The first half will be better than the second half when you are advised to go slow in sports, games and athletics. In view of your proneness to physical injuries, you should curb a tendency towards extravagance.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: The Sun will be beneficial when he transits the 10th and the 11th from the middle of February to the middle of April, again when he transits the 3rd from the middle of July to the middle of August and once again when he transits the 6th from the middle of October to the middle of November. The Sun yields to *vedha* only from middle of July to middle of August. Mars transits the favourable 10th and 11th from 10th April to 1st July. He yields to *vedha* from 10th to 27th April during his transit of the 10th. The movements of Mercury back and forth are so varied that a general summing up is not possible in an annual survey of the kind. Jupiter transits the favourable 2nd from the beginning till 9th July when he moves into the adverse 3rd. He does not yield to *vedha* during the first three months of favourable transit. During the adverse transit in the 3rd he comes under check till the end of September. Venus, lord of the Moon-sign, is signally good for the greater part of the year. Saturn in the 8th and 9th during the year is none too good and his evil propensities are not under check. The year leans more on the favourable side. Mrigasira

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is better than Krittika and Rohini.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor troubles the year shows generally promise of good health. You will derive much happiness through the good performance of your children in schools and colleges. Chronic sufferers will find the first half better than the second. You will have a peaceful domestic life for most parts of the year.

Finance and Speculation: The first half will be definitely much better than the second half for all financial matters. The second half will not be unsatisfactory. You will be able to settle your past commitments on favourable terms during the first half. The speculative deals will be profitable for more than six months in the year.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: It is true that the *karaka* for properties is in favourable transit for less than three months. Lord of the 4th promises some compensation. The year will not be bad for real property matters. Services will find the year satisfactory on the whole. The first half will be much better for businesses and professions.

Women: The unmarried girls will get married to bridegrooms of their choice during the first half. Social workers will find the year quite fruitful. Social climbers will establish new contacts at high social levels. The year is full of promise for employed girls.

Students: You are likely to appear before the Services Selection Boards and come out successful with flying colours. Those pursuing for medical courses are particularly favoured. You are likely to be invited to visit foreign countries on study tours.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: The Sun, as usual, favours Gemini during his transits of the 10th and the 11th, Pisces and Aries from, the middle of March to the Middle of May and from the middle of August to the Middle of September during his transits of the 3rd sign, Leo, and the 6th sign Scorpio for a month from the middle of November. The Sun yields to *vedha* from the middle of November to the middle of December, due to the presence of Mars in Taurus. Mars is favourable when transiting the favourable 6th or the first 16 days, the favourable 10th and 11th signs from 20th May to 17th August. Mars does not yield to *vedha* during these favourable transits. For the results of Mercury, the monthly forecasts are to be referred to. Jupiter transits the adverse 1st from the beginning to 9th July when he moves into the favourable 2nd and stays there till the close of the year. Jupiter yields to *vedha* for four months from September to December. Venus is beneficial practically throughout the year. Saturn transits the adverse 7th and 8th during the year. His evil proclivities are not under check throughout the year. Good side will be slightly more than the bad ones during the year. The second half shows some good promise. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to have health troubles, off and on, during the year. Stomach ulcers are most likely and prompt medical attention should be given immediately on the onset of the complaint. Chronic sufferers will find the second half better than the first. The domestic life will be peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be, more or less, satisfactory during the year. The second half will be much better than the first half. You are likely to start a new financial venture in the second half. Speculation will yield good dividends for most parts of the year.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The year will be satisfactory for real estate matters. You will make considerable improvements for your landed properties. The year is full of promise to the services. Professions and businesses will have a good year, especially the second half.

Women: There are excellent chances of unmarried girls entering into wedlock during the second half. There will be an increase in your social activities. Social climbers will find the year advantageous. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice during the second half.

Students: Good progress is likely in studies. You will have many opportunities of coming into contact with scholars of fame and reputation and such contacts will be of great assistance to you in your career later on.

4. KATAKA (Cancer)

General: The Sun is always favourable for Cancer when he transits the 6th Sagittarius in the first half of January and the second half of December, also from mid-April to mid-June when he will be moving through the 10th and the 11th signs, Aries and Taurus, and again from mid-September to mid-October when he will be in the 3rd Virgo. He yields to *vedha* only during his transit of the 6th sign due to the presence of Jupiter in Gemini. Mars is in the 6th from 18th January to 1st March and transits the favourable 10th and 11th signs from 1st July till the close of the year. He does not yield to *vedha* during these favourable transits. For the results of

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Mercury the monthly forecasts are to be referred to. Jupiter in the 12th and *janma* during the year is none too good. He is under check for seven months during the year. Saturn is in the favourable 6th from beginning to 2nd March and again from 11th July to 30th November. He transits the adverse 7th from 2nd March to 11th July and from 30th November till the close of the year. Saturn is full of *vedha*, during his favourable transit. Good influences will be more in evidence during the year. Defeat of enemies, business advancement and addition to existing properties are indicated by the good transits. The evil effects may manifest themselves in the form of losses in partnership activities. Aslesha is better than Punarvasu and Pushyami.

Health and Domestic: Health will be, more or less, satisfactory throughout. Chronic patients will have relief from many months during the year. You are likely to derive considerable happiness through pleasant association with the relatives of your spouse. Domestic bliss and harmony will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The planetary transits will assist you to keep your financial boat on even keel for most part of the year. There is a possibility of your receiving back the old dues which you had practically written off. Speculation will yield excellent dividends throughout the second half.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: You are likely to acquire new properties during the second half. Yield and rentals will be at very good levels practically throughout. Although Jupiter is not helpful, the services will find the year satisfactory owing to the strong support of Mars and Saturn. The year will be profitable for businesses and professions.

Women: The year will be satisfactory from many a point of view. Women in independent professions such as doctors, lawyers, writers, etc., are particularly favoured. Employed girls will find the year satisfactory.

Students: You will come out successful with flying colours in the field of sports, games and athletics. The chances of your inclusion in the state or national level teams are very bright. You will also come out successful in tests and interviews during the year.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: The Sun being the lord of the Moon-sign, his transit of the 6th sign from mid-January to mid-February, that of 10th and 11th from mid-May to mid-July and that of the 3rd from mid-October to mid-November will cause quite favourable results. The Sun yields to *vedha* only during his transit of the 6th. Mars transits the favourable 10th from 17th August till the close of the year and in favourable 6th from 1st March to 10th April. He does not yield to *vedha* during these favourable transits. The monthly forecasts will be a better guide for Mercury's effects. Jupiter transits the favourable 11th from the beginning to 9th July and the unfavourable 12th afterwards. He does not yield to *vedha* during the first three months. He does not come under check during the adverse transit in the 12th. Venus, the ruler of the 3rd and the 10th, is favourable for most months in the year. Saturn transits the favourable 6th from 2nd March to 11th July and from 30th November till the close of the year; he transits the adverse 5th during the other months in the year. He yields to *vedha* during the favourable transit period. He does not come under check during his unfavourable transit in the 5th. The year is full of promise. You could confidently look forward to having a very satisfactory 1990 from several points of view. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: You will be in enjoyment of good health throughout. The chronic patients would secure relief during most months in the year. Birth of a male child is likely. Domestic bliss and harmony will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: This is quite a satisfactory year for finances. You are likely to promote a new industrial venture and there will be overwhelming support from the public for the public issue of equities floated by you. Speculative transactions will yield good dividends financially throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All real property transactions during the year will be smooth, satisfactory and profitable. Acquisition of new properties is likely. This is a good year for the services when an out-of-turn promotions is likely during the first half. The year will prove quite profitable for the professions and businesses.

Women: The year will be entirely satisfactory. Eligible girls will find good mates for happy marriage during the first half. Employed girls will find the year advantageous. Film artistes will reach the peak of their career in the world of celluloid and they will be at the top of the pyramid for quite some time.

Students: The year will be of good and great significance to you. You will make excellent progress in studies. You will also shine extremely well in the field of sports, games and athletics. Medical students are particularly favoured.

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6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: The transit of the Sun is generally favourable from mid-February to mid-March when he transits the 6th sign Aquarius, from mid-June to mid-August when he transits the 10th and the 11th signs, Gemini and Cancer and again from the middle of November to the middle of December when he transits Scorpio, the 3rd sign. The Sun yields to *vedha* only during his transit of the favourable 3rd. Mars transits the favourable 3rd from the beginning to 18th March and favourable 6th from 10th April to 20th May. He does not yield to *vedha* during his transit. The monthly forecasts will be a better guide for Mercury's effects. Jupiter transits the favourable 11th from 9th July till the close of the year and the adverse 10th from the beginning to 9th July. Jupiter is free of *vedha* practically throughout the second half. Venus, a first-rate Yogakaraka for the sign, will be in favourable transit for the greater part of the year. Saturn in the 4th and 6th during the year is none too good. His propensities do not come under check throughout the year. The year will give mixed results. The bad side will be a little more than the good one during the year. Chitta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Hasta.

Health and Domestic: You may have to face health troubles during the first half. Chronic patients will have to adopt prophylactic measures to ensure that their ailments do not get aggravated. You will have to exercise tact and patience during a few months in the year to have peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs will be satisfactory during the second half. During the first half the pressure from creditors is likely to be somewhat severe but you will be able to manage the situation successfully through assistance from friends. You are advised to go slow in speculative transactions throughout the year.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The real property matters may not be entirely satisfactory during the first half. There will be considerable improvement during the second half. The services will find the second half better than the first half. The year will be, more or less, profitable to the professions and businesses.

Women: The second half shows better promise than the first. Love affairs and courtships are likely to blossom into happy marriages during the second half. While the first half will not be unsatisfactory the second half indicates a happy position for the employed girls.

Students: Your entry into the Superior Services of the Central Government is indicated during the second half. Good progress in studies is indicated. You are likely to have accidents with physical injuries. You are, therefore, advised to refrain from sports, games and athletics.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: As usual, the Sun is good when he transits the 3rd during the opening and closing fortnights of the year. Again from mid-March to mid-April when he transits the 6th and once again from the middle of July to the middle of September when he transits Cancer and Leo, the 10th and the 11th signs, the Sun is favourable. The Sun yields to *vedha* during the opening fortnight, and from middle of July to the middle of August. Mars transits the favourable 3rd from 18th January to 1st March and the favourable 6th from 20th May to 1st July. He yields to *vedha* during his transit of the favourable 6th due to Jupiter in Gemini. Mercury moves back and forth to cover the whole zodiac and it is better to consult the monthly forecasts to ascertain his effects during the year. Jupiter transits the favourable 9th from the beginning till 9th July and the unfavourable 10th thereafter till the close of the year. Jupiter yields to *vedha* during his favourable transit. During his unfavourable transit in the 10th in the second half, Jupiter does not come under check for about five months. Venus, ruler of the Moon-sign, is favourable for greater part of the year. Saturn transits the favourable 3rd from the beginning to 2nd March and from 11th July to 30th November. He does not yield to *vedha* during these favourable transits. Saturn transits the adverse 4th from 2nd March to 11th July and from 30th November till the close of the year. He is under check from 1st April to 11th July. Good influences will be more in evidence during the year. Swati is better than Chitta and Visakha.

Health and Domestic: Although you may experience weakness and general debility on occasions, the period will be, on the whole, satisfactory for health. The chronic sufferers will have relief for most months in the year. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: The first half shows promising results. During periods of financial stress in the second half friends will come to your rescue. Speculation will yield good profits during Saturn's favourable transits.

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Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The *karaka* for properties, Mars, is favourable for less than three months during the year. But the lord of the 4th is fully favourable for nearly seven months during the year. Acquisition of new properties is likely during the first half. This is a good year for the services. Promotions are likely during the first half. This is quite a profitable year for businesses and professions.

Women: This is quite a good year for the fair sex. They will be much sought-after in social gatherings. Film artistes will reach the top of their career. Employed girls will be promoted during the year and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: Foreign scholarships with travel grant are likely to be offered to you during the year. You will shine quite well in sports, games and athletics and the chances of your inclusion in state or national level teams are quite bright.

8.VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The Sun, ruler of the 10th, will be good from mid-January to mid-February when he transits the 3rd and from middle of April to middle of May during his transit of the 6th and from mid-August to mid-October when he moves through the 10th and the 11th signs. The Sun yields to *vedha* during his transit of the favourable 3rd. Mars transits the favourable 3rd from 1st March to 10th April and the favourable 6th from 1st July to 17th August. He yields to *vedha* during his favourable transits of the 6th due to Ketu in Cancer. The movements of Mercury are so varied that a general summing up of its results is not feasible here. Jupiter transits the favourable 9th from 9th July till the close of the year. He is free of *vedha* from 25th September till the close of the year. Jupiter transits the adverse 8th from the beginning till 9th July without any check on his evil propensities. Venus is unfavourable for only short periods during the year. Saturn transits the favourable 3rd from 22nd March to 11th July and from 30th November till the close of the year. He is free of *vedha* during these favourable transits. Saturn in the 2nd during the other parts of the year is thoroughly unsatisfactory. Good results will be more in evidence during the year than the bad ones. Visakha is better than Anuradha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: You will be in enjoyment of good health practically throughout. The chronic patients should take advantage of the favourable vibrations of Jupiter and Saturn and endeavour to get rid of their ailments permanently. You will have domestic harmony and bliss for most months in the year.

Finance and Speculation: Finance will be a strong and favourable point during the second half. You are likely to float a new industrial venture and public support for such issues will be tremendous. Speculative transactions will yield excellent dividends during the second half.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The year is full of promise for real property matters. The value of your properties will rise enormously. Labour problems will not be there to worry you. This is a good year for the services. The year will be profitable for businesses and professions.

Women: You will realise all your ambitions. Love affairs, romances and courtships will blossom into happy wedding during the second half. Your social contacts at high levels will help you very much in your business career. Employed girls will find the year very helpful.

Students: The year will prove satisfactory for students. You will make good progress in studies. Those inclined towards fine arts will find the year quite fruitful. You are likely to visit foreign countries during the year.

9.DHANUS(Sagittarius)

General: The Sun, a key planet for Sagittarius, will be good during his transit of the 3rd from mid-February to mid-March, again when he passes through the 6th from mid-May to mid-June and during his transits of the 10th and the 11th from mid-September to mid-November. The Sun is free of *vedha* during all these favourable transits. Mars transits the favourable 3rd from 10th April to 20th May and the favourable 6th from 17th August till the close of the year. He is completely free of *vedha* during his transit of the 3rd and free from *vedha* from 25th September till the close of the year, when transiting the favourable 6th. Mercury, another key planet for this sign, covers the entire zodiac with both backward and forward movements and his influence may be obtained from the monthly forecasts. Jupiter, lord of the Moon-sign, transits the favourable 7th from the beginning to 9th July and he is free of *vedha* only during January and February. During his transit in the 8th from 9th July till the close of the year he is totally unfavourable and his proclivities are not under check for nearly five months from 7th August till the close of the year. Venus is not favourable only for a few months in the year. Saturn in *janma* and the 2nd is thoroughly bad. The first half will be better than the second.

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The evil side is likely to have an edge over the good side. Poorvashadha is better than Uttarashadha and Moola.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to have health troubles practically throughout the second half. Chronic sufferers will find the second half very troublesome. Children's health may cause mild concern during the second half. Excepting for a few months, the domestic life will be harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: You should make full use of satisfactory financial position during the first half. You should conserve your resources during the first half as the second half is not propitious for finances. Speculative transactions will yield good dividends for most months in the year.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The real property transactions will be more or less satisfactory throughout. Yield and rentals will be at satisfactory levels practically throughout. Services may have to face penal transfers during the second half. The first half is good for businesses and professions but not the second half.

Women: The first half will be satisfactory, but you will have to be careful from August onwards particularly in regard to your functional health. You may have to cut down your social activities during the second half. Employed girls will have to be careful during the second half.

Students: You will be successful in your tests with the Services Selection Board. You will be selected as officer cadet for commissioned ranks in the country's defence forces. During the first half the medical students are particularly favoured.

10.MAKARA(Capricorn)

General: The Sun favours Capricorn during the transit of the 3rd, Pisces, from the middle of March to the middle of April, again when he moves through the 6th, Gemini, from the middle of June to the middle of July and once again during his transits of the 10th and 11th, Libra and Scorpio, from the middle of October to mid-December. The Sun is free of *vedha* during all these favourable transits. Mars transits the favourable 3rd from 20th May to 1st July but with *vedha*. The effects of Mercury, a fast-moving planet, often back and forth, are not uniform and should be studied from the monthly forecasts. Jupiter in the favourable 7th from 9th July till the close of the year is completely free of *vedha*. Jupiter transits the adverse 6th from the beginning of the year till 9th July and his evil propensities are not under check. Venus, a powerful Yogakaraka for Capricorn, is favourable for most part of the year. Saturn in the 12th and *janma* is thoroughly unsatisfactory. Bad side will have a tilt over the good one. Sravana is better than Uttarabhadra and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: Minor ailments are likely to worry you during the second half. Chronic sufferers should adopt adequate prophylactic measures during the second half. Children's health may have a set-back in the second half of the year. You will have domestic peace and harmony during most months of the year.

Finance and Speculation: Of the two parameters controlling finances, the important one, Dhanakaraka favours you during the first half. The other, lord of the 2nd, is positively against you. While your financial position will be quite sound during the first half, you may have an embarrassing time in the financial field during the second half. Speculative transactions will be profitable for most months in the year.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The year cannot be said to be satisfactory for real property matters. It is advisable not to invest on new properties during the year. While the services will find the first half good, they may be transferred to far away places during the second half. The first half will be better than the second for professions and businesses.

Women: While the year may prove satisfactory on the whole you must guard against shortage of finances during the second half. If you do not keep this aspect in mind it will be very difficult for you to balance the domestic budget during the second half. The second half will be somewhat trying for the employed girls.

Students: In view of your proneness to accidents and consequent injuries you should refrain from sports, games and athletics, especially during the second half. Social contacts with the opposite sex should be kept at minimum levels during the second half.

11.KUMBHA(Aquarius)

General: The Sun is favourable when transiting the 3rd, Aries, from mid-April to mid-May and again from the middle of July to the middle of August when he transcends the 6th, Cancer, and once again from the middle of November onwards till the close of the year and the opening first fortnight of the year when he transits the 10th and the 11th, Scorpio and Sagittarius. The Sun yields to *vedha* during his transit of the favourable 6th and the 10th from mid-November to mid-December. Mars transits the

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favourable 11th from the beginning till 18th January and the favourable 3rd from 1st July to 17th August. Mars yields to *vedha* during both these favourable transits due to the presence of Rahu in Capricorn and Jupiter in Gemini. Mercury covers all the twelve signs and the effects are better observed from the monthly forecasts. Jupiter transits the favourable 5th from the beginning till 9th July without any *vedha* and the adverse 6th from July 9th till the close of the year with a check on his evil propensities by Ketu. Venus is favourable for the greater part of the year. Saturn transits the favourable 11th from the beginning till 2nd March and from 11th July to 30th November, yielding to *vedha* only during the first two months in the year. Good influences will be more in evidence during the year. Satabhisha is better than Dhanishta and Poorvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Health will be more or less normal practically throughout. The chronic patients will have relief for greater part of the year. You will have considerable happiness through pleasant association with the relatives of your spouse. Domestic happiness will be vouchsafed to you during the year.

Finance and Speculation: The Dhanakaraka who also happens to be the lord of the 2nd is quite favourable during the first half. You are likely to launch on new financial venture which will yield good dividends in time to come. Speculative transactions will be profitable for most months of the year.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The *karaka* for properties is helpful for only a brief period during the year. But the lord of the 4th is helpful practically throughout. You will have consequently a successful year for real property transactions. The year will be quite helpful for the services, professions and businesses.

Women: This is a very satisfactory year for you. The eligible girls will get married during the first half. Some of you are likely to be elected as president of your clubs. This is a good year for the employed girls.

Students: You will come out successful in the superior service competitive examination of the Central Government. Scholarships with travel grants are likely to be offered to you. You will also shine very well in sports, games and athletics.

12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: The Sun, as usual, is favourable from the beginning till the middle of February and also during the second half of December, when he transits the 10th and the 11th signs, again from the middle of May to the middle of June when he transits the 3rd and once again from the middle of August to the middle of September when he transits the 6th, his *swakshetra* (own sign). He is completely free of *vedha* throughout these favourable transits. Mars transits the favourable 10th and 11th from the beginning till 10th April and the favourable 3rd from 17th August till the close of the year. Mars is, thus, unusually favourable for about eight months during the year. He yields to *vedha* for only a brief period from 1st March to 10th April as a result of Ketu. In Cancer, Mercury often moving back and forth, his effects are better gleaned from the monthly forecasts. Jupiter transits the favourable 5th from 9th July till the close of the year, without *vedha*. He transits the adverse 4th from the beginning till 9th July, but fortunately his evil proclivities are under check. Venus is unfavourable for only short periods during the year. Saturn transits the favourable 11th from 2nd March to 11th July and from 30th November till the close of the year but with *vedha*. Saturn transits the adverse 10th during the other periods in the year and his evil propensities are not under check though all these adverse months. The year will be definitely beneficial. Poorvabhadra is better than Uttarabhadra and Revati.

Health and Domestic: You will maintain good health practically throughout. Minor complaints of ill-health will yield quickly to ordinary medical treatment. Chronic sufferers can look forward to having relief during great part of the year. Family happiness is indicated practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: Lord of the 2nd is in your favour for an unusually long period of about eight months and Jupiter unsullied by *vedha* blesses you during the second half. The financial position will be quite satisfactory practically throughout the year. Speculation may yield good profits practically throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is an excellent year for you. You will acquire new properties. The services may be promoted out-of-turn and transferred to places of their choice. Businesses and professions could look forward to a very fortunate year.

Women: Long awaited luxuries will be enjoyed by you. You will get married to bridegrooms of your choice. You will be a much sought-after person in all social gatherings. Those in the political field may be invited to join the cabinet of ministers, either at the state level or at the Centre. This is a very good year for the employed girls.

Students: Most excellent year for you. Make good use of the opportunities in your way. Sky could be the limit for your ambitions. This is the time for you to work very hard, which will make the planets view it each other and stand in a queue to assist you.

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Astronomical Notes for January 1990

AGASTYA

*Sayana positions at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-1-1990

Planets (Grahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d. m.	d. m.	d. m.	d. m.
Ravi	280 18	281 13	0 S 00	23 S 03
Chandra	326 33	328 28	0 N 53	11 S 51
Kuja	249 39	247 59	0 S 02	21 S 56
Budha	295 48	297 41	0 N 28	20 S 31
Guru	95 13	95 40	0 S 07	23 N 13
Sukra	306 17	308 12	1 N 47	16 S 59
Sani	285 36	286 54	0 N 18	22 S 14
Rahu	318 27			

THE SUN

During this month the Sun moves ahead from 16° Scorpio to 18° Sagittarius entering it on 14th. The south declination of the Sun decreases from 23° 03' to 17° 14' at the end.

THE MOON

Starting from 16° Sagittarius the Moon makes one complete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 3° Aquarius. The south declination of the Moon decreases from 1° 51' till the Moon crosses the equator to the north on 2nd; then the north declination increases reaching a maximum of 27° 27' on 9th; afterwards the north declination decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 15th; thereafter the south declination increases attaining a maximum of 27° 29' on 23rd; then the south declination decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the north on 30th; afterwards the north declination increases to 11° 34' at the end.

MARS

Mars moves forward from 17° Scorpio, enters Sagittarius on 18th and ends at 9° Sagittarius. The south declination increases from 21° 56' to 23° 49' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury continues its retrograde motion from 4° Capricorn, enters (with retrograde motion) Sagittarius on 6th, becomes direct at 17° there on 21st, then moves ahead and ends at 24° Sagittarius. The south declination of Mercury decreases from 20° 31' till it becomes a minimum at 19° 54 on 18th; then the south declination increases to 21° 30' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues to be retrograde in Gemini from 13° to 9° there. The north declination of Jupiter increases from 23° 13' to 23° 23' at the end.

VENUS

Venus continues to be retrograde, from 14° Capricorn, enters Sagittarius (with retrograde motion) on 31st and ends at 30° there. The south declination of Venus decreases from 16° 59', becomes a minimum at 14° 13' on 26th; then the south declination increases to 14° 19' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn continues to move ahead in Sagittarius from 23° to 27° at the end. The south declination of Saturn decreases from 22° 14' to 21° 48' at the end.

*The description of planetary movements is given on Nirayana basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-1-1990 is 22° 16' 20".

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RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 296° 11' to 294° 33' at the end.

Uranus moves forward from 253° 29' to 255° 18' at the end.

Neptune also moves ahead from 259° 45' to 260° 53' at the end.

Pluto too moves forward from 204° 48' to 205° 15' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the times in I.S.T. noted:

Jupiter at 30h.08m. on 9th; Pluto at 17h.12m. on 20th; Mars at 20h.45m. on 23rd; Uranus at 18h.30m. on 24th; Mercury at 25h.51m. on 24th; Neptune at 29h.24m. on 24th; Saturn at 15h.45m. on 25th; Venus at 26h.59m. on 25th; the Sun at 26h.50m. on 26th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Conjunction Neptune 2nd; square the Moon 4th, 18th; parallel Mars 6th; trine the Moon 6th, 16th; conjunction Saturn 6th; conjunction Mercury 9th; parallel Saturn 9th; parallel Neptune 9th; opposition the Moon 11th; conjunction Venus 18th; parallel the Moon 19th, 27th; parallel Mercury 20th; conjunction the Moon 26th.

Mars: Square the Moon 2nd, 15th; parallel Neptune 2nd; parallel Saturn 3rd; trine the Moon 4th, 13th; parallel the Sun 6th; opposition the Moon 8th; parallel Uranus 20th; parallel the Moon 20th, 25th; conjunction the Moon 23rd.

Mercury: Square the Moon 5th, 17th, 31st; trine the Moon 7th, 15th; conjunction Saturn 10th; opposition the Moon 10th; conjunction Neptune 14th; parallel the Moon 19th, 26th; conjunction the Moon 24th; conjunction Neptune 27th.

Jupiter: Square the Moon 3rd, 16th, 30th; parallel the Moon 7th, 11th; conjunction the Moon 10th; trine the Moon 19th, 28th; opposition the Moon 24th.

Venus: Square the Moon 5th, 18th; trine the Moon 7th, 16th; opposition the Moon 12th; parallel the Moon 18th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 25th.

Saturn: Parallel Mars 3rd; square the Moon 4th, 17th; trine the Moon 6th, 15th; conjunction the Sun 6th; parallel the Sun 9th; conjunction Mercury 10th; opposition the Moon 10th; parallel Neptune 19th; parallel the Moon 20th, 26th; conjunction the Moon 25th.

Uranus: Square the Moon 3rd, 17th, 31st; trine the Moon 6th, 14th; opposition the Moon 10th; parallel Mars 20th; parallel the Moon 20th, 25th; conjunction the Moon 24th.

Neptune: Parallel Mars 2nd; conjunction the Sun 2nd; square the Moon 4th, 7th, 31st; trine the Moon 6th, 15th; parallel the Sun 9th; opposition the Moon 10th; conjunction Mercury 14th; parallel Saturn 19th; parallel the Moon 20th, 26th; conjunction the Moon 24th; conjunction Mercury 27th.

Pluto: Trine the Moon 2nd, 10th, 29th; parallel the Moon 2nd, 11th, 29th; opposition the Moon 6th; square the Moon 13th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 20th.

I Full Moon: Dark Fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 10h.27m. on 11th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 268° 26'; the Moon 88° 26'; Mars 234° 35'; Mercury 263° 20'; Jupiter 71° 36'; Venus 280° 47'; Saturn 264° 33'; Rahu 295° 38'; Uranus 254° 06'; Neptune 260° 08'; Pluto 205° 03'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 326° 11'; the 2nd 357° 33'; the 3rd 28° 55'; the 4th 60° 17'; the 5th 88° 55'; the 6th 117° 33'; the 7th 146° 11'; the 8th 177° 33'; the 9th 208° 55'; the 10th 240° 17'; the 11th 268° 55'; the 12th 297° 33'.

II. New Moon: Bright Fortnight (Sukla Paksha) commences at 24h.50m. on 26th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 284° 19'; the Moon 284° 19'; Mars 245° 44'; Mercury 259° 53'; Jupiter 69° 54'; Venus 271° 50'; Saturn 266° 22'; Rahu 294° 49'; Uranus 255° 01'; Neptune 260° 42'; Pluto 205° 21'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 195° 19'; the 2nd 226° 19'; the 3rd 257° 19'; the 4th 288° 19'; the 5th 317° 19'; the 6th 346° 19'; the 7th 15° 19'; the 8th 46° 19'; the 9th 77° 19'; the 10th 108° 19'; the 11th 137° 19'; and the 12th 166° 19'.

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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun Ravi	☽ Moon Chandra	♂ Mars Kuja	☿ Merc. Budha	♃ Jupiter Guru	♀ Venus Sukra	♄ Saturn Sani	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
	h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d. m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1. Mon.	18 42 40	258 01 54	304 17 05	227 29	273 31	72 57	284 01	263 20	296 11	253 29	259 45	204 48
2. Tues.	18 46 36	259 03 04	317 45 18	228 05	273 14	72 49	283 53	263 27	296 08	253 33	259 47	204 50
3. Wed.	18 50 33	260 04 14	331 25 39	228 47	272 44	72 41	283 42	263 34	296 05	253 36	259 49	204 52
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*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-1-1990 is 22° 16' 20".

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Farmers' Guide for January 1990

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(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed., A.M.)

1. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for sowing, for erecting sheds, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn etc.

2. Only routine work.

3. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing paddy, dhall, wheat, corn etc.

4. Routine work only.

5. This day also routine work only.

6. Good for testing instruments, for storing dhall, wheat, paddy, corn etc.

7. Good for borrowing, for repaying debts, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

8. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for sowing, for ploughing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

9. Till 14h.46m. good for testing instruments.

10. After 13h.30m. good for testing instruments, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

11. Upto 10h.27m. good for testing instruments.

12. Routine work only.

13. After 18h.15m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for testing instruments, for buying or storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

14. After 18h.55m. good for testing instruments.

15. After 8h.18m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for borrowing, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

16. Good for manuring, for erecting sheds, for storing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

17. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for ploughing, for sowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

18. Till 13h.33m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for testing instruments.

19. Routine work only.

20. After 18h.35m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for buying paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

21. Only routine work.

22. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

23. Good for borrowing.

24. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

25. Routine work only.

26. Till 17h.03m. good for testing instruments.

27. Upto 16h.53m. good for testing instruments.

28. Good for buying oxen or sheep or paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

29. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for erecting sheds, for purchasing paddy, wheat, corn, dhall etc.

30. Good for repaying debts.

31. Till 13h.18m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

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Daily Guide for January 1990

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[The ending moments of Tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to railway time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Mon.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 8h.53m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Dhanishta upto 9h.47m., then Satabhisha. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 9h.47m. good for buying cows or dogs, for taking medicines, for erecting sheds, for buying vehicles, for purchasing foodstuffs.

2. *Tues.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 7h.59m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Satabhisha till 9h.28m., then Poorvabhadrapada. Whole day Marana Yoga. Only routine work.

3. *Wed.*- Shashti (6th tithi) till 6h.42m., then Saptami (7th tithi) upto 29h.06m., afterwards Ashtami (8th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Amruta Yoga till 8h.50m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga. After 9h.00m. good for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for buying or storing foodstuffs, for deepening wells.

4. *Thurs.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 27h.10m., then Navami (9th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada till 7h.51m., then Revati. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

5. *Fri.*- Navami (9th tithi) till 24h.57m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Revati upto 6h.33m., then Aswini till 28h.58m., afterwards Bharani. Upto 28h.58m. Amruta Yoga, then Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

6. *Sat.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 22h.30m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Bharani and Siddha Yoga till 27h.12m., then Krittika and Amruta Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for storing foodstuffs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness.

7. *Sun.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) till 19h.55m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Krittika upto 25h.17m., then Rohini. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for borrowing, for repaying debts, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

8. *Mon.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 17h.18m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Rohini till 23h.23m., then Mrigasira. Whole day Amruta Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing foodstuffs.

9. *Tues.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) till 14h.46m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Mrigasira and Siddha Yoga upto 22h.24m., then Aridra and Marana Yoga. Till 14h.46m. good for testing instruments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness.

10. *Wed.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 12h.26m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Aridra till 20h.03m., then Punarvasu. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Upto 12h.00m. good for surgical operations. After 13h.30m. good for testing instruments, for storing foodstuffs.

11. *Thurs.*- Poornima (Full Moon) till 10h.27m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Punarvasu upto 18h.54m., then Pushya. Whole day Amruta Yoga. Till 10h.27m. good for wearing new garments, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments.

12. *Fri.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 8h.57m., then Dwiteeya. Pushya till 18h.16m., then Aslesha. Whole day Marana Yoga. Only routine work.

13. *Sat.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 8h.02m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Aslesha and Marana Yoga upto 18h.13m., then Makha and Amruta Yoga.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

1.	Mon.	1990 A.D. New Year's Day
2.	Wed.	Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday
3.	Sat.	Sambha Dasami (Orissa), Ephiphony
6.	Sun.	Vaikunta Ekadasi, Putrada Ekadasi
10.	Wed.	Aridra Darshanam (Purvarunodaya - S. India)
11.	Thur.	Pausi Purnima, Pushyabhishicka Yatra
13.	Sat.	Lori (Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir), Bhogi (S. India)
14.	Sun.	Makara Sankranti (Bengal), Maghabihu (Bihar), Pongal (S. India), Tai Pongal (Kerala), Makaraadisnana Tilasankranti, Ganesh Sankashta Chaturthi.
15.	Mon.	Mattu Pongal or Kanavu
18.	Thur.	Ashtaka (Mamsashtaka), Swami Vivekananda's Birthday
22.	Mon.	Sattila Ekadasi
23.	Tue.	Netaji's Birthday
24.	Wed.	Meru Trayodasi (Jain)
25.	Thur.	Ravanti Kalika Puja
26.	Fri.	Ganatantra Dina, Mauni Amavasya, Tai Amavasya, Makaravavu (Kerala), Total Solar Eclipse (not visible in India)
28.	Sun.	Lalalajpatray's Birthday
30.	Tue.	Til Chaturthi, Kunda Chaturthi, Varada Chaturthi, Ganesha Puja (Bengal), Martyr's Day.
31.	Wed.	Vasanta Panchami, Sri Panchami, Saraswati Puja.

After 18h.15m. good for testing instruments, for buying or storing foodstuffs.

14. *Sun.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 7h.48m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Makha and Marana Yoga till 18h.55m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga. After 18h.55m. good for testing instruments.

15. *Mon.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 8h.18m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Poorvaphalguni till 20h.17m., then Uttaraphalguni. Whole day Siddha Yoga. After 8h.18m. good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for deepening wells, for testing instruments, for writing accounts.

16. *Tues.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 9h.29m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Uttaraphalguni till 22h.17m., then Hasta. Whole day Amruta Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for taking medicines, for erecting sheds.

17. *Wed.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 11h.17m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Hasta till 24h.47m., then Chitta. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new clothes or ornaments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for taking medicines, for fixing pumpsets.

18. *Thurs.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 13h.33m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Chitta and Siddha Yoga till 27h.38m., then Swati and Amruta Yoga. Upto 13h.33m. good for buying cows or dogs, for taking medicines, for borrowing, for wearing new garments, for testing instruments.

19. *Fri.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) till 16h.03m., then Navami (9th tithi). Swati and Siddha Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

20. *Sat.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 18h.35m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Swati till 6h.36m., then Visakha. After 18h.35m. good for buying paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

21. *Sun.*- Dasami (10th tithi) till 20h.53m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Visakha upto 9h.07m., then Anuradha. Whole day Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

22. *Mon.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 22h.47m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Anuradha till 12h.00m., then Jyeshta. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for surgical operations, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

23. *Tues.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 24h.10m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Jyeshta and Marana Yoga upto 14h.05m., then Moola and Amruta Yoga. After 14h.05m. good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for surgical operations.

24. *Wed.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 24h.58m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Moola and Marana Yoga till 15h.38m., then Poorvashadha and Amruta Yoga. After 15h.38m. good for buying cows or dogs, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

25. *Thurs.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 25h.11m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Poorvashadha till 16h.37m., then Uttarashadha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

26. *Fri.*- Amavasya (New Moon) till 24h.50m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Uttarashadha and Siddha Yoga upto 17h.03m., then Sravana and Marana Yoga. Till 17h.03m. good for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments.

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Travel Guide for January 1990

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel.)

Aswini, Makha, Moola

1st 9h.47m.; 3rd 8h.50m. to 29h.06m.; 7th after 25h.17m.; 8th upto 23h.23m.; 16th after 22h.17m.; 17th till 24h.47m.; 22nd upto 12h.00m.; 28th after 18h.00m.; 29th till 15h.39m.; 30th after 19h.23m.; 31st upto 13h.18m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

1st 8h.53m. to 9h.47m.; 5th 24h.57m. to 28h.58m.; 8th after 23h.23m.; 9th upto 14h.46m.; 10th after 20h.03m.; 11th till 10h.27m.; 15th after 20h.17m.; 16th upto 22h.17m.; 23rd after 14h.05m.; 25th after 25h.11m.; 26th till 17h.03m.; 27th after 24h.00m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

1st after 9h.47m.; 3rd 8h.50m. to 29h.06m.; 5th 24h.57m. to 28h.58m.; 7th after 25h.17m.; 8th upto 23h.23m.; 16th after 22h.17m.; 17th till 24h.47m.; 22nd upto 12h.00m.; 23rd after 14h.05m.; 28th after 18h.00m.; 29th till 15h.39m.; 30th after 19h.23m.; 31st upto 13h.18m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

1st 8h.53m. to 9h.47m.; 8th after 23h.23m.; 9th upto 14h.46m.; 10th after 2h.03m.; 11th till 10h.27m.; 15th after 20h.17m.; 16th upto 22h.17m.; 25th after 25h.11m.; 26th till 17h.03m.; 27th after 24h.00m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

1st after 9h.47m.; 3rd 8h.50m. to 29h.06m.; 5th 24h.57m. to 28h.58m.; 7th after 25h.17m.; 8th upto 23h.23m.; 15th after 20h.17m.; 16th whole day; 17th till 24h.47m.; 22nd till 12h.00m.; 23rd after 14h.05m.; 25th after 25h.11m.; 26th upto 17h.03m.; 28th after 18h.00m.; 29th till 15h.39m.; 30th after 19h.23m.; 31st upto 13h.18m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

1st 8h.53m. to 9h.47m.; 7th after 25h.17m.; 8th whole day; 9th upto 14h.46m.; 10th after 20h.03m.; 11th till 10h.27m.; 16th after 22h.17m.; 17th upto 24h.47m.; 27th after 24h.00m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadra

1st after 8h.53m.; 3rd 8h.50m. to 29h.06m.; 5th 24h.57m. to 28h.58m.; 8th after 23h.23m.; 9th upto 14h.46m.; 15th after 20h.17m.; 16th till 22h.17m.; 22nd upto 12h.00m., 23rd after 14h.05m.; 25th after 25h.11m.; 26th till 17h.03m.; 27th after 24h.00m.; 28th after 18h.00m.; 29th upto 15h.39m.; 30th after 19h.23m.; 31st till 13h.18m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadra

1st after 9h.47m.; 7th after 25h.17m.; 8th upto 23h.23m.; 10th after 20h.03m.; 11th upto 10h.27m.; 16th after 22h.17m.; 17th till 24h.47m.; 28th after 18h.00m.; 29th upto 15h.39m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st 8h.53m. to 9h.47m.; 3rd 8h.50m. to 29h.6m.; 5th 24h.57m. to 28h.58m.; 8th after 23h.23m.; 9th upto 14h.46m.; 10th after 20h.3m.; 11th till 10h.27m.; 15th after 20h.17m.; 16th upto 22h.17m.; 22nd till 12h.00m.; 23rd after 14h.05m.; 25th after 25h.11m.; 26th upto 17h.03m.; 27th after 24h.0m.; 30th after 19h.23m.; 31st till 13h.18m.

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General Market Indications for the Year 1990

PROF. B. C. MEHTA

THE year 1990 is undoubtedly a year of great importance for the business world indicating heavy and astounding fluctuations in all the principal markets like oil-seeds, cotton and *kapas*, bullion, jute, hessian, shares and stock market and food grains, jaggery markets etc., due to the fact that many important planets having special bearing on market fluctuations form special aspects and astrological phenomena.

The most important is Jupiter's entry into its exaltation sign Cancer on 9th July 1990. Jupiter will transit two signs during 1990. It will transit sign Gemini till 9th July 1990. Gemini is the 3rd sign of the zodiac ruled by Mercury. Gemini also rules cotton and oil-seed markets. Another important planetary change is Saturn which will be in Sagittarius till 2nd March 1990 and then enter Capricorn, its own sign, when it will join Rahu which has already entered it on 22nd October 1989. Saturn will again enter Sagittarius in retrograde motion on 11th July 1990. He joins Herschel and Neptune here and again these three most malefic major planets will continue together till 15th December 1990. This combination of malefic planets is extraordinary as also fateful. The third important *yoga* during 1990 is the *atichara* (accelerated) motion of Mars. He enters Taurus on 17th August 1990 where he will continue till the next 6 or 7 months. In view of all these important planetary *yogas*, it can be safely said that 1990 is an extraordinary year not only for market fluctuations but also for political upheavals and economic as well as social conditions.

Oil-seed Market

This consists of groundnut oil, castor seeds, cotton seeds, linseed, *sarsoo* seeds, vegetable and coconut oil, etc. The chief significator of this market is Saturn and the helping planets are Rahu, Jupiter and Mars.

All airy signs have special affinity with oil-seeds and when any major malefic planet crosses these signs and the three special Nakshatras Aridra, Swati and Satabhisha, the market shows bullish trend. If a benefic planet passes through them the market declines.

Rahu leaves Aquarius on 22nd October 1989 and hence the bullish line will change and a declining trend is expected. Mars enters Libra on 23rd October 1989. Libra is an airy sign and Mars will join Pluto there. Again the oil-seed market will show bullish trend. On 29th October 1989, the Diwali festival of the year, you can start *teji* business and follow bullish trend during Mars' transit of Libra or till the 1st week of December and then again bearish trend is expected for next two months. After budget again *teji* trend is expected for the next two months. Jupiter, the best benefic planet, passing through Gemini is an excellent bearish factor and hence from May to July again the market would show a declining trend till 9th July 1990 when Jupiter will leave Gemini, the first airy sign. Jupiter will be exalted in Cancer after 9th July 1990 and so bullish trend of long range is expected gradually till the next Diwali in 1990.

Cotton and Kapas

Libra is the significator of cotton *kapas* market. Pluto is passing through this sign. Herschel, Saturn and Neptune form a sextile with Pluto which denotes bullish trend while Jupiter passing through Gemini is a *mandi* factor for cotton and *kapas* market. We expect declining trend from the first week of September 1989. This may continue somehow or other till Diwali, that is till 29th October 1989. Mars will join Pluto on 25th October 1989 and we expect *teji* trend after Diwali. You should start some *teji* business on the *muhurta* of Diwali and follow *teji* if the market goes in your favour, otherwise not. This bullish trend is a temporary one for a month or so and then again the market would be bearish till the first week of March 1990. Saturn, Rahu and Mars will come together in Capricorn. This combination of three malefic planets in Capricorn is not supposed to be favourable as it is the ruling sign of our country. However market of cotton is expected to show bullish trend till the next two months upto 2nd week of May. Then again, market will decline till 9th July 1990, due to Jupiter in Gemini from 9th July to 20th August 1990. Market may have both sided fluctuations and thereafter again, bullish trend is expected till the end of 1990 with reactions of *mandi* in intervals.

Bullion

The ruling sign of silver is Cancer and of gold, Leo. But according to Indian commercial Astrology, Pisces is for silver and Aquarius for gold.

In our view, all watery signs, that is, Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces have a special affinity with bullion market. The Nakshatras bearing on silver are Punarvasu, Visakha and Poorvabhadrapada and for gold, Pushya, Chitta, Dhanishta and Mrigasira. The significators of these markets are Jupiter, Saturn, Rahu and Mars.

We have predicted good use in these markets from early 1990 due to entry of Jupiter into Pisces and forming trine aspects with Saturn passing through Scorpio. A terrible bullish trend and rise was seen in these markets during that period.

1990 also denotes heavy fluctuations due to the fact that Jupiter will pass through Gemini and Cancer and Saturn and Rahu will transit Capricorn, while Ketu will be in Cancer. Cancer is the ruling sign of the bullion market. Hence you should be very cautious in your business. The first six months can be called bearish months and thereafter, bullish trends will show.

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How Is This Month (January 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.--Ed., A.M.)*

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Sagittarius till 12th and then enters Capricorn. Mars transits Scorpio till 18th and then enters Sagittarius. Retrograde Mercury in Capricorn enters Sagittarius on 6th and resumes direct motion in Sagittarius on 21st. Venus continues his retrograde movement in Capricorn. Jupiter continues his retrograde motion in Gemini. Saturn continues his progress in Sagittarius. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

1. MESHA (Aries)

General: Mars in the 8th and the 9th, Jupiter in the 3rd, Venus in the 10th and Saturn in the 9th are all unfavourable. Venus is under check throughout and Saturn till 4th. The Sun in the unfavourable 9th till 12th with check transits thereafter the favourable 10th with *vedha*. Mercury in the favourable 10th till 6th with *vedha* transits thereafter the unfavourable 9th with check till 18th. The planets are quite unfavourable for the month. The month leans very much on the evil. There is likely to be a setback in your undertakings. As you are prone to accidents and physical injuries during the period you should be careful in your movements. Quarrels are likely to arise on flimsy grounds and you should guard yourself against being provoked at other's bidding. Aswini is better than Bharani and Krittika.

Health and Domestic: Diseases of the abdomen and bilious complaints are indicated by the adverse transits. The chronic sufferers are warned against an aggravation of their ailments. You may have to keep your fingers crossed in so far as peace and harmony in the domestic sphere are concerned.

Finance and Speculation: While there may be a cut in the regular income, the expenditure will increase considerably. Losses may be incurred by you in certain enterprises on account of your being cheated by deceitful friends. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The damage to agricultural crops by pests is likely. You may also experience difficulties in dealing with the tenants. The services are likely to have penal transfers. This is not a satisfactory period for the professions and businesses.

Women: The emphasis is on expenditure which, if not controlled, will cause much embarrassment. As functional health is likely to be affected you should be particularly careful in this regard.

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Employed girls are likely to find the month trying.

Students: You are likely to drift away from studies. Relations with friends and teachers may tend to become unpleasant. You should watch your words and manners most carefully. Contacts with the opposite sex could be reduced with great advantage to you.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-12-18	2-16-19
Money dealings and enterprises	3-15-24	4-11-20
Journeys	9-17-26	5-13-21
Real property matters and educational activities	12-18-28	6-14-22
Children and speculation	15-24-29	7-16-23
Services	17-26-31	8-19-25
Partnership	3-17-31	10-20-27
Insurance	3-17-28	11-21-30
Profession and business	9-17-29	7-14-25

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 20th to morning of 23rd.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: The Sun in the 8th and the 9th, Mars in the 7th and the 8th and Saturn in the 8th are all adverse. Of these Saturn is under check till 18th. Jupiter in the 2nd and Venus in the 9th are fully favourable. Mercury in the adverse 9th till 6th with check transits thereafter the favourable 8th. The favourable influences have an upper hand during the month. Your fame and reputation will rise high. Your enemies will be defeated. Mercury will generate in you desire to make money. This desire will be realised owing to the very favourable posture of the Dhanakaraka, Jupiter. The evils will be in the form of a tendency to undertake long journeys without any specific plan. Krittika is better than Rohini and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: Minor ailments are likely to upset you a little during the first half. Chronic patients could expect temporary relief during the second half. Children's performance in schools and colleges will make you happy. You will be blessed with domestic bliss of a high order.

Finance and Speculation: Your financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. You are likely to start new financial ventures which will yield good dividends in time to come. The speculative transactions will yield good profits practically throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month does not show any promise in the field of real estate. It is advisable to postpone decisions on real property matters to more favourable period. This is a very good month for the services. The period will be profitable for the professions and businesses.

Women: Film artistes are likely to be offered lucrative contracts which can take them to the top in the world of celluloid. Love affairs, romances and courtships will blossom into happy weddings during the second half. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: This is an excellent month for students. Fellowships in foreign universities are likely to be granted to you with travel grants also. Those interested in fine arts will find the month quite soul-satisfying.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-12-18	2-10-19
Money dealings and enterprises	1-15-21	4-11-2[illegible]
Journeys	1-17-22	5-13-2[illegible]
Real property matters and educational activities	3-15-26	6-14-2[illegible]
Children and speculation	3-15-29	6-16-2[illegible]
Services	3-17-31	6-16-2[illegible]
Partnership	9-18-26	6-16-3[illegible]
Insurance	9-15-28	8-19-2[illegible]
Profession and business	9-15-29	8-19-3[illegible]

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 23rd to evening of 25th.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: The Sun in the 7th and the 8th, Jupiter in *janma* and Saturn in the 7th are all unfavourable; the Sun is under check from 12th to 18th and Saturn till 18th. Mars in the favourable 6th till 18th transits afterwards the adverse 7th. Mercury in the favourable 8th during the first six days with *vedha* transits thereafter the adverse 7th with check till 18th. Venus in the 8th is fully favourable. In a month of mixed results the bad side will be more in evidence. As the planetary transits indicate the likelihood of your being involved in criminal proceedings you should follow the law of the land scrupulously both in letter and spirit. Influential friends will, however, come to your rescue in case of any such mishap. Mrigasira is better than Aridra and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: Renal complaints are likely to arise and it is absolutely essential that you consult the kidney specialists immediately on the onset of the affliction. This is a difficult period

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for chronic sufferers who will find the period difficult. You will, however, have domestic bliss in full measure.

Finance and Speculation: The month is not likely to be satisfactory for finances. Pressure from creditors will get severe as the month advances. Quarrels with business friends are likely on money matters. Speculative transactions will, however, yield good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The first half will be satisfactory for all real property matters. You are likely to add a floor on one of your existing buildings. Setbacks are unavoidable for services. There may be obstacles for the professions and businesses but these obstacles will be surmounted.

Women: You should be careful about your health. In club and social activities the conditions may not be entirely agreeable. The employed girls should not do anything that is likely to annoy the superiors.

Students: Health and domestic conditions are likely to hinder your progress in studies. As quarrels are indicated by more than one bad transit, it is advisable to avoid unnecessary talk both inside and outside family.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	15-22-31	8-20-30
Money dealings and enterprises	12-21-29	7-19-27
Journeys	9-18-28	6-16-26
Real property matters and educational activities	3-17-24	5-14-25
Children and speculation	1-15-22	4-13-23
Services	1-15-21	2-11-20
Partnership	1-12-18	5-20-30
Insurance	12-18-31	8-19-30
Profession and business	12-18-29	5-19-30

Chandrashtama occurs from the evening of 25th to night of 27th.

4. KATAKA (Cancer)

General: Saturn in the 6th is fully favourable. Mars in the unfavourable 5th till 18th transits afterwards the favourable 6th. The Sun in the favourable 6th till 12th with *vedha* transits thereafter the unfavourable 7th with check. Mercury in the adverse 7th till 6th with check transits afterwards the favourable 6th. Jupiter in the 12th and Venus in the 7th are both unfavourable unrelieved by any check on their evil propensities. The favourable influences will be more in evidence during the month. You are likely to become quite influenced in high political circles. Your enemies will be defeated. Pushyami is better than Punarvasu and Aslesha.

Health and Domestic: You will have a successful surgical operation for the removal of cateract in your right eye. This is practically a trouble-free month from the point of view of health. Chronic patients will have some relief. Considerable tact and patience will be necessary if you are keen on saving peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the Dhanakaraka, the financial position will not be unsatisfactory. Friends will assist you and enable you to meet your immediate financial needs. Speculative transactions will yield good profits during the second half.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The transactions pertaining to real properties will yield good profits during the second half. All labour problems will be resolved to your entire satisfaction. There will be improvement in the working conditions for the services. This is a profitable period for the businesses and professions.

Women: You are advised to go slow in love affairs and courtships. It is advisable to cut down your social activities. Employed girls are likely to be given memos for explaining their conduct in certain official matters.

Students: You will shine in sports, games and athletics. The chances of your inclusion in the national or state level teams are quite rosy. You will also make very good progress in studies.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	3-12-21	1-10-30
Money dealings and enterprises	9-18-31	2-16-28
Journeys	9-21-26	2-16-29
Real property matters and educational activities	3-21-26	8-19-27
Children and speculation	15-17-24	10-20-30
Services	3-17-24	5-11-23
Partnership	12-18-31	6-13-25
Insurance	3-12-18	2-20-30
Profession and business	3-15-22	4-14-23

Chandrashtama occurs from the beginning to the night of 2nd and again from the night of 27th to early hours of 30th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: Mars in the 4th and the 5th, Venus in the 6th and Saturn in the 5th are all adverse;

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Venus yields to check throughout and Saturn from 18th. Jupiter in the 11th is fully favourable. The Sun in the adverse 5th till 12th with check transits thereafter the favourable 6th with *vedha* afterwards. Mercury in the favourable 6th during the first six days transits thereafter the adverse 5th. The bad influences will be more in evidence. Exhorbitant expenditure, delay in enterprises and restlessness are all likely. The redeeming factor is the favourable posture of the Dhanakaraka who will assist you to get hold of enough funds to meet all your expenditure. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: Health and vitality are likely to be affected adversely. Chronic sufferers should be extremely careful. This is, however, a period in which your eldest son may secure a good footing in a reputed business house. You may have to face troubled conditions in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: A compensating factor in a month of some difficulties is the ready availability of cash to meet all your expenses and financial obligations. The speculative transactions, too, will yield excellent profits throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The conditions pertaining to real property matters are not likely to be satisfactory. You should postpone decisions on property matters to more favourable period. This is a very good month for the services. This is not an unsatisfactory month for businesses and professions.

Women: You are advised to confine your activities to only social work. Jupiter will assist you to enjoy long-awaited luxuries. Employed girls should steer clear of politics in offices.

Students: You will be successful in tests and interviews. Medical students are particularly favoured. It will be in your interest to cut down social contacts with the opposite sex as much as possible.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-12-21	2-10-19
Money dealings and enterprises	3-15-22	3-11-31
Journeys	9-7-24	4-13-20
Real property matters and educational activities	12-18-26	5-14-23
Children and speculation	15-21-28	6-16-25
Services	17-22-29	7-19-27
Partnership	1-15-24	8-20-30
Insurance	1-15-29	5-16-30
Profession and business	9-7-22	4-14-25

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 2nd to early hours of 5th and again from early hours of 30th till the end.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: The Sun in the 4th and the 5th, Jupiter in the 10th, Saturn in the 4th are all adverse; the Sun is under check till 12th and Saturn till 18th. Mars in the favourable 3rd till 18th transits afterwards the adverse 4th. Mercury in the adverse 5th during the first six days with check transits afterwards the favourable 4th with *vedha* till 18th. Venus in the 5th is fully favourable. The planets are, on the whole, unfavourable for the month. The month tends to lean on the bad side. There is likely to be a setback in your undertakings. You should resist temptation to resort to unorthodox methods to achieve success. Stoicism and detachment will be of great help. Uttaraphalguni is better than Chitta and Hasta.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits do not generate any optimism in the field of health. Stomach troubles are likely to worry you throughout. Chronic patients should take all steps to prevent an aggravation of their ailments. Domestic bliss will, however, be vouchsafed to you in full measure.

Finance and Speculation: This is altogether an unsatisfactory month for finance; but the lord of the 2nd being fully favourable will mitigate the situation and influence your friends to come to your rescue and save you from embarrassing financial situations. Speculative transactions should be avoided during the month.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The first half shows good promise in the real estate field. Yield and rentals will be, more or less, satisfactory. Services may have to face penal transfers. The professions and businesses are likely to have a trying period.

Women: Social workers may be invited to accept greater responsibilities in recognition of the good work done by them in the past. Employed girls should exercise more than ordinary care in dealing with their superiors.

Students: You should curb a tendency to listlessness. You should exercise your will and make a determined effort to concentrate on your studies and not fritter away your time and energy in extra-curricular activities.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-12-18	2-10-16
Money dealings and		

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enterprises	1-15-21	2-11-19
Journeys	1-17-22	2-13-20
Real property matters and educational activities	3-17-24	4-11-19
Children and speculation	3-18-26	4-13-20
Services	3-21-28	4-14-25
Partnership	9-18-24	7-16-30
Insurance	9-21-28	7-16-27
Profession and business	9-21-31	8-20-30

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 5th to early hours of 7th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: The month has an accumulation of favourable influences. Jupiter in the 9th, Venus in the 4th and Saturn in the 3rd are all favourable making an allowance for the yielding to *vedha* by Jupiter and Venus. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 12th with *vedha* transits thereafter the unfavourable 4th. Mars in the adverse 2nd till 18th with check transits thereafter the favourable 3rd. Mercury in the favourable 4th with *vedha* during the first six days transits afterwards the unfavourable 3rd with check. You will be successful in all your undertakings. Gains and rewards are likely. Swati is better than Chitta and Visakha.

Health and Domestic: You will be in enjoyment of good health throughout. Chronic patients will have considerable relief. Your eldest son is likely to land a good job in a reputed industry. With some effort you could save peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be satisfactory for finances. You are likely to get income from an unexpected source. You will be able to settle your past financial commitments on favourable terms. Speculative transactions will yield good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property matters will be most satisfactory. You will acquire new properties. Labour problems will be there; but you will be able to manage the situation. This is quite a good month for the services. Promotions are likely. This is a very profitable month for the professions and businesses.

Women: Film artistes will reach the peak of their career. Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding. Outside activities will bring in much success and happiness. The employed girls will be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: This is an extremely satisfactory month in spite of the adverse posture of Vidyakaraka for most days in the month. The chances of your coming out successful with flying colours in the superior services examination conducted by the Central Public Commission are very bright.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	17-24-31	9-19-30
Money dealings and enterprises	15-22-29	8-16-27
Journeys	12-21-26	7-14-25
Real property matters and educational activities	3-18-24	6-13-23
Children and speculation	1-17-22	5-11-20
Services	1-17-21	4-10-29
Partnership	1-17-29	2-8-16
Insurance	3-22-31	5-10-19
Profession and business	3-22-29	6-11-20

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 7th to early morning of 9th.

8. VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The evil influences will sway the life of the native during the month. Mars in the 1st and the 2nd, Jupiter in the 8th and Saturn in the 2nd are all unfavourable; Mars is under check till 18th and Saturn from 18th. Venus in the favourable 3rd is under check till 18th. Mercury in the unfavourable 3rd during the first six days transits afterwards the favourable 2nd. The Sun in the unfavourable 2nd till 12th transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. You should develop your will very strongly and resist temptations which are likely to land you in difficulties. Frustration will be the order of the day practically throughout. Stoicism coupled with prayers to God will be of great help to counter the restlessness which the evil planetary influences will tend to generate in you. Visakha is better than Anuradha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits do not generate any optimism in the field of health. Stomach ulcers and nervous tension are likely to worry you. Chronic sufferers are warned against an aggravation of their ailments. You will have domestic problems in the first half. The second half will be very much better.

Finance and Speculation: This is an altogether bad month for finance. The pressure from creditors is likely to be very severe. Every item of expenditure should be carefully checked by you. You should refrain from speculative transactions completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions are best avoided during the

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month. Yield and rentals are likely to go down. You are likely to have difficulties in realising dues from tenants. Services, professions and businesses are likely to find the month trying.

Women: Social contacts are not likely to be successful. Romances and love affairs should be totally avoided. You should be particularly careful of your functional health. Employed girls should be very careful in their office work.

Students: If sufficient self-restraint is practised you will have laid the foundation for making good progress in studies in the months to come. You should curb a tendency towards extravagance and unnecessary expenses.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	3-15-21	7-19-30
Money dealings and enterprises	3-17-26	2-11-20
Journeys	1-12-21	4-13-23
Real property matters and educational activities	1-15-28	8-19-27
Children and speculation	15-22-31	5-10-16
Services	12-18-26	5-10-19
Partnership	12-18-28	9-19-25
Insurance	3-17-24	4-10-20
Profession and business	3-17-31	4-10-27

Chandrashtama occurs from early morning of 9th to the morning of 11th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The month will have both good and bad effects, the latter being slightly more in evidence. The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd, Mars in the 12th and 1st and Saturn in *janma* are all unfavourable; the Sun yields to check from 12th and Mars and Saturn from 18th. Jupiter in the 7th and Venus in the 2nd are both favourable, the latter yielding to *vedha*. Mercury in the favourable 2nd during the first six days is favourable and moves later into the adverse 1st with check. The persons in public life should be particularly careful in their utterances. In view of the very unhelpful attitude of Saturn, you may have to undertake a long and tedious journey without any benefits occurring to you. Uttarashadha is better than Moola and Poorvashadha.

Health and Domestic: Dysentery may manifest during the second half. Chronic patients should take extra care to keep their ailments under control. The performance of your children in schools and colleges will make you happy. You will have to be patient and tactful if you are keen on saving peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: In an otherwise difficult month you will be free from any financial worry. You may even get back some of the old dues which you had practically written off as bad debt. Speculative transactions should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Decisions pertaining to major property deals are better postponed to more favourable periods. Yield and rentals will tend to go down. Services and businesses are likely to meet with delays and frustrations.

Women: The second half is good for refined entertainment and relief from certain commitments. Broken social engagements are likely during the month. Employed girls may not find the month satisfactory.

Students: You could make good progress in studies during the second half. In view of your proneness to accidents and physical injuries you should refrain from sports, games and athletics. Social contacts with the opposite sex are better reduced.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-17	12-20-30
Money dealings and enterprises	3-15-21	2-10-20
Journeys	9-17-22	4-11-23
Real property matters and educational activities	15-18-24	5-13-25
Children and speculation	15-21-26	6-14-27
Services	15-22-28	7-16-30
Partnership	15-24-29	6-16-30
Insurance	15-26-31	6-13-27
Profession and business	9-17-31	5-14-30

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 11th to the noon of 13th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The month will be unsatisfactory from the Gochara point of view. It is however possible that the influences in your natal chart counterbalance the adverse Gochara transits. You should not take a fatalistic attitude but give full play to your free-will and endeavour to maintain normalcy. The Sun in the 12th and the 1st, Jupiter in the 6th and Saturn in the 12th are all unsatisfactory; the Sun yields to check throughout and Saturn till 18th. Mars in the favourable 11th till 18th transits afterwards the adverse 12th. Mercury in the 1st and the 12th is unfavourable but he is under

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check from 6th. Venus in the 1st is favourable. Satabhisha is better than Sravana and Uttarashadha.

Health and Domestic: Persistent and violent headache indicative of tumour should be promptly attended to by medical experts. Planetary transits indicate such a situation. Chronic patients should be extremely careful. You will, however, be blessed with domestic peace and harmony.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be thoroughly unsatisfactory for all financial matters. While the income will be stagnant, the expenditure will increase considerably. You should not stand surety for anybody. The speculative deals are, however, likely to yield good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The first half will be satisfactory for all real property matters. The second half will not be good. Major transactions should be postponed. Services will have a troublesome period. The conditions are not propitious for industry, professions and businesses.

Women: The fair sex belonging to this sign may have to face many obstacles. Social contacts are not likely to be of any assistance to you. You should go slow in love affairs and courtships. This is a troublesome period for the employed girls.

Students: There will be a setback in studies. You should take special care of your manners and speech. You are advised to cut down your activities in the field of sports, games and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-17	5-15-25
Money dealings and enterprises	1-12-18	5-15-27
Journeys	1-17-22	5-15-30
Real property matters and educational activities	1-17-29	8-16-23
Children and speculation	1-17-31	8-16-25
Services	9-18-26	4-10-19
Partnership	9-18-28	4-10-20
Insurance	9-18-29	10-20-27
Profession and business	9-18-31	10-20-30

Chandrashtama occurs from the noon of 13th to the night of 15th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: The favourable influences will be in predominance during the month. Success over enemies, accrual of power, money and influence and general prosperity are all likely. Your contacts with old friends will be renewed resulting in increased influence for you. Mars in the 10th and the 11th, Jupiter in the 5th, Venus in the 12th and Saturn in the 11th are all ready to assist you. Mars yields to *vedha* from 18th and Venus and Saturn yield to *vedha* throughout. The Sun in the favourable 11th till 12th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 12th with check. Mercury in the unfavourable 12th during the first six days with check transits afterwards the favourable 11th with *vedha*. Dhanishta is better than Satabhisha and Poorvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health throughout. Chronic sufferers will have considerable relief during the month. Your eldest son will start a business of his own and he will thrive very well in it. With some efforts on your part you could save the peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be thoroughly satisfactory. A financial windfall in your favour is most likely during the month. You will settle your past financial commitments on most favourable terms. Speculative transactions will yield moderate profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is an exceedingly satisfactory month for real property matters. You will acquire new properties and carry out good improvements on existing properties. Out-of-turn promotions are likely for the services. This is a very good and profitable period for businesses, professions and industry.

Women: Film artistes will become famous all on a sudden as a result of which numerous contracts will be offered to them. Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding. Employed girls are likely to be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will shine extremely well in the field of sports, games and athletics. You will make excellent progress in studies. The month is favourable to you from all points of view. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the first half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	12-21-30	5-15-27
Money dealings and enterprises	12-26-29	6-17-30
Journeys	1-9-12	4-11-18
Real property matters and educational activities	1-9-21	2-10-19
Children and speculation	1-9-22	10-20-27
Services	1-9-24	10-20-30
Partnership	1-9-26	11-19-30
Insurance	3-12-24	2-6-11
Profession and business	3-12-31	8-14-23

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 15th to the morning of 18th.

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12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: The Sun and Mercury in the 10th and the 11th, Venus in the 11th are all favourable; the Sun yields to *vedha* throughout and Mercury from 6th. Mars in the unfavourable 9th till 8th transits thereafter the favourable 10th with *vedha*. Jupiter in the 4th and Saturn in the 10th are not satisfactory; Jupiter is under check throughout and Saturn from 18th. The good side will be more in evidence during the month. The month will be generally satisfactory. Friends will assist you to start a new business. Revati is better than Poorvabhadra and Uttarabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor health complaints the month will prove generally satisfactory from the point of view of health. Chronic sufferers could obtain relief with extra care. Children's health may cause mild concern. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will not prove unsatisfactory. You may incur small losses in certain transactions through association with deceitful friends. Speculative transactions may yield moderate profits practically throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The real property matters will be quite satisfactory throughout. Yield and rentals will be at good levels. There will be good improvements in the working conditions for the services. This is a profitable period for businesses and professions and industry.

Women: Those engaged in social work will be invited to accept greater responsibilities in view of their good work in the past. You are advised to go slow in social activities. Employed girls will find the period, more or less, satisfactory.

Students: Those who have appeared before the Services Selection Board have excellent chances of coming out successful and being offered admission as officer-cadets in the defence academy. Those interested in fine arts will find the month quite rewarding.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	3-15-21	6-18-30
Money dealings and enterprises	9-17-22	2-10-19
Journeys	9-17-24	2-10-20
Real property matters and educational activities	9-17-26	6-11-23
Children and speculation	9-18-28	6-11-28
Services	3-17-28	6-14-25
Partnership	3-17-29	7-16-30
Insurance	3-17-31	7-16-27
Profession and business	12-22-31	8-19-25

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 18th to the night of 20th.

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Jaggery and Sugar Market

This market is governed by Jupiter, Rahu, Mars and Neptune. Last year we have predicted excellent *teji* and bullish year till June 1989. But *teji* and bullish period continued till 6th September 1989 and our prediction was wrong for two months. Rahu in Aquarius and Ketu in Leo was an excellent *teji* factor and so this *teji* has continued till 23rd September 1989 until just before Rahu left Aquarius. However the combination of Saturn, Herschel and Neptune in Sagittarius is a *teji* factor. Saturn will leave Sagittarius on 2nd March 1990 for 2 or 3 months. Hence after March, good decline for couple of months can be expected, but after 20th August 1990 when Mars becomes *atichari* again good bullish trend in this market can be expected.

Share and Stock Market

Research has shown that Scorpio has an important bearing on this market. All the three watery signs Scorpio, Cancer and Pisces have a special bearing on this market. Herschel, Saturn, Neptune and Mars affect this market very much.

Saturn was in Scorpio till December 1987 and a declining trend could be noticed in 1985, 1986 and 1987. But in 1988 a bullish trend was seen right from the beginning of the year when Saturn left Scorpio in December 1987. This *teji* was forecast in an article of the year 1988.

1990 is also a bullish year in general - more specially after 9th July 1990 when Jupiter will enter its exalted sign Cancer. Before 9th July the market would show both-sided fluctuations. Saturn would change its sign and enters Capricorn on 2nd March 1990 but only for couple of months *i.e.*, till 11th July 1990. This period is very important.

Jute and Hessian Market

This market is governed by airy signs, Gemini, Libra and Aquarius. Saturn is an excellent ruling planet while Jupiter, Rahu and Mars are its helpers. Jupiter, the most benefic planet, will pass through Gemini for half of 1990 and so the market may show bearish trend with *teji* reactions. But after July, August, the market is expected to show bullish trend till the end of 1990. Please start in beginning very small business and if market goes in your favour or according to our expectation, increase your business. If market goes reverse, stop your business and consult the astrological factors for guidance.—215.89.

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MY TURN

Four Years with Yogis

ANATOLI ZUBKOV, MOSCOW

ONE day, wandering through the streets of Lucknow, I saw an advertisement for the Institute of Yoga-therapy and Yoga-culture.

Since childhood India had haunted my imagination. I read hundreds of books about the country and finally chose the study of India as my life's work. As a philologist I was interested in Indian languages and literature. But I was also fascinated by its ancient culture, history, customs, language of gestures, etc.

As far as yogis were concerned, the *fakirs* who earn a living by performing tricks and "miracles" had never stirred my interest and the aura of mystery around them merely succeeded in irritating me. To me yoga was simply a trend in Indian philosophy. But where, then, did therapy enter the picture?

On the following day I went to the Institute.

Without even trying to conceal my scepticism I rained upon the director, Ram Kumar Sharma, a cascade of carefully prepared questions. Most of them dealt with contemporary medicine and I was certain that the yogis' incompetence would prove my point. However, the director gave me calm and substantial answers to every one of my "devastating" questions and suddenly asked me in turn: "Why don't you stand up straight?" I was confused and embarrassed and tried to explain it away by my height, but Sharma objected: "That's not the reason why. It's simply because the carriage centre is poorly developed in your cortex. Come and do exercises with us. In about 10 days we'll remove this defect."

I sneered a little to myself but decided to give it a try. For several days I went to the Institute and performed the Sarpasana - the snake position exercise. Five or six days later I was uncomfortable if I stopped. My carriage really had changed. That was when my scepticism first began to crack.

Now, questions like "Is it true that the yogis can eat glass and wash it down with hydrochloric acid?" or "Why are the yogis so fond of sleeping on nails?" annoyed me.

For a period of four years I met yogis every single day and can say with complete certainty that there is nothing more ridiculous than to think of them as fanatics who keep aloof from life and either stand on their heads for days on end or sit motionless, plunged into introspection. I studied the Indian and Tibetan yoga systems and I know that there could be nothing more erroneous than to relegate this teaching to the realm of strange and unbelievable ancient curiosities.

Of course the purely philosophical concepts in yoga teaching which arose over 4,000 years ago interest only a very few scholars. But the Hatha-yoga, which can teach anyone to become the complete master of his body, merits serious attention.

In essence, this ancient and original system of therapeutic exercises resembles no other existing system of its kind. It enables one to train and steel the body in such a way as to prevent various illnesses and is an aid in healing most diseases with the exception of cancer and heart ailments in a simple way and in the shortest time.

Hatha-yoga consists of three basic components: physical exercises (including a set of positions called *asanas*), a specific system of breathing exercises (*pranayama*) and a type of hydrotherapy.

Every position produces wide-ranging effects.

Yogis demand that when doing *asanas* a person should think of nothing but the exercises. Sick people, they believe, should concentrate their thoughts on their ailing organs. This method of psychotherapy brings the blood to the area and facilitates recovery.

Yogis have a curious breathing system. Regulated breathing, they claim, helps control the movement of the lungs and directs it in such a way as to stimulate the nerve centres of the spine and gain control of nerve impulses passing through the body. Regrettably, the greater part of humanity, yogis say, breathe incorrectly, using only one-sixth of their lung capacity. If the other five-sixths were utilised it would vastly increase the body's protective powers and vital capacity.

Yogis attack immense importance to water. Before doing *asanas*, a yogi drinks a glass of hot water on an empty stomach. Daily he drinks 12 glasses of water in small sips. Since more than half the human body consists of water, which is involved in all its biochemical processes, the body cells, say the yogis, must be kept constantly supplied with water. Then the cells do not shrink, function fully and live longer. And the kidneys, which then work smoothly, are less often affected by disease.

Once I asked Sharma if 12 glasses of water could place too much of a strain on the heart, especially if it was already under stress. "It is difficult to run up ten flights of stairs, even with a good heart. But if you take them slowly, with pauses, even a man with a bad heart can climb them. That is why we drink water in small amounts all day long."

According to the yogis, water benefits the organism only if it is drunk as such and not as part of soup, juice or other liquids.

Yogis eat sparingly and never smoke or drink alcoholic beverages--although it is true that amateur yogis do not always give up all their habits. But they strive for self-discipline, a systematic approach to work and moderation in all things.

Is this too heavy a price to pay for the possibility of prolonging youth and life?

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YOUR TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES SOLVED

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aspected by Saturn, the 9th lord Mars in the 6th and Sakata Yoga are minus points. On the credit side you have Jupiter, Lagna lord in Lagna which means God's grace is on his side, which will turn up after 33 years of age. Better he propitiates Jupiter for relief from Sakata Yoga.

Q. 18. *How are (a) education, (b) wealth and (c) marriage prospects in the chart given?* ***Rasi:*** *Cancer - Ascendant; Virgo - the Moon and Mars; Libra - Ketu; Sagittarius - the Sun and Mercury; Capricorn - Venus; Pisces - Sa- turn; and Aries - Rahu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aquarius - Ascendant and the Moon; Pisces - Ketu; Gemini - Mercury; Cancer - Mars and Saturn; Virgo - the Sun, Jupiter and Rahu.*

S. G. Kolwadkar, Amravati.

Ans: (a) Education could be hampered because of Ketu;s occupation of the 4th and Mercury's occupation of the 6th. (b) Where is Jupiter in the Rasi? Anyway, the 2nd lord in the 6th does not speak highly of wealth. (c) Marriage will be unsatisfactory because of Venus in the 7th.

Q. 19. Rasi: *Leo - the Moon and Jupiter; Capricorn - Ascendant and Ketu; Gemini - the Sun, Mercury Venus and Saturn; and Cancer - Mars and Rahu. This is the horoscope of a married woman who claims herself as Divinity. What are your observations about this horoscope?*

S. Tandon, Allahabad.

Ans: The combination of the Moon and Jupiter in the 8th house can give some occult proclivities. All planets in three signs is not an auspicious yoga. Occupation by Mars of the 7th, Rahu - Ketu axis along and across the 7th, the Moon and Venus shows problems in personal life.

Q. 20. Rasi: *Capricorn - Ascendant and the Sun; Aquarius - Venus; Pisces - Mars and Jupiter; Aries - Saturn, Ketu and the Moon; Libra - Rahu; and Sagittarius - Mercury.* ***Navamsa:*** *Capricorn - Ascendant; Aquarius - the Sun; Aries - Ketu and Saturn; Gemini - the Moon; Libra - Rahu and Jupiter; and Scorpio - Venus, Mars and Mercury. (a) Will Saturn give bad results due to his debility in the 4th house or good, being Vargottama? (b) Will Rahu Dasa give heart trouble?*

S. S. Mathur, Jaipur.

Ans: (a) Vargottama cancels debilitation. Yet being Saturn in spite of being Lagna lord will be tardy in giving results. (b) No; Rahu in the 10th is Raja Yoga, especially with Vargottama. His 8th house position, however, can give it.

Q. 21. Rasi: *Capricorn - Ascendant and Jupiter; Aries - the Moon and Mars; Taurus - Ketu; Scorpio - Rahu; Aquarius - the Sun, Mercury and Venus; and Pisces - Saturn. What are the future prospects for the native? Is Jupiter's debilitation cancelled in this horoscope and with what results?*

V. K. Kapoor, Bareilly.

Ans: Jupiter's debilitation is cancelled because he is in a *kendra* to the Moon. I must know Dasa Bhukti details to be able to say about future prospects. Based on Jupiter, it should be fair after 33 years of age.

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27. *Sat.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 24h.00m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Sravana till 16h.53m., then Dhanishta. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Upto 16h.53m. good for testing instruments.

28. *Sun.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 22h.45m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Dhanishta and Marana Yoga upto 16h.30m., then Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga. After 18h.00m. good for buying cows or dogs, for taking medicines, for purchasing foodstuffs.

29. *Mon.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 21h.11m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga till 15h.39m., then Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga. Upto 15h.39m. good for buying cows or dogs, for taking medicines, for purchasing foodstuffs, for erecting sheds.

30. *Tues.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 19h.23m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga upto 14h.34m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Amruta Yoga. Good for repaying debts.

31. *Wed.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 17h.22m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga till 13h.18m., then Revati and Marana Yoga. Upto 13h.18m. good for driving new vehicles, for wearing new garments, for taking medicines, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds.

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WORLD TRENDS AND TENSIONS IN 1990-91

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occur and this will cause a large number of workers and technicians to be out of employment. The immigration laws may be further tightened. While inflation may be held in check the dollar may plummet.

The 3rd lord Venus is in the 6th in conjunction with three malefics. The relationship between U.S.A. and Mexico will be strained due to illegal immigration from Mexico. The 6th house and the 6th lord come under heavy affliction. Focus will be placed on AIDS, the drug crisis and on the balance of payment issues. Venus also happens to be the 10th lord. His disposition in the 6th weakens the administration. The situation of the 7th lord in the 6th in conjunction with Mars and Rahu is indicative of a confused ambivalent foreign policy. The Bush administration will display a total lack of imagination and decisiveness in dealing with the complex developments taking place in the Soviet Union and other East European countries to further the democratic process in those countries. This may result in significant Republican losses in various states and congressional elections.

The Mars-Venus association as lords of 9th and 10th indicates relaxation in technology transfer regulations. The President and the Congress may be on a line of war in many major issues bearing on international matters. Unfortunately U.S. will also be the cause of many international troubles and the worst to suffer.

Jupiter the planet of justice and wisdom well placed in the 10th indicates the increasingly strong role the courts will play in regulating public morals and social attitudes. Jupiter as 5th lord indicates that abortions may come in for sharp criticism and be banned except in legitimate cases. A major disaster is indicated in the area of nuclear waste. There is no indication of U.S. getting involved in a major war in 1990. Sabotage and espionage will increase. The President's personal safety may be in danger when Mars transits Gemini. Relations with India will be friendly despite ideological differences. An inundation in the Pacific is threatened about June-July of this year. The U.S. will continue to hold its prominence in world affairs.

SOVIET RUSSIA

At Moscow the benefic sign Libra rises in the war-like Navamsa of Aries. The lord of the Ascendant Venus is associated with malefics Saturn, Mars and Rahu while the 10th lord Moon is also afflicted in the 6th. These influences are indicative of the tremendous pressure that Gorbachev will face especially from the military (Mars) complex. Rahu in association with the Lagna lord is indicative of how little trust the Soviet leader can place in his friends. The combination of *glosnost* and *perestroika* will give conservatives a chance to use the threat of a break-down in the social order as a tool to chastise Gorbachev.

The 2nd lord (speech) is exalted and the 3rd lord is aspecting the 3rd (communications). This could give rise to new press laws to abolish to some extent censorship and for creation of independent publications.

Jupiter's aspect on Lagna in both Rasi and Navamsa promises more religious freedom and a considerable emphasis upon psychic phenomena, mystical concepts, Astrology and esoteric teachings. People will no longer be held to a purely materialistic doctrine.

The 2nd lord is exalted in the 4th. This may give rise to price-decontrol, resulting in inflation, shortage of food and even food-riots. Private enterprise will gradually emerge but there will be a number of non-competitive phases of economics, in spite of rigid communist opposition from inside quarters. New laws will be enacted to meet the contingency of strikes in railways, coal mines etc. The activities of the Muslim population may pose serious problems to Russia.

The exaltation of the 7th lord Mars and his association with Lagna lord shows a realistic foreign policy. The debilitation of the lord of the 10th in Navamsa and the affliction centered on the 10th house could result in Gorbachev feeling that the reform movement has gone out of control and needs a steering wheel. This may result in the Soviet leader drawing a line limiting freedom of expression that conservatives would consider safe. This country appears to face a serious power struggle bringing down the careers of one of the top leaders. Ethnic clashes will increase. The transition from communism to some sort of a capitalism will be a slow process involving the rolling of many heads. Attempts will be made on the lives of some leading political personalities. The coming Saturn-Rahu conjunction may

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trigger off developments leading gradually to the disintegration of the Soviet empire. The powerful aspect of Jupiter on the Ascendant and the Rajayoga formed by the association of the 9th and 10th lords (albeit in the 6th house) will prevent a total return to the previous system as was the case in China.

CHINA AND THE FAR EAST

The year does not augur well for China. The rising point at Beijing is in exact conjunction with Mars while the affliction generated by the other two malefics is tempered because Saturn happens to be Lagna lord and Venus, a Yoga- karaka . China appears to be in for more turmoil and strife. Considerable turbulence and uprising from the student population is not ruled out. The government may deal with firmness any murmurings against its authority. Rahu afflicting the Lagna lord in Lagna indicates that China will continue to harp on its paranoic fears of hostile forces, internal and external, indulging in subversive activities against it. Foreign debt will increase and the country will feel isolated. Overpopulation will continue to cause problems. About October-November, North China may be hit by serious storms and a severe earthquake resulting in considerable loss of life.

Because of the disposition of the 2nd house, Central Planning may be reimposed and provincial powers curbed. China's rigid stance towards Tibet will not soften. In fact it may further worsen.

The situation of the Ascendant lord and Yogakaraka Venus in the Ascendant will ensure that China will continue to remain a political and economic force to reckon with. Border clashes on the Sino-Indian border may become frequent and beneath the facade of desiring close friendship with India, China may hide its real intention of keeping up tension and indulging in infiltration into Indian territory. The U.S. infatuation with China, begun with Nixon's visit in 1972, was shattered by events in Tianenmann Square. The *shashtashtaka* disposition of the Ascendants at Washington and Beijing suggests no improvement of mutual relations. The situation of the 3rd lord in the 6th and the affliction of the Ascendant lord is likely to result in more censorship to prevent Chinese people from wondering (we quote from a respected source) "Why democracy is unsuitable for them when it is being enjoyed by obviously inferior races like the Japanese and the Americans".

In most of the Far East countries (Japan, Thailand, Vietnam etc.) Aquarius rises in various Navamsas. Fighting may again break out in *Cambodia* and the country will be pushed into a fresh round of uncertainty. China's role in this game would be significant. South Korea will see more repression. Advantage will be taken of the anti-North scare to curb freedom. The South may face an insurgency. Thailand's democratic government may receive quite a few knocks at the hands of the military generals. Thailand's constitution is likely to be amended, thanks to Jupiter aspecting Navamsa Lagna Aries and its lord Mars. The trend in these countries, whatever be the nature of the Governments, is a strong resolution towards the correction of political despotism and economic dishonesty.

The year ahead may see an active period in Japan's affairs. More scandals rocking the political life of a leading personality will come to light. The new Emperor will endear himself to his people by his personal charm. The royal family may witness a bereavement. The 8th lord in a watery sign aspected by Saturn threa- tens destruction from the occurrence of severe tidal waves and other natural calamities. Relations with U.S.A. will be good. An economic erosion will gradually set in. Women will play an increasingly prominent part in Japanese leadership.

In Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew is likely to postpone his departure from the post by yet another year due to "popular demand".

The position of the government becomes shaky in Philippines and a change cannot be ruled out.

Indonesia will have more or less a peaceful year. Some communal discord may flare up but the Muslim section will be tolerant of other local beliefs. The Bali island is threatened with a natural disaster. Major crimes will be low and traditions and customs long neglected will be revived.

EAST EUROPE

In most East European countries Libra rises in different Navamsas. At Warsaw the Navamsa Lagna is Aquarius. The lord of the Ascendant is in the 12th pointing to an early collapse of the communist party. The near-bankrupt economy will be resurrected. The year on the

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whole is good. Hungarian communism may give way to a new socialistic order and the country will gradually move towards a western style pluralistic system committed to constitutional rule and a free market system. The economy of the country will be sound.

Rumania, Bulgaria and Czechoslavakia will continue to be three hold-outs against peace in the communist empire but pressures for democratic reform will continue. Communism will loosen its grip somewhat unexpectedly. There will be outbreaks of violence in Czechoslavakia. A leading political figure considered as a hurdle in the way of political reforms is likely to be eliminated.

In all these countries a common factor suggested by certain planetary groupings is the increasing spread of the epidemic of drugs, premarital sex and child pregnancies—all the concomitant of permissiveness. The August eclipse may cause a temporary set-back to the democratic process in Russia and Eastern Europe in the form of a back-lash from hard-liners facing extinction and a Soviet Union worried about its security interests. East Germany may slowly give way to real reforms and Egon Krenz may end up being only a transitional leader. Certain unusual happenings are also indicated leading to the ultimate unification of both parts of Germany in the years to come. The country's economy will be seriously damaged.

WESTERN EUROPE

In most countries of Western Europe Libra rises in various Navamsas. England's economy will continue to flounder. In *Britain* high inflation will make a mockery of Thatcher's economic miracle. Her ambivalence over closer economic ties with Europe may put her out of favour with the electorate, but she may however survive one more crisis in her immediate future. Discussions within the country and relations with Ireland may take a more destructive direction. Britain may be slightly accident-prone. Crime-rate may reach new heights and the country may face a severe winter. Labour unrest is not ruled out.

In *Ireland* there will be considerable strain between Protestants and Roman Catholics. Financial conditions may improve. The strength of the church may be slightly weakened. Bronchial ailments will affect a number of people.

Islamic fundamentalism may rise its ugly head in *France* and considerable resentement will be generated against the Moslem immigrants. Industrial unrest and unemployment will cause much embarrassment to the rulers. Religion will play an increasing role in favourably influencing the youth. France's continuing effort to dominate European thinking will be partly successful. There will be some important changes in the Government.

The 5th degree of Libra rising in Bonn shows continued prosperity in *West Germany*. The economy will be strong. However West Germany will be torn between being a key player in United Europe and the intriguing possibility of reunification with East Germany. A militaristic group may attempt to revive national socialism. Trends towards dictatorship become visible. Morality and ethics may not keep pace with the movement for strengthening religion. Advancement in preventive medicine is shown.

While the rest of the world will be witnessing a movement away from Marxism, Spain may witness the strange spectacle of Marxist parties gaining ground. Corruption and scandals will afflict Spain.

In Rome Capricorn Navamsa in Libra rises. Saturn is afflicted. The Pope's health may cause concern. The tendency to secularize *Italy* will become more pronounced. Political influence of the church will decline. The demand for more leniency in religious views that could include marriage for the monks will become more vociferous. The government may be shaken by political storms.

WEST ASIA

Scorpio rises in most countries of this region with different Navamsas. While animosities may continue the tragedies attendant upon conflict may lessen at least till the next Saturn-Rahu conjunction in 1991. *Israel's* relations with U.S.A. may somewhat deteriorate over the proposal for elections in the West Bank. The Soviet Union may establish diplomatic links with Israel; the latter may continue to collaborate with the outcaste nation of South Africa on the development of nuclear weapons.

Plans made to end the country's 14-year old civil war may collapse and the Israel-Syria-Lebanon equation will continue as it is today. Hostage deaths and high drama will characterise many situations in *Lebanon*. France's peace plans may not succeed.

Scorpio Navamsa rising at *Teheran* is fraught

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with forebodings. Yet Rafsanjani might try to initiate some sort of Islamic *pere- stroika*. His position is threatened about the time of Rahu-Saturn conjunction. The radicals will continue to have much influence. Far-reaching political changes are indicated.

Cancer Navamsa rising at Cairo with Mars in the 12th aspecting the 3rd and malefics afflicting the 7th denote some turmoil and unrest. A wave of religious fundamentalism may hit the country. The Egyptian constitution may be revised. Cairo-Jerusalem ties may experience some severe strains.

On the whole, West Asia continues to experience a disturbed period with fanaticism taking the better of political wisdom.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Elsewhere in Africa, Uganda will move towards democracy and to a semblance of prosperity.

In Argentina, President Carlos Menem will reduce government spending in an effort to slow down inflation. With Cancer rising in Pisces Navamsa in the new year chart this action is likely to result in thousands losing their jobs. In Brazil hyperinflation will continue and foreign debts will rise. In El Salvador and Nicaragua war will drag on but with no end in sight. In El Salvador the U.S. will let events play themselves out. The Soviet Union will not invest in the guerrillas and thus force them to lower their revolutionary sights. In Nicaragua Daniel Ortega will find himself and his party losing their credibility and the cry for freedom will hit this country in the not too distant future.

Summing up, the lunar year *Pramoduta* (1990-91) promises to be an extraordinary year, because of the conjunction of Saturn and Rahu. The concealed truth becomes evident that the new harmonious relationship between Russia and America may not be quite a stable one while they may not return to their old cold-war hostility. Gorbachev's laudable effort to establish world peace may get thwarted by some of his own colleagues. Russia may not abandon its activist foreign policy but it will become less sophisticated. Pan-European cultural affinity will gradually assert itself. Gorbachev may not like the growing political independence of East European countries. The Saturn-Rahu conjunction may render the enduring *detente* between the Super Powers brittle. There will be periodical mass upsurges in the so-called third world countries. Both Lebanon and Turkey will be under stress and West Asia may again boil over in a tide of hate and passion. An eruption may shake up the whole region.

Inflation in U.S.A. will be held in check. There will be a recession in the new year and the world may pass through a bad economic period until practically the end of the English year. The year may witness many upheavals in international relationships, trade and shipping and natural disasters. Australia has a bad time ahead - natural disasters, labour unrest and dislocation of trade. The safety and health of the U.S. President is threatened. South African rulers may start taking measures to end *apar- theid*. The new Pretoria Government will embark on measures which will infuse confidence in the Blacks and their days of racial discrimination may not last long. A coalition regime is likely to come into existence in Afghanistan, thanks to Gorbachev's foresight. There will be a dramatic shift in attitudes towards religion. In spite of all the tall talk indulged in by world leaders, regional fighting will go on and the world may not witness the real peace which is possible only when leaders channel their *arishadvargas* as enunciated in the ancient scriptures.

Om tat sat

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Post Script

As we go to the press, the results of the Lok Sabha elections are being announced.

Exactly a year ago we wrote in the 1989 Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE that Jupiter's movements in the past, through Taurus and Gemini "have influenced Indian affairs significantly. Some of the recent happenings were Quit India Movement, deaths of Nehru and Shastri, formation of Janata Government, etc. Therefore it is reasonable to assume that during the current transit, political changes of enormous importance may occur in this country. We do not propose to spell out in exact terms, for obvious reasons, what type of changes will be brought about by Jupiter". On page 8 of the same issue we also said "Obviously the country appears to be in for a significant and even unexpected transformation in the political scene in Delhi."

Emerging trends in the counting of the votes around the country seem to be moving in the direction we have indicated. "Outlook for India" will be editorially dealt with in a forthcoming issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

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EDITOR'S LECTURE »10

sahitam), these four are difficult to attain but they made for man's progress.

Class and caste distinctions did not find a place in Indian philosophy, observed DR. RAMAN. According to *Narada Bhakti Sutras* "What is there special about being born in a higher caste? Who is there more blessed in the world than the Bhakta whose heart is steeped in God."

DR. RAMAN emphasised that unless social education was made to conform to our national ethos and cultural heritage and the truths and values contained in our ancient literature—the *Upanishads*, the *Gita*, *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* etc. - which are applicable to all mankind irrespective of the religion professed were imparted to school-going and college-going youth, alien values and norms with all their absurdities would continue to play havoc with youth and they would be neither Indians nor westerners.

DR. RAMAN further said "While inculcation of a scientific attitude may be necessary, its limitations must be understood and caution exercised in its overemphasis. An essential difference between the approach of the ancient Rishis and the modern western science is that the former is comprehensive, integral, holistic and spiritual; while the latter is mostly *ad hoc*, fragmentary, reductionist and mechanistic."

DR. RAMAN felt that to look down upon the great spiritual heritage which we had received from a galaxy of saints and sages, as revivalist, and to glorify doctrines and modes of thought which were alien to us and out of tune with the thinking of the vast majority of our people, as progressive, was to be highly deplored. One of the greatest gifts of Indian thought to the world is the point of view that envisages spiritual knowledge along with scientific knowledge as one organic whole with no gulf or conflict between them.

As Swami Vivekananda had said "Assimilate and practise the ideals of *Tyaaga* (renunciation) and *Seva* (service) and we shall achieve the richness and steadiness of Vedantic character - *tenatyaktena bhunjeetau* - enjoy life through renunciation." Concluding his hour long lecture DR. RAMAN said that the message of Indian thought contained in the *Upanishads* had nothing dogmatic or sectarian about it. As Erwin Schrodinger observe (his My View of the World): 'The only solution for the conflict between Science and Religion in so far as any is available for us at all lies in the ancient wisdom of the *Upanishads*'.

Bertrand Russel said: "Unless man increases in wisdom as much as in knowledge, increase of knowledge alone, will be increase of sorrow."

Paying tribute to Mr. B.P. Wadia in whose memory this lecture was delivered, DR. RAMAN said that Mr. Wadia who founded the United Lodge of Theosophists at Bombay along with his devoted wife Mrs. Sophia Wadia, did a lot to promote the cause of theosophy, a movement aimed at projecting all that was great in our ancient philosophy and culture. From 1945 and onwards the centre of his activities had shifted to Bangalore resulting in the establishment of the well-known Indian Institute of World Culture. It was today a prominent landmark in Bangalore and persons of eminence had shared its platform.

DR. RAMAN said that Mr. P. Chidambaram, who presided at the lecture, was a cultured and dynamic political leader and much interested in what was all good in our great culture and spiritual heritage.

DR. RAMAN thanked Mr. Anand Kundaji, the Secretary of the Institute, for doing his best to promote the cause of not only Indian culture but also world culture apart from activities calculated to serve the cause of education and knowledge.

DR. RAMAN thanked Mr. Anand Kundaji for asking him to deliver the lecture and Mr. Chidambaram for having kindly presided.

In his presidential remarks, Mr. Chidambaram, endorsing the views of the speaker, said that ancient wisdom lying concealed in our classics like the *Ramayana*, the *Mahabharata*, *Tirukkural* etc., were as relevant today as it was when they were first written. He felt that science had no doubt contributed much to human comforts but it had its own limits and could not give man the much needed mental peace which could be acquired only by practising the precepts laid down in our Sastras.

Mr. Anand Kundaji proposed a vote of thanks.

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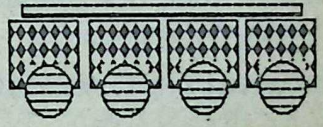

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of its detractors. Recently pathologists at the British Royal Infirmery took out the hands of a hundred cadavers of people from 30 to 80 years old and compared the length of the Life-Line and the age of their death.

Prof. John Bradfield who led the team has gone on record saying "The results were something of a surprise. We went in as unbelievers to see if results would be complete by random or if there was a trend. To our surprise there was a trend!" However, he added, there were plenty of exceptions.

The findings were being presented to a meeting of the Medical Research Society.

Do you know how the media Frankenstein described it? The *Daily Mail* of London reported: "It didn't matter which hand was examined, the Life-Line appeared to have no bearing on how long the patient lived." This twisted statement of the newspaper was put in the mouth of the same pathologist!

Naturally there was a sharp reaction among practising palmists in the west. As one of them put it, **it is extremely foolish to hold that a life can be judged solely on the length of the Life Line alone.**

The Indian system of palmistry makes it quite clear that there are a number of other determinants to the issue, and what is more important, the very colouration on the hand in the specific could do duty for a line, which predictably cannot be found on the dead hand!

One wonders why go to the mortuary, if not to pooh-pooh palmisty! Why not pick short-lines on the palms of long-living hands for that matter? It is now an universally acknowledged fact that the Heart-Line for one, with island formation, makes for an unfailing prognosis of cardio-vascular complications. **No, no amount of clandestine efforts to denigrate plamistry and Astrology will ever succeed.**

Draupadi No Common Wife?

A friend has sent me a cutting from the *Hindu Vishva* published in America, in which a correspondent complains that in the *Mahabharata* as we know today, a number of episodes are incomplete, and one of them relates to Draupadi - *swayamvara*.

He argues that while Arjuna alone won the contest and married Draupadi four other daughters of Drupada's cousin - Bhowmya, Manika, Bhavya and Sunayana were given in marriage to the other four Pandava brothers at the same time. Just as in the case of Sita's *swayamvara*, and all the brides were called by the same family name Draupadi; as their role was insignificant as was the case of Sita's co-sisters they were not talked about.

And he quotes a Sanskrit verse mentioning the names whose source he has not cared to reveal.

He adds: Kunti did not blindfold herself not to see one bride and in consequence could only have said "Accept the brides offered to each!" He calls out to B. R. Chopra to modify his *Mahabharata* serial on the small screen accordingly.

Now, much as we appreciate the spirit behind this exhortation, our foremost duty is to respect history and tradition. The present writer has had access, besides the popular Sanskrit version editions of *Mahabharata* such as the BORI's and Jaimini too in Sanskrit, and Villiputturar's in Tamil. In none of them such information is available. Neither has commentator Neelakanta thought fit to so much as hint about it.

All that I want to stress here is that we, in our enthusiasm, should not look at history through the present angle, but that of the period to which the episode belongs; that when Niyoga was permissible, polyandry could well be prevalent; and finally, we should not forget that civilization started from the caveman whom we should not like to make the paragon of today.

Ayurdaya

A reader wants to know in the context of Pindayurdaya whether (1) Varahamihira's statement *hitva vakram ripugriha gatairheeyate swatribhagaha* refers to retrograde planet of Mars (2) whether age so got can be taken as it is.

There is of course difference of opinion on the meaning of *vakram* as it means both retrograde planet and Mars. The doubt arises because a retrograde planet is declared to be powerful.

However, Badarayana categorically affirms *Bhoomyah putram vargeyitva ribhastha i.e.*, excepting Mars in inimical house. This interpretation gains credence because the singular use of the world *vakram* as against the plural usage of *ripugrahegataih* and *sooryochchinna dutishu* describing the other collateral planets involved in these operations.

The classic definition of time measure in Indian Astrology is 30 days, 12 months and 360 days *i.e. savana;* but the modern civil year used for purposes of reckoning one's age is the solar or *saura*

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TWO DECADES OF SERVICE

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formly concurrent and told her she had to learn to live with her complaints. On cold days especially, she would be overcome by endless bouts of sneezing. After the course at the Institute she wrote:

Through this letter I will be just able to express only 10% of my feelings as no letter or words can suffice my deep-set feelings and affection towards you. Then after coming to you I got back all the lost hope and confidence. Dear Guruji, I remember how desperate I was with all complaints reaching the zenith and that how I gathered hope in the interview itself. With the progress of my Yoga lessons specially both the pranayamas I must say that you have turned a new leaf in my life. From that time onwards there has been no turning back. Today my sinus, migraine, etc., are nowhere and the sneezings have totally stopped. Even the doctors who had treated me have agreed that Yoga that I have had from you has done wonders to my health.

As a musician —I got this free flowing voice, effortless singing in the higher octave only through the pranayama and 'Amma' with your blessings alone that I got good press-reviews for my performances in newspapers like Indian Express, Deccan Herald, Prajavani, Kannada Prabha, Gayana Ganga *and others. Through your blessings and well-wishes I have been able to do my vidwat course in music.*

Amma, to this day, your blessings and affection and the lessons I have had, have been the only source in all this little progress that I have made - your affection has been the only tonic for my physical and mental health.

With sincere and loving devotion and affection - my pranams to dear Amma

Yours sincerely affectionately,
(Sd) VIMALA VENUGOPAL

Among her students are qualified lady doctors, musicians, academicians, film stars, stage artistes and even some beauty queens.

Mrs. Saroja Devi, the well-known and consummate trilingual film actress, records her experience in a recent communication thus:

Mrs. Rajeswari Raman with her pupil Mrs. Saroja Devi

Dearest Amma, for years together I had been suffering from cervical rib and also from severe gastric problems. But from the time you started teaching me Yoga, the pain from the cervical rib and the discomfort associated with gastric trouble have vanished completely. It is unbelievable, but from the time I started the Yoga classes the physical discomfort I used to suffer has disappeared. Physically now my health has improved.

Even mentally I was very weak from the past two years. At the least cause, I would become very emotional and would also lose my temper very often. But thanks to your advice and patience while conducting the Yoga classes, I have been able to master my emotions thus overcoming my temper and feelings.

Amma, you have not only helped me as a Yoga teacher, but with your guidance, patience, compassion, and vast knowledge of life you have been a mother, friend, a spiritual philosopher, as well as a teacher to me. Because of all this you have a very special place in my heart. My everlasting love to you.

Gratefully yours,
(Sd) B. SAROJA DEVI SRI HARSHA

Surprisingly a large number of women who have medical doctors as husbands or fathers also figure amongst Mrs. Rajeswari Raman's students.

Mrs. Rajeswari Raman has received a number of distinctions. She has been listed in "The World's Who's Who of Women" published at Cambridge, England, and has been awarded a plaque for distinguished achievement in her field. The Saraswatha Maha Viswa Vidyalaya has conferred on her the title of "Yogavidya Visharada".

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Mrs. Raman with Mr. N. T. Rama Rao, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

In an address of felicitation presented to her on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of "Patanjala Moola Yoga Sikshana" by Sri Raghavendra Swamiji at Malladihalli, she has been referred to as one of the "famous yogacharyas" of India. Among other titles awarded are "Yoga Vidya Ratna" and "Yoga Vidya Siromani". Titles apart, scores of letters grateful students continue to write to her are a recurring testimony to Mrs. Rajeswari Raman's continuing selfless service to women through Yoga.

As the Director of the Institute, Mrs. Raman is not only reassuring that women, given a chance, could muster sufficient courage to rely on themselves for their own emancipation from physical, mental and spiritual malaise, but more important, demonstrating that Indian women are essentially the repositories of India's rich and ancient culture that blends the physical, mental and spiritual factors into a purposeful whole.

Mrs. Raman feels that the craze for the kind of happiness, outward happiness derived from the external side alone, that has gripped the average man and woman in the so-called civilised west, and that is sought to be foisted upon our own people, by a certain section of political and social leadership, should give place to the Indian view that the crux of one's happiness, misery, restlessness, etc., lies with one self, in the hidden layers of one's own mind, and that Yoga alone can restore real happiness and enable one to face the problems of life realistically with a certain detachment.

Mrs. Rajeswari Raman has authored an immensely popular book ***Hatha Yoga for All*** in English and ***Nitya Jeevanadalli Yogabhyasa*** in Kannada, which outline the basics of Hatha Yoga in very simple language.

Mrs. Rajeswari Raman has treated with success cases of stomach-upsets, uterine troubles, migraine, backache, tension, nervousness, exhaustion, sciatica and of course asthma, bronchitis, piles and constipation.

During her wide travels with her husband DR. RAMAN all over India, U.S.A. and Europe, Mrs. Raman has given demonstration-talks on Yoga, Indian Womanhood etc. She has created in the minds of foreign ladies a keen interest in Yoga and the Indian way and values of life. She has conducted workshops on Yoga at several places.

Mrs. Rajeswari Raman speaking at a Meeting in U.S.A.

The following are extracts from a report about Mrs. Rajeswari Raman, published in the *Milwaukee Sentinel* of Milwaukee, U.S.A., under the caption **Yogini from Bangalore.**

A group of Yoga teachers — most of them housewives—gathered for coffee Tuesday afternoon to meet their counterpart from Bangalore, India, Mrs. Rajeswari Raman.

And was she different? Yes, and No.

Mrs. John I. Hitchcock, W140-N7905, Lilly Td.Menomones Falls, entertained members of Yoga United (Yoga teachers) of which she is co-founder and vice-president, plus some of their pupils, in Mrs. Raman's honour.

Mrs. Raman is a housewife. She also conducts Sri Surya Prakash Institute of Yoga for Women in Bangalore.

The guest of honor was escorted by her husband DR. B.V. RAMAN, and their third son Dr. B.Sureshwara.

Air pollution and women's equality being the questions of the day, the Ramans dutifully commented on these matters, although they do not share the prevalent concern with the topics.

Mrs. Raman is the mother of eight children, the youngest 20. She is 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 110 pounds. She does not look old enough to have a son in graduate school.

She started studying Yoga after her marriage to Dr. Raman of Lahore. She said "He is my Guru".

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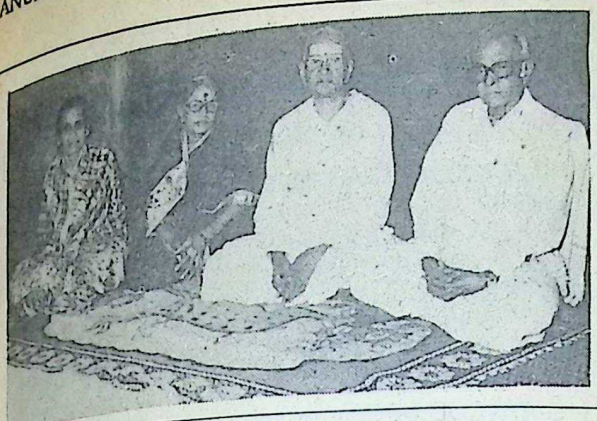

Mrs. M. S. Subbalakshmi and Mr. Sadasivam at the Institute

In her school, Mrs. Raman tailors a program to each pupil. She works up a veritable case-history before starting. The sessions include ***hatha*** *and* ***raja yoga*** *and* ***pranayama.***

Serious Yoga followers are vegetarians and the Ramans are among the most strict.

They do not eat anything from tins, no carbonated beverage, stimulants or alcohol. They believe meat has a pollution that cannot be washed away and which leads to ailments for those who eat it. 'We don't want the body to be a tomb for dead animals' Mrs. Raman said.

Likewise, Mrs. Raman said 'no cosmetics' although she wears the red circular mark on her forehead. However, she described bi-weekly oil baths, actually massage, with herbal oils subsequently removed with herbal nut-powder.

A married woman's status is proclaimed in India by a nose ornament which varies in shape. Mrs. Raman's is a minute fan of diamonds. It matches small clusters of diamonds in her ear-rings.

No strict diet prescriptions are made in this Institute although there is some regulation of certain articles of food depending upon the student's health problem. In addition, Mrs. Rajeswari Raman goes out of her way **to inculcate in the minds of her students, especially the youth, respect for ancient values of life, that also help overcome various problems that are concomitant with domestic relationships, especially after marriage.** Mrs. Rajeswari is far ahead of her generation and advocates widow marriage in the case of young widows. However, **she strictly differentiates between the roles of the male and female at home, saying although there can be much overlapping, nature has given specific skills to each sex which are essential to keeping a home happy and which cannot be exchanged between them.**

To her DR. RAMAN is not only an ideal husband but Guru, friend and inspiration all rolled into one.

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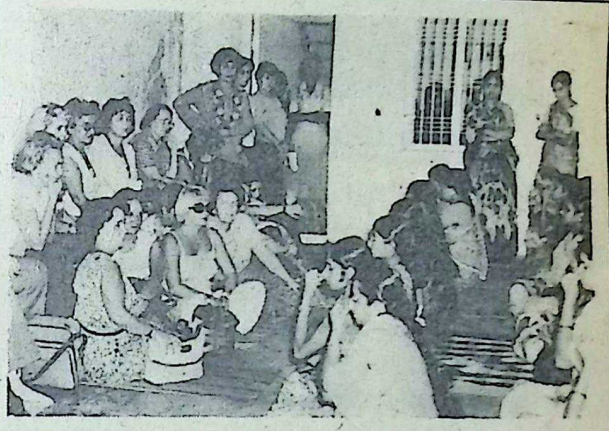

A meditation class in progress. A group of ladies from Soviet Russia look on.

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year. Hence the *savana* age as calculated above should be converted into *saura* year to meet present-day requirements. One of the commentaries of *Brihat Jataka* specifically recommends this step.

Incidentally in Pindayurdaya, again, there is difference of opinion as to the quota of years gifted by Lagna. Varahamihira himself has mentioned it:

होरात्वंश प्रतिममपरे राश्तितुल्यं वदन्ति ॥

i.e., the Navamsa traversed in the particular sign should be treated as one year while others say that each sign gifts one year and the degrees beyond should be proportionately treated. Rationalising this, some say that it should be based on the strength of the Navamsa sign. But Manintha whom Varahamihira quotes as one of the propounders of this Ayurdaya theory categorically states in this verse:

लग्नर्क्षतुल्यां वर्षाणि मासाद्यमनुपाततः।
लग्नायुर्दायमिच्छन्ति होराशास्त्र विशारदाः ॥

i.e., learned astrologers say that in reckoning the gift of Lagna, it should be calculated as one year per sign (of course commencing from Aries).

The present writer in his experience is inclined to accept Manintha's view as in many cases it has been found to give a closer picture of longevity. It is for scholars to explore it further..

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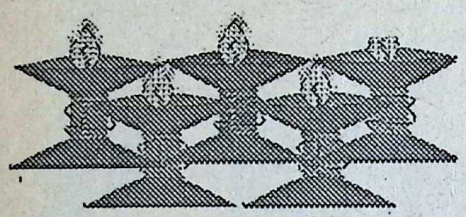

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Virgo afflicting her Bhukti lord Sun, while transit Saturn not only afflicts the Moon but also Dasa lord Venus. There is a concentration of afflictions on the Moon and the Dasa lord Venus himself is the 2nd lord with the 2nd house being afflicted by Rahu and the aspect of Mars-Ketu. Mars is the Lagna lord and, therefore, leaves room for hope. By about the time transit Mars moves out of Sagittarius, the little girl may be able to overcome her problem completely. The aspect of Mars on the 2nd house and on the Dasa lord Venus indicate surgical intervention may help overcome the problem.

Bolt from the Blue

"Quite recently I had to suffer a tragedy in my life in the form of the death of my wife on 23-8-1989 of cardiomyopathy. She was running her 49th year then. The end came so suddenly that the specialists treating her were also shocked beyond words.

"My wife was running Mercury Dasa and the sub-period of Venus from 31-8-1987. As both these planets are situated in the 10th house in Libra and as Venus is an unrestricted benefic for Makara Lagna I was under the impression that there would be no danger to her life during this sub-period though Venus is afflicted by the weak Moon (*maraka* planet) and malefic Mars by association. Besides Venus-Mercury have caused Dharmakarmadhipa Yoga as well. I could not then anticipate her end when Saturn *antara* was on in the sub-period of Venus. Which planets would become *marakas* could not be made out. Perhaps here was a Madhyayu horoscope as the 8th lord Sun is stronger than the Ascendant lord Saturn. This aspect needs your clarification" writes grief-stricken reader C. R. Narayanan of Bombay.

Hard Nut to Crack

Death is a phenomenon that stalks one right from birth and strikes with unfailing accuracy at the allotted time. Yet, it never gives a clue it is right behind you. Death is one of the hardest nuts to crack in Astrology. Perhaps since this event marks a stage in the metamorphosis of the soul, nature could be guarding it jealously. While the family astrologers of our reader could have missed some vital clues, a really careful scrutiny of the charts involved would certainly have thrown up some hints at least.

Husband: Born 23-5-1934 with a balance of 2 years, 11 months and 3 days of Venus Dasa at birth.

Rasi: Aries - Ascendant and Mars; Taurus - the Sun and Mercury; Cancer - Ketu; Leo - the Moon; Virgo - Jupiter; Capricorn - Rahu; Aquarius - Saturn; and Pisces - Venus. *Navamsa:* Cancer - Ascendant, Jupiter and Rahu; Scorpio - the Moon and Saturn; Sagittarius - Mars; Capricorn - Ketu; Aquarius - Venus; Pisces - the Sun; and Gemini - Mercury.

The 7th lord Venus is in the 12th hemmed between malefics Mars and Saturn. There are certain general rules that show loss of wife and these combinations if found in a chart must be carefully evaluated at the time of matching. Malefics in the 4th and 8th houses from Venus are said to kill the wife. Likewise if malefics flank Venus, then also death of wife is indicated. In this case, the second combination occurs and Venus, here, is also the 7th lord.

In addition, the 4th house, the 8th house and the 12th house are all strongly afflicted which can lead to depriving one of marital happiness. Ketu in the 4th is aspected by Mars while the 4th lord in the 5th is aspected by malefic Saturn. The 8th house is aspected adversely by Mars and Saturn. The 12th house suffers a Papakartari Yoga.

Wife: Born 27-11-1940.

Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant; Pisces - Ketu; Aries - Jupiter and Saturn; Virgo - Rahu; Libra - Mercury, Venus, Mars and the Moon; and Scorpio - the Sun. *Navamsa:* Virgo - Ascendant; Libra - the Sun; Scorpio - Ketu; Sagittarius - Venus; Capricorn - Mars; Aquarius - the Moon; Aries - Mercury; Taurus - Rahu; and Leo - Jupiter and Saturn with a balance of 8 years, 4 months and 9 days of Rahu Dasa at birth.

The wife's chart does not have balancing afflictions from the Lagna. As our reader points out the 8th lord is powerfully placed. The Moon, Mercury, Mars and Venus suffer from a Papakartari Yoga which is a dampening influence on all these planets weakening them. The wife's chart is not clear and a test of longevity by different methods may yield more clues. Our readers are invited to send in their views before 30-1-1990.

Accident or Suicide (*A.M.*, May 1989)

Clearly an Accident

Reader M. Narayanan of Delhi is quite sure it is a case of Alpayu or short life and that death was due to an accident.

"I give below the horoscope of the native cast as per *Dr. Raman's Ephemeris*.

Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant and Uranus; Leo - Pluto; Virgo - Rahu; Libra - Neptune; Scorpio - the Moon and Jupiter; Sagittarius - the Sun, Mercury and Saturn;

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Capricorn - Venus; Pisces - Ketu; and Aries - Mars. *Navamsa:* Cancer - Ascendant and Jupiter; Leo - the Moon and Rahu; Libra - the Sun; Scorpio - Mars; Aquarius - Venus and Ketu; Aries - Mercury; and Gemini - Saturn.

"She was having her *sadesati* last leg at the time of death. The Moon is in debilitation and all the planets are *in dwisvabhava* Rasis.

"The chart is discussed from 3 angles:

"(1) Early death

"(2) Mental depression

"(3) Nature of death - accident or suicide

1. *Early death*

"Lord of Lagna Moon in Scorpio - Sthira Rasi; Lord of 8th house in Sagittarius - Dwisvabhava — Poornayus

Lagna - Cancer Chara Rasi; Moon - Scorpio Sthira Rasi — Madhya Ayus

Lagna - Cancer Chara Rasi; Hora Lagna - Gemini Dwiswabhava — Alpayu

"If each set reveals different terms, preference should be given to the term of life denoted by Lagna and Hora Lagna which in this case shows Alpayu. The native died at the age of 25.

"2. *Mental depression*

"Two evil planets Saturn and Mars represent the weak spots in every psyche and if they are badly placed and throw adverse aspects to the Sun, the Moon, Mercury and the Ascendant, then grave mental disorders will be found.

"Here combust Saturn, the Sun, Mercury conjunct in Sagittarius and Mars afflicts Lagna, the Moon and Jupiter.

"3. *Nature of Death - Accident or Suicide?*

"One becomes accident prone when Lagna, midpoint of the 6th house and both or one of the luminaries get afflicted by Uranus, Mars and Saturn.

"Here the Lagna is afflicted by Mars. Uranus in Lagna creates tension and anger.

"Combust Saturn in 8th degree of the 6th house afflicts the Sun. The Moon is afflicted by Mars though by 6th lord Jupiter in the 5th.

"The *badhakasthana* or its lord, Taurus and Venus respectively are aspected by Mars in Navamsa. Mars is not afflicted but strong being in own house in Rasi and Navamsa. An accident is more likely.

"Chart for 16-4-1985. *Rasi:* Aries - the Sun and Rahu; Taurus - Mars; Libra - Ketu; Scorpio - Saturn (R); Capricorn - Jupiter; Aquarius - the Moon; and Pisces - Venus and Mercury."

Transit chart pinpoints the time of death. "Transit Moon transits the 8th house of the natal chart on the day of death. Transit Mars when it aspects the Sun, the Moon or Saturn in natal chart creates difficulties and even causes death. The Moon fixes the date."

Self-destruction

Mercury is very badly afflicted and is a powerful *maraka*. The Lagna lord Moon, though with Jupiter, is in the secretive, brooding sign of Scorpio adversely aspected by Mars making for a mind that is obsessed with self-pity for oneself and hate for others. The Dasa, being of *buddhikaraka* Mercury, adds fuel to fire depriving the native of any clarity of thought. The 8th lord Saturn is combust which does not help longevity. Venus, though in a *kendra*, does nothing to protect the longevity. The chart comes under a specific combination for early death which runs as follows:

Randhreshe ravi samyukte
Suteguryuthesasi
Baalarishta prapeedasyaath
Alpaayur samavadbhihi

meaning, the 8th lord with the Sun, the Moon and Jupiter in the 5th indicates Balarishta and Alpayu.

ANNOUNCEMENT
(Lecture)

A special lecture on 'The Science of Astrology and Pseudo Scientific Temper' will be delivered by Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev, Associate Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, at the Indian Institute of World Culture, No.6, B.P. Wadia Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore 4 on 2nd January 1990 at 6.00 p.m.

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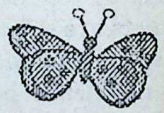

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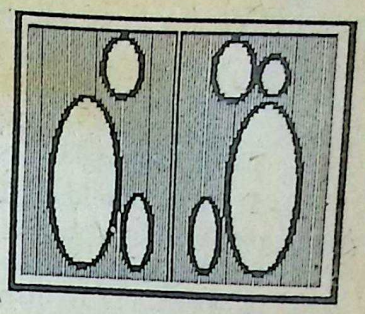

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Q. Our daughter is staying with us and is employed. She got married in 1980 but her husband left her in 1982 or so. He is now married to another woman and they have a son. Is there a possibility of a second marriage and will it be happy?

S.No. 16594

SAT. RAHU	VENUS SUN	MARS .MERC.	
	RASI		
			ASCDT. JUPIT.
			KETU MOON

Ans: The 7th lord Saturn is in the 8th with Rahu and this is a major affliction, particularly because Rahu Dasa is running. Rahu in the 8th adversely affects marital life. The details you provide are incomplete but with what little we have before us, Jupiter Dasa can see her married again. The *karaka* Venus is fairly well placed and trined by Jupiter indicating a fairly happy marriage.

Q. A friend of my son is in love with my daughter. He wants to marry her. If we go ahead with this marriage, will it survive and will it be happy? My daughter's chart is enclosed.

Born 25/26-1-1969 at 00.00 a.m. (IST)

S. No. 10150

Ans: The Ascendant has Mars. The Moon in the 7th is aspected by Mars. This makes the girl very assertive and self-willed and if refused, she may do something impulsive. The 7th lord from the Moon is Venus and he is with Saturn and

VENUS SAT. RAHU	MOON		
	RASI		
SUN MERC.			
		ASCDT. MARS	JUPIT. KETU

SAT.	MARS KETU	SUN JUPIT.	
	NAVAMSA		MERC. VENUS
		ASCDT. RAHU	MOON

Rahu. This indicates an intercaste marriage. Venus has certain afflictions and this together with Mars in the 8th from him can give strong temperamental differences. This will show up irrespective of whom she marries for she will be an extremely dominating girl. So, other things considered, it would be quite wise to go ahead with the match since the chart indicates, she is only too willing.

Q. All the efforts of my daughter to find a suitable groom for her daughter have been in vain. Will she get married?

Born 30-7-1958 at 00-20 a.m. (IST)

S.No. 15346

	ASCDT. MARS KETU		VENUS
	RASI		SUN
MOON			MERC.
	SAT.	JUPIT. RAHU	

	KETU		MERC.
VENUS SAT.	NAVAMSA		MARS
MOON			ASCDT.
		JUPIT. SUN RAHU	

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Ans: The 7th house is fairly strong with both 9th lord Jupiter and Rahu *vargottama* there. This indicates a good match from a well-placed family and the possibility of a groom from abroad. Ketu Bhukti of Rahu Dasa should prove particularly happy in this respect.

Q. I am a teacher. From last year my daughter's ill-health has affected my work. One of us has to stay with her while the other goes to work. If I retire after 20 years of service I will be able to get a reasonably good pension. Will I be able to save my job for another 3 years?

Born 17/18-2-1944 at 2.45 a.m. (IST)

S.No. 16112

		SAT. MARS	
SUN	Wife RASI		RAHU JUPIT.
VENUS MERC. KETU			
ASCDT.	MOON		

JUPIT.	KETU	MERC.	ASCDT.
	NAVAMSA		MARS
VENUS			
	SUN	MOON RAHU	SAT.

Ans: The 10th lord Mercury is with 11th lord Venus, the latter is *vargottama*. Venus Dasa is on. Therefore, monetary benefits from your job cannot be lost. Saturn Bhukti has to finish until when it may be a very tiresome period for you, but thereafter, you will be able to experience a much better period with your daughter's health also improving.

Q. My daughter was married in May 1988. My son-in-law's family cheated us with a cooked-up horoscope and later we found he was forced into the marriage by his parents as he was in love with a Christian girl. Later both he and his parents began to ill-treat my daughter so that he could marry a second time. I have 2 more daughters to be married. My husband will retire shortly. All these fill me with fear as to what will happen.

Born 29-10-1959 at 2.29 p.m. (IST)

S.No. 16543

KETU			
ASCDT.	RASI		
			VENUS
SAT.	MERC. JUPIT.	SUN MARS	RAHU MOON

MOON	RAHU		SAT.
	NAVAMSA		
ASCDT. SUN MARS			MERC.
	VENUS	KETU JUPIT.	

Ans: Tragic as at may sound, the best solution would be to first protect the interests of your married daughter. Don't worry about your other girls, for if their charts are promising, nothing can stop them from getting what is rightfully due to them. The 7th lord is in debility with Mars which indicates a self-centred selfish husband. The Dasa is of Rahu who is in the 8th with the 6th lord Moon aspected by Saturn. These factors do not indicate favourable developments in the near future. The best course would be to get your daughter back and see her settled in a job or train her for a career. The 10th house is well placed and the girl will be quite happy with you and her job, instead of suffering torment at her husband's hands.

Q. I am very worried about our daughter's future career. We want her to be a doctor. Does her chart show a medical career?

Born 22/23-11-1975 at 13.20 a.m. (IST)

S.No. 16841

JUPIT. (R)	KETU		MOON MERC. (R)
	RASI		SAT.(R)
			ASCDT.
	MARS SUN	RAHU	VENUS

MOON		RAHU	
	NAVAMSA		VENUS
JUPIT.			MERC. SUN
MARS	KETU		SAT. ASCDT.

Ans: The 5th house is aspected by the 12th lord Moon and 4th and 9th lord Mars. The 5th lord Jupiter is in the 8th and Jupiter Dasa will have finished in early 1989. The 5th house, in the first place, is not very strongly placed to indicate high academic attainments. Moreover, the Dasa now is of Saturn who is a malefic as 7th and 8th lord and placed in the 12th house. Saturn cannot give a medical academic career. Being in the watery sign Cancer, he may give an aptitude for home science or botany or biology or even nursing. A doctor's career is not indicated.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

CORRECTION

The article *'The Chemistry of Names* appearing in the *A.M.*, November 1989 is by Dr. D. N. Pathak and not N. D. Pathak as published. We regret the error.

Editor.

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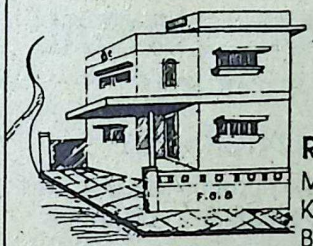

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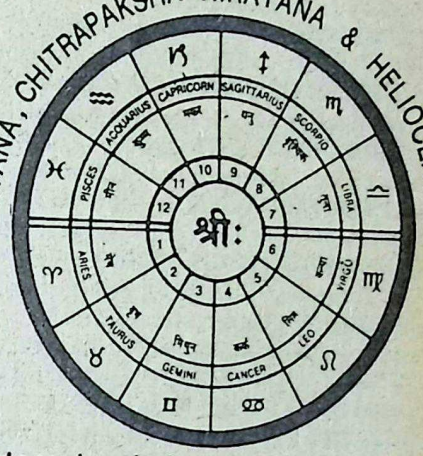

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Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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PLANETS, SOVIET RUSSIA AND GORBACHEV

RUSSIA'S marriage with Marxism is on the rocks. A wave of democracy is sweeping the East-European block causing fissures in the Russian Empire. The grip of the Soviets on the East-European countries of East Germany, Czeschoslavakia, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria is slackening and a new world order is about to take birth in this part of the globe.

The chart for the Congress of Soviets (Chart 1) carries a blue-print of the unprecedented developments that have drawn the attention of the world to Eastern Europe. After World War II Stalin left his armies in Eastern Europe to retain Soviet control on nations he had liberated. Basically this act can be attributed to an urge for security which the Soviets would get by clamping down tentacles on these adjoining countries as plainly shown by the Ascendant lord Sun occupying the 3rd with 11th lord Mercury. What Stalin had gained (11th house results), he refused to give up wholly (Lagna lord Sun joins 11th lord Mercury) and the best way this could be ensured was through army control in these areas. And this urge for security went on being satiated without hitch until 1989 when suddenly efforts to change the definition of Soviet security emerged from within the Kremlin itself. The Soviets opting to stay out of whatever is happening in their satellite communist countries is attributable to Jupiter, ruler of the current Dasa, placed in the 10th house. This is the *Bhava* that rules name, reputation and action and the present stance the Soviet prime-minister has taken is indeed being lauded by the entire world. And this stance, in turn, is the offshoot of severe economic problems in Soviet Russia reflected clearly by Jupiter's occupation of the constellation Rohini, ruled by the 12th lord Moon.

Perestroika, the brainchild of the Soviet leader Gorbachev, is really the product of a desperate internal situation. However, Jupiter Dasa now running and Jupiter aspecting the 4th house (intention and motive) can leave little doubt of Mikhail Gorbachev's honorable intentions, no matter what the initial triggering cause itself.

The birth chart (Chart 1) of the Congress of Soviets, the official authority of the Soviet

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Government, cast for the evening of 7-11-1917 when it was formed has an interesting pattern of planetary combinations that support its historical growth to a Super Power of the world.

		JUPIT.	KETU		ASCDT.	MOON SUN MERC.	VENUS JUPIT.
	Chart 1 RASI		SAT.		NAVAMSA		RAHU MARS
			ASCDT. MOON MARS	SAT. KETU			
VENUS RAHU		SUN MERC.					

The Ascendant Leo has a powerfully placed Yogakaraka in it joined by the Moon which generates a Sasi-Mangala Yoga in the Ascendant. The Sun, the Ascendant lord, is quite well placed in the 3rd, an *upachaya*, with the 2nd and 11th lord Mercury. All the three points in the Ascendant Leo, namely, the rising degree, the Moon and Mars fall in Makha constellation ruled by Ketu. Ketu, in turn, is in Aridra, ruled by Rahu. This strong nodal influence on the Ascendant and its occupants is to a large extent responsible for the unshakeable communist regime the country has been under all along. The Nodes have a tendency to support and keep alive fanatical doctrines involving mass mentalities.

Marxism was first ennunciated by Karl Marx and this ideology found fertile land in Soviet Russia for many astrological reasons.

A whole array of striking points of synchronicity in the charts of Karl Marx (Chart 2) and Soviet Russia cannot go unnoticed if we are

	SUN MOON RAHU	MERC. VENUS		KETU VENUS	MERC.	SAT.	
ASCDT. SAT.	Chart 2 RASI		MARS		NAVAMSA		MARS
JUPIT.		KETU			SUN MOON	ASCDT. JUPIT.	RAHU

to understand how and why Marxism has had such a tenacious grip on this Republic.

The rising sign Aquarius in Marx's chart falls in the 7th house from the rising sign Leo of the Soviet Congress. In both charts, though separated by a hundred years, Jupiter and Venus exchange not only signs Taurus and Sagittarius, but also involve powerful Bhavas. The Moons in the two cases fall in fiery signs in trines and while the Moon of Karl Marx joins exalted Sun, the Soviet Republic Moon falls in Leo ruled by the Sun. The Suns in the two charts occupy opposite signs. No wonder the marriage between the two worked so well and for so long, astonishingly immune to any external influences.

Right through Ketu, Venus, the Sun, the Moon and Mars Dasas, communism continued to thrive. The Dasa of Ketu running at the time the Congress came into being was influenced by Ketu's occupation of Aridra ruled by Rahu and aspected by 10th lord Venus-*cum*-Rahu which set the basic tune of the Government on communistic principles. The next Dasa was of Venus, again with Rahu, both being in Moola, ruled by Ketu, so the policies and principles were renewed and implemented with reinforced vigour. Venus, the 10th lord showing the government, is eclipsed by Rahu who stands for the disgruntled elements, working class and revolutionary ideas and doctrines. It was only in Venus Dasa that a working class republic came to be established, the Church was wrenched of its hitherto important role in society and free trade and enterprise abolished. Everything that had been conventionally held sacred such as morals and the institution of the family were interfered with ruthlessly by the Bolsheviks, consistent with Rahu's utter disregard for traditionally respected practices and institutions.

Ketu Dasa which ran for a little over three and a half years after the Congress was formed saw during its *chidra* period natural calamity strike the country in the form of famine. Transit-wise, Saturn was on natal Moon adding fuel to fire.

The advent of Venus Dasa eased the situation a little but on the other side, supported Rahu—relentless persecution of religion and free trade. For all his affliction as 10th lord in the 5th in exchange of signs with 5th lord

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Jupiter, Venus has his good points and saw the stabilizing of the Bolshevik regime. The country began to prosper and its military grew in strength. Just before this Dasa ended, Russia was able to successfully stave off the German invasion.

The Dasa of the Sun, the Ascendant lord, further helped Russia grow in strength and resist further German interpredations. As the Ascendant lord the Sun is a first-rate benefic and it was only during this Dasa that Russia played a momentous role in World War II liberating several territories from Nazi rule and bringing them into her military fold.

The Moon and Mars Dasas, in succession, led to its growth and prosperity and in Rahu Dasa, its Super Power status and nuclear capability were rivalled only by those of the United States of America. Rahu benefits not only because he is in the 6th, an ideal place for him, in a powerful sign Sagittarius (*kodanda rahu*) and the fortification he receives from the *parivartana* of the signs between his dispositor Jupiter and Venus but also because Saturn (whose results he is said to reflect - *sanivad rahu*) is strongly placed in the 12th as the 6th lord in the constellation of Mercury, ruler of the 2nd and 11th houses.

Jupiter Dasa began about the middle of 1982. Jupiter is strongly placed in the 10th house which is said to bestow "very auspicious results". But Jupiter is in the constellation of Rohini ruled by 12th lord Moon. Consistent with this kind of *trika*-ownership, the country began to move into a phase of economic folly and mess. And when Gorbachev took over in 1985, he took charge of not only a Super Power but also an economy that was sliding backwards dangerously fast. And now this same economic crunch is threatening Gorbachev and his *perestroika*. But Jupiter Dasa has still many years to go and Jupiter rules all that is expansive, genial, liberal. *Perestroika* has come to stay but everything has a price, and what will it be now?

Mikhail Gorbachev's birth time is not known but his birth date is available. Therefore, we have only given a chart (Chart 3) of the planetary positions on his date of birth.

RAHU			JUPIT.	JUPIT. SUN			
SUN MERC.	Chart 3 RASI		MARS	RAHU VENUS	NAVAMSA		
VENUS							MARS KETU
SAT.			KETU	SAT. MERC.	MOON		

We shall base the following discussion on his Janma Rasi. The Moon is in Cancer with the Yogakarka Mars aspected by the 11th lord Venus. The Moon here is said to give a "plump, middle stature, well-proportioned, round full face, brown hair, pale dusky complexion; the disposition (is) changeable, jocular, merry, harmless, free from passion and generally well-beloved". According to some "as the Moon indicates the public, there is a connection in that sphere and success with public matters". Mars in the Ascendant, especially if Cancer, is said to cause scars, blemishes or even some kind of discoloration of the facial skin.

Taking Cancer as the Ascendant, the Moon-Mars combine here is a favourable Raja Yoga. The 8th lord Saturn is in the 6th, the 6th lord Jupiter is in the 12th house and the 12th lord

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Mercury is in the 8th generating, in the process, a Vipareeta Raja Yoga of no mean order. This Yoga is further strengthened by the aspect of 9th lord Jupiter on the 6th and 8th houses and the 8th and the 12th lords. The Moon is waxing. Venus and Mercury in the 7th and the 8th from the Moon also generate a considerably good Adhi Yoga. Apart from these quite obvious Yogas, the Dasa now running has also been quite favourable.

The Moon Dasa began around May 1984 and soon after conferred on Gorbachev prime-ministership. The 10th house has no aspects, good or bad, and the 10th lord Mars is favourably disposed in the Ascendant with *neechabhanga* strength and is also the centre of a Sasi-Mangala Yoga. The Moon, apart from these factors, becomes extra-powerful to give highly favourable results, simply by virtue of his ownership.

As the Ascendant lord, he can, in his Dasa, help to establish a new order. One of the first signs of this was when Gorbachev spoke of "new thinking" in foreign policy and *perestroika* and *glasnot* became global words. Like all decent people who believe that charity should begin at home, Gorbachev began first with the easing of Kremlin discipline. This has met with stiff resistance from some inside *politburo* hard-liners. However, thanks to Yogakaraka Mars strong in the Ascendant and joining the Dasa lord Moon, Gorbachev has been able to, so far, press on with his restructuring policies. But the Moon, by nature waxing and waning, rarely gives smooth-sailing in his Dasa. At every step, Gorbachev has been challenged. The Soviet Union economy is on the verge of bankruptcy. The mist of unrest has settled over the country. Military troops have been deployed to contain uprisings in the south and strikes have been banned—all emergency methods, against the very spirit of *perestroika*. This is part of the results Saturn gives not as 8th lord in the 6th but because he occupies the 6th from the Dasa lord Moon. Also because he is in Uttarashadha ruled by the 2nd lord Sun in the uncomfortable 8th (again in the 8th from Dasa lord Moon).

Saturn Bhukti, for Gorbachev, ends in the first quarter of 1990. And these three months come under a heavy downpour of planetary combinations and oppositions in a sensitive area of Gorbachev's chart.

On 9th January 1990, the Sun and Saturn will be in conjunction in Sagittarius. There will be a Mars-Jupiter opposition involving Sagittarius and Gemini on 1st February 1990 and a Mars-Saturn conjunction in Sagittarius on 28th February 1990. All these planetary influences will converge on Saturn, the Bhukti lord in Gorbachev's horoscope. On 9th February 1990, a total lunar eclipse occurs in Cancer in which sign is placed his Dasa lord Moon. The Mars-Saturn conjunction occurs in the 29th degree of Sagittarius in the same Nakshatra-*pada* occupied by the sub-lord Saturn. This period will be one of high voltage drama in the Kremlin when unexpected developments may thrust on Gorbachev a difficult choice—Kremlin or *perestroika*? Gorbachev's innings may end under these planetary influences, opting as he will for *perestroika*.

In the Bolshevik horoscope (Chart 1), the planetary periods after June 1990 will be of Jupiter and Venus, mutual enemies and mutually ill-placed, although individually fortified by the Parivartana Yoga. Much excitement will erupt on the Russian scene pushing the German drama to the background. Jupiter, Dasa lord, will predominate and keep the hard-core communists (Rahu afflicted Bhukti lord Venus) at bay from the higher rungs of power. Venus, however strong, may spring a surprise in the form of a member of the fair sex surfacing in the Kremlin foreground. The Russian economy will be slow to normalize but the policies initiated by Gorbachev will not die; they will snowball to change the architecture of the Communist world.

Gayatri Devi Vasudev
Written: 15-12-1989

Devotion must be filled with knowledge. The devotee must not love anything as superior to the Lord. He must exclusively love the Lord and know that none is superior to Him.

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News and Views

EKALAVYA

Electoral Verdict

THE electorate has spoken.

In effect it has declared: "We have come of age; you can no longer take us for granted; you will hereafter be judged on your merits."

The political parties can ill-afford to ignore this message in their future course of action.

It is myopic if not vicious to explain the crumbling of the ex-ruling party at the Centre, as the fall-out of communalism.

It slanders the voter.

It is equally wrong to hold that the voter has been anti-establishment or anti-any-party.

While West Bengal government has been given a shot in the arm, Andhra has been drubbed and the whole Hindi Belt wiped out.

Truth is, governments have been judged by their performance which is a clear warning to new governments against misbehaviour.

The slaughter of the major fire-brands of the ex-Central Cabinet at the hustings is a pointer to this electoral mood.

The youngest chunk of voters deserves kudos for their new perspective in election.

Not stopping, it should continue to police democratic functioning of our governments at the Centre and States and, give priority to eradication of criminality in politics; at the same time, not lose sight of successful implementation of its mandate, by cutting recalcitrants and trouble-makers to size.

The world will be watching us; whether the new Government at the Centre will not be a thirty-days wonder and whether the ex-ruling party has in truth donned the sack cloth and ashes.

Vigilance is the price of liberty.

Astrology: Science of Sciences

Fools rush where angels fear to tread is a charade often paraded against budding astrologers who rush to the press with their political forecasts seeking, of course, firsthood, but who, more often than not, have to eat their words.

Doing so without the needed preparation is like a lisping girl seeking public performance in Bharata Natyam, after but a six month course learning it. How else can we explain even basic mistakes in them such as wrong charts for correct birth data?

It is also not rare among astrologer-publicists playing the role of the pot calling the kettle black picking holes in each other's performances to the utter glee of cynics.

There is yet another side to this scenario: the anti-Astrology lobby which sees in every such failure fakehood in the science by turning the Nelson's eye on successful predictions.

It is passing strange that the public, particularly Astrology-baiters, should, as citizens, see no wrong in a top physician diagnosing and treating malaria as typhoid and endangering the patient's life and yet calling medicine an impeccable science.

A scientist by definition is unbiased and keeps an open mind or he fails in his pursuits and his *faux pas* in turn is taken as a stepping-stone towards success. Even as the most modern science is not defini-

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tive in any sense of the terms; so is Astrology. It is myopic to expect mint perfection in a divine science such as Astrology or there should be no difference between man and God. Today the success - failure ratio in Astrology is certainly not more than in science and on that account Astrology's credibility and need, physical and psychological, for faith and hope in it are not less; really it is more. Even among astrologers there is pretty little need for rat race; theirs is a large enough area that can accommodate all shades of opinion except palpable mathematical errors and fundamental mistakes. **All that it needs today are research, empirical observations, statistical analysis and systematic consolidation of gains and updating, without fear or favour.**

The first step towards it has been taken by the Indian Council of Astrological Sciences by training and inducting highly educated young men and women in the field and **the day is not far off when Astrology will be recognised as the science of sciences, encompassing as it does, the entire gamut of the universe — sentient and non-sentient.**

Amsayu

A reader wants to know whether in Jeeva Sarma's Amsayu method, *harana* or deduction has to be made for planets in debilitation too, since books on the subject such as those of Dr. B. V. Raman, C. G. Rajan and Subrahmanya Sastri mention only deduction for Asthamana and Chakrapatha.

Yes; deductions must be made for debilitation; presumably the authors mentioned have taken it for granted and hence no special mention has been made.

For, Varahamihira in *Brihajjataka* is categorical when he says in the relevant verse: *Samaanamanyat prathame apyudeeritam.*

Having stated that the years donated by the planets must be trebled for exaltation, retrogression, and doubled for Vargottama, own Navamsa (and by inference exaltation Navamsa too), own house and own Drekkana as recommended by Satyacharya, he avers that the rest of operations should be made on lines dictated by the ancients—Maya, Yavana etc., which include deductions for debilitation, combustion etc.

Commentator Rudra specially makes it clear, as does Kapilesvara Sastri in his commentary on the same verse, lifted by Vaidyanatha into his *Jataka Parijata*, the exceptions being Kroorodaya Harana, and anticipatory bail for Venus and Saturn for combustion.

One other modern author says that Chakrapatha should be based on *Bhava* positions of planets, but as in the present operation Navamsa and Drekkana have leading roles to play, these have no *locus standii in Bhava* reckoning, and therefore the *Bhava* claim falls through. One cannot have the cake and eat it too.

Sani-Kuja and Sani-Rahu Yogas

In mundane Astrology, the conjunction of Saturn and Mars in certain signs has been held to be dreadful. This phenomenon occurs from February 26 to March 2, when the two are in close conjunction. It occurs in Sagittarius which is one of the impugned signs and also 12th from Capricorn, the Rasi of India (according to some), governing the area of secret enemies etc. Canonical texts fear as a consequence political and economic mutations involving incendiarism. One of them wants the two to be retrograde to yield such effects while the other does not. Anyway, it is worth watching.

A year later in January 1991, Rahu conjoins Saturn. Irrespective of where it occurs—it is in India's sign Capricorn — a bloody war is predicted by one text while the other spells out natural calamities besides industrial unrest. May God spare the world and our country from the evils and the aspect of Jupiter to the afflicted signs in both cases is the silver lining in the cloud.

Instant Prediction *via* Dasa-Bhukti

Deva Keralam (Chandra Kala Nadi) provides a tip for instant or spot prediction through Dasa-Bhukti, of course of the Vimshottari variety. It is thus: Count the number of Nakshatras from the Dasa lord to that of the Bhukti lord, both inclusive; multiply that number by 7 and divide the product by 8; ignore the quotient and keep the remainder; that will be the index whose effects are

1—*roga* or illness; 2—*labha* or gain; 3—*dhwana* or journey; 4—*bandhana* or restriction; 5—*dhana* or wealth; 6—*aiswarya* or prosperity; 7—*arthanasa* or loss of wealth and 8—*apa mrityu* or risk to life.

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Astrological Miscellany

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(In this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed astrologically. They may be about anything - birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, weather, animals and the list is endless - so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are invited to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa used to ***Astrological Miscellany****, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)*

A Vipareeta Raja Yoga?

"THE 12th lord is in the 8th Bhava, the 6th lord in the 12th (from 6th) and the 8th lord is debilitated. Will this cause a Vipareeta Raja Yoga and is it a yoga for great wealth as some people say?" asks a reader from Agra sending in his son's chart.

Born 5-8-1970 at 11.40 p.m. (IST) at Gwalior. *Rasi:* Aries - Ascendant and Saturn; Cancer - Mars and the Sun; Leo - the Moon, Mercury and Ketu; Virgo - Venus; Libra - Jupiter; and Aquarius - Rahu. *Navamsa:* Libra - Ascendant; Scorpio - Jupiter; Sagittarius - Mars, the Sun, the Moon and Saturn; Capricorn - Venus and Rahu; and Cancer - Mercury and Ketu with a balance of 5 years, 3 months and 6 days of Sun Dasa at birth.

The reader also feels that since 3 planets obtain *neechabhanga* (cancellation of debility) that must be of some special significance in matters of success as also career.

The Kind of Cancellation

When a planet obtains *neechabhanga,* it is said to be doubly reinforced, sometimes so much as to even outdo its own exalted state. Here, we see Saturn is *neecha* (debilitated) in Lagna, Mars in the 4th and Venus in the 6th. Saturn gets *neechabhanga* in a literal sense but not very effectively, since both Mars and Venus who can cancel his debility are themselves weak by an initial state of debility. The Sun in a *kendra* (quadrant) from Lagna is a great help in the matter.

Mars, in turn, gets his debility cancelled quite effectively. Venus again comes in for weak cancellation.

However, Jupiter's aspect on Lagna not only by virtue of his own inherent beneficence but also because, he is the 9th lord, and therefore, a strong benefic is a big plus point. Mars, the Ascendant lord, in a *kendra* is also highly desirable although his closeness to the Sun can put him under the shadow of combustion. Again the Sun is a trinal lord as 5th lord and therefore is quite good in some respects, being with Lagna lord Mars.

Luck Abroad

Vipareeta Raja Yoga is generated by an interchange of positions by the *trika* lords (the 6th, 8th and 12th lords) and therefore may be said to be absent in this case.

The strong disposition of the 9th lord Jupiter in the 7th influencing the next Dasa lord Rahu indicates the native may go abroad as soon as Rahu Dasa begins. During the rest of Mars

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Dasa, he may have difficulty in his academic pursuits, since Mars as also the 5th lord Sun are in the 12th from it. Rahu, however, is much better placed being in the 11th and can boost the boy's scholastic performance and add to his academic stature. Rahu Dasa can be highly successful in terms of studies as also earnings. Would wearing gemstones help, wonders our Agra reader. Not in this case. Waiting patiently for the good Dasa to start would be the best remedial measure in this particular case.

Never Say, Never

My elder brothers got married in 1981 and my younger brother in 1987. Why is my own marriage still not in sight, asks reader R. N. Habib of Gadag.

Born 5-2-1946 at 1.50 a.m. (IST) at Gadag. *Rasi:* Libra - Ascendant and the Moon; Sagittarius - Mars and Ketu; Capricorn - the Sun and Mercury; Pisces - Venus; Gemini - Saturn (R) and Rahu; and Virgo - Jupiter (R) with a balance of 4 years, 1 month and 26 days of Rahu Dasa at birth.

The 7th house or its ruler will show reader Habib why. The 7th lord Mars is in the 3rd but aspected by Saturn who also aspects the *karaka* Venus. Venus is in the 6th exalted and aspected by three planets, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn and can give marriage undeniably.

The Dasa is of Mercury who as the 9th lord is well placed in the 4th. Venus Bhukti will run upto July 1991 and Venus is the *kalatrakaraka* and well placed. Therefore before November 1990 when Saturn finally leaves Sagittarius, there are indications for the event.

Spiritual Thirst

"This is the horoscope of a boy who is a graduate, handsome to look at with a good personality but an introvert. The boy suddenly disappeared on 22-7-1985 at 9.30 a.m. from the house and there is no news about him since then in spite of efforts by the parents" writes reader H.B.R. Char of Bombay.

Born 13-12-1964 at 11.28 a.m. at Calicut. *Rasi:* Aquarius - Ascendant and Saturn; Pisces - the Moon; Aries - Jupiter (R); Gemini - Rahu; Leo - Mars; Scorpio - the Sun and Venus; and Sagittarius - Mercury and Ketu. *Navamsa:* Capricorn - Ascendant; Pisces - the Sun; Aries - Ketu; Cancer - Mercury and Venus; Libra - the Moon and Rahu; Scorpio - Jupiter and Mars; and Sagittarius - Saturn with a balance of 7 years, 9 months and 25 days of Saturn Dasa at birth.

"The Lagna lord is in own house. The 4th lord is not only a friend of the Lagna lord but also *yogakaraka*. The 4th house is aspected by 4th lord himself in association with the royal planet Sun. The 4th lord is aspected by Lagna lord. The Moon is free - no confusion in the mind. Then why did the boy suddenly disappear?

"Is it because of his perverted intelligence - 5th lord Mercury in association with Ketu and 5th house occupied by Rahu or is it because of bad association with male or female because Mars in the 7th with mutual aspect with Saturn and 7th lord being aspected by Saturn who is also an enemy? What do you say? Will not the affairs of 7th be integrated by Jupiter's aspect?

"My intuition tells me that the boy is alive and will return home when Venus Dasa begins."

Saturn in Aquarius Lagna and Mars in the 7th house can give a fondness for solitude and a general attitude of dispassion. The 9th lord Venus is in the 10th, the 5th lord Mercury is with Ketu and aspects the 5th while Jupiter aspects the 9th house. It is quite possible the boy left home in search of a spiritual life. Ketu Dasa which has just begun may further intensify his longing for the life of a renunciate. However Venus as 4th lord aspects the 4th house, Mars aspects Venus from the 7th house which, in turn, is aspected by Jupiter also. Therefore about the 30th year when Saturn transits Aquarius, the boy may come back home and settle for the life of a householder. Four planets in *kendra* are a general insurance against any harm to longevity.

Quite Certain of Marriage

Another reader from Ludhiana is tired of looking for a suitable match for his son and now beginning to feel the chart is one of denial of marriage for the following reasons:

(a) Venus is hemmed between malefics, Mars and Rahu.

(b) The 7th lord Saturn aspects the 7th house.

(c) The 2nd lord is in the 12th.

(d) The 4th lord is in the 12th.

Born 4-7-1959 at 10.55 a.m. at Ludhiana. *Rasi:* Leo - Ascendant and Venus; Virgo - Rahu

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Predictions About Recent Elections in India

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NOW that the elections are over, I wish to take stock of the performance of different astrologers, in the light of the recent political events.

Because of some failures the credibility of Astrology has not been and will not be affected. The credibility of those highlighting a few failures of stalwarts and ignoring their successes becomes suspect.

I have yet to come across an astrological method which enables one to predict the exact number of seats a party wins. Intelligent guesswork is no substitute for astrological forecasts.

As a student of Astrology and reader of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE for over three decades, I have watched with admiration the Editor's approach to making predictions affecting countries and rulers. As far as mundane Astrology is concerned the trend of things to happen can be given.

I have given below extracts from various periodicals bearing on the predictions about the recent elections in India without offering any comments.

In "World Trends and Tensions in 1989" (1989 Annual Number of *A.M.*) **DR. B. V. RAMAN** observes: "Jupiter's transit of Taurus and Gemini have influenced Indian affairs significantly", some of them being "Quit India movement, deaths of Nehru and Shastri, formation of Janata Government etc. Therefore it is reasonable to assume that during the current transit political changes of enormous importance may occur in this country". Again on page 8, **DR. RAMAN** says: ".....the country appears to be in for a significant and even unexpected transformation in the political scene at Delhi following the Jupiter-Saturn opposition on 10-9-1989."

C. S. Kothare (*A.M.*, Feb. 1989) "There will be surprises" in the General Elections and that "the party that may come to power after the elections will face the worst period any ruling party has faced so far."

In the same issue, **J. C. Luthra** predicts: "Mercury-Venus-Mercury in Mr. Singh's horoscope will bring him a good degree of success, but not to the extent of his attaining majority in Parliament single handed."

In the article "Future of the Congress I" (*A.M.*, August 1989) **Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev** says: "The powerful Dasa lord Sun may help the party win the elections but his proximity to the 7th lord Mercury, a *maraka*, may give it only a marginal win..... all in all the party's victory may be a tight-rope walk.... this period may well spell the beginning of the end of the Congress..... major changes and upheavals await the country."

In the October 1989 issue of the *A.M.*, **Ramanathan** says: "The period of election seems to be auspicious for Congress (I) and its leader. A better period than the previous nine years for B.J.P. chart. The present period is totally inauspicious for the National Front Party and the unity of constituents of this group is likely to be disturbed. This period seems to be auspicious for N.T.R.... He may win personally in the race but not to the extent that his party will get a majority in the elections. We cannot expect V. P. Singh to become the Prime Minister of India in the near future especially upto May 1992."

T. Venkataraman (*A.M.*, Oct. '89): "These are pointers to making the ruling party's cup of misery full."

T. Ramaswamy Aiyangar (*A.M.*, Oct. '89): "The Congress

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(I) will come out successful in the Lok Sabha elections to be held a few months hence, and that, with a good workable majority."

P. M. Gopalachary (*A.M.*, Oct. '89): "N. T. Rama Rao promises progress in political field... this indicates there will be a sudden elevation in position."

D. P. Purohit (*A.M.*, Oct. '89): "As regards the 9th lord Sun who is also the 5th lord from Chandra Lagna placed in the 12th and the 8th respectively in the chart of Congress (I), he can in no way indicate good results in his major period."

T. D. V. Raman (*A.M.*, Oct. 89): "Chart 4C is of the progressed version of the Indian Independence chart. The Muntha falls in Scorpio. Though this is the 4th from the Ascendant, its lord Mars who also owns the 4th house is posited in the 8th from its Ascendant. The lord of the Ascendant is in the 12th. The 10th lord is in the 12th from the 10th (*i.e.*, 9th) and in debility. Readers may draw their own conclusions."

Bankim Khasnabish (*A.M.*, Nov. 89): This transit will dampen the activities of the (Congress I) party and prove unfavourable not only for it but also its head. We may assume that a high degree of success awaits Mr. Singh. The period from 15-11-1989 to 23-8-1990 is a favourable one. The Janata Dal may get more seats than the Congress (I). The Janata Dal chart indicates there may be a coalition government at the Centre. There is every possibility of getting government power in the horoscope of V. P. Singh."

K. Chandra Hari (*A.M.*, Nov. 89): "The Congress (I) will lose the game... Venus being Lagna lord of divided India represents the Hindus only and hence I think the 'Daitya Guru' will favour B.J.P. from 1989 August onwards. India will enter into a new phase in which the Hindus will become politically more powerful."

Mrs. Mridula Trivedi (*A.M.*, Dec. 89): "The Congress (I) will have to take the assistance of other parties for forming the Government if at all it forms the Government. Rajiv Gandhi will defeat his opponent badly. Mr. Singh will decidedly win his individual seat with a record defeat of his opponents. He will win an unexpected number of seats for his party and that will be a grand success to him. The position of Singh will be very vital. This kind of transit will give Rama Rao tremendous success in the present election and he will again become the Chief Minister. In the forthcoming election Arun Nehru will hold an important portfolio in the ministry of the ruling Government. Hegde will become a cabinet minister next in importance to the prime-minister such as Home or Finance Minister. The Janata Dal has decidedly better prospects than Congress (I) provided there is a fair game of the election.... The Janata Dal will be the biggest party parallel to Congress (I) and will be in a position to form the government. Let me conclude in bold letters that Mr. V. P. Singh will be in a position to form the next Government."

Jayamohan D. Kuruppu (*A.M.*, Dec.89): "The opposition will obtain more seats than the Congress (I)."

K. B. Chowgale (*A.M.*, Dec. 89): "These two Rajayogas of Mr. Singh are likely to give high position in politics.... At the time of the elections, the Sun, Saturn, Herschel and Neptune transit through the 4th house from the Moon which is adverse and tragic as far as the party's (Congress I) position and victory are concerned."

K. N. Rao, Auditor General and astrology-scholar says on pages 151 and 152 in his book *The Science of Astrology* that "the year 1989 will witness a major political upheaval in India. And there will be great political confusion in India leading to a combination of double-disgrace, which means that the ruling party and the opposition will expose themselves and each other."

In the *Illustrated Weekly* (25th November) **Rao** says: "N.T.R.'s charisma is nose-diving, but he will still scrape through. I predict a weak Centre, though the Congress (I) will emerge as the single largest party in opposition to form the government without an alliance. A mid-term poll following turmoil in the post-election period can be anticipated."

Lachhman Das Madan, Editor, *Babaji* and a noted astrologer of Delhi, has said in the December 1988 issue of his journal that "in the new Parliament no party may enjoy absolute majority...political parties have to coalesce to administer the country....this Government will be thrown overboard...Planetary configurations may give some success to the Congress I party to emerge as the largest party but may fail to muster strength to form the Government of its own.. a coalition Government will be voted into power....analysis of Rajiv Gandhi's horoscope shows that the present period is quite unhelpful and it will be very difficult to escape downfall from the present position in the 46th year....Raja V.P. Singh has better chance to become the Prime Minister after Rajiv Gandhi is dislodged..."

In the *Illustrated Weekly* (26th November 1989) **Madan** says: "Rajiv Gandhi's downfall is imminent at any time in his 46th

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year.... being the leader of the Congress party, he cannot help but capture adequate seats to form the Government on his own... V.P. Singh has a much better chance to become the Prime Minister. The B.J.P., the Janata Dal, the D.M.K., the Communist parties, the Telugu Desam and others will get a good majority."

In *India Today* (Nov. 15, 1989) Madan says: "it is the destiny of V. P. Singh to become Prime Minister and nobody can change that."

In his *Times of Astrology* (February-March 1989) he Editor R. Santhanam says: Particularly, the sub-period of Venus (from 18-5-1987) will not give any appreciable results, fom the view-point of formal position of superior nature. Saturn's journey now in Sagittarius throughout 1988 and 1989 is no favourable in this respect, as its in the 7th from the Sun and Mercury ....As regards Singh's possible alliance with opposition leaders like Hegde, Advani and N.T.R., knowing their horoscopes fll well, we do not find any positive progress...At the time of his resignation in April 1987, he (Hegde) himself declared that he would not hold any office. Perhaps this is in harmony with his horoscopic potencies.

Arun Nehru: "Rahu's sub-period rules upto 1990. A peculiar trait of Rahu is to make a person regret for his earlier actions.. In this context Nehru may think of revising his dissidence to his earlier party. The wise may link it with severance of existing links..."

Arif Mohammed Khan: "Mars sub-period can only pave way for revival to be implemented by Rahu's sub-period after September 1989. Please also note that Mars joins Rahu in Navamsa. M.P. N.T.Rama Rao's Dasa Khan will also start thinking in the same way as foreseen for Nehru...The obvious answer is they will split and go their own ways."

In India Today (Nov. 15, 1989) **R. Santhanam** says: "Rajiv will get 315-320 seats. No new scandal will surface till the polls. The period between July to November 1990 is not good for Rajiv. V. P. Singh will win from wherever he stands. Ramakrishna Hegde will find it tough going in Karnataka. N.T.R.'s stars are bright."

The Soviet New Times (November 21-27) says: '**R. Santhanam**, a sooth-sayer, predicts that 'Congress I will win 315-320 seats in Parliament and will form a Central Government...V.P. Singh will remain in the opposition."

Satya (*TOA*, Oct. 89) says: "The native will be heading in 1990 for another opportunity to recapture the chief ministership of Andhra Pradesh (written: 28-8-1989)." **Satya** again says (*TOA*, Dec. 89): "It was observed (editorial, April 1989 issue of the *TOA*) that the last mentioned two leaders *viz.*, Rao and Singh would not stand a chance of becoming the Prime Minister while Rajiv Gandhi would have an edge over them. That Rajiv Gandhi would continue to be the P.M. was a foregone conclusion in February 1989 itself astrologically in our columns.

"Thus Rajiv Gandhi's success in terms of seats will be limited to 59 per cent. .... Yet the chief minister will be N.T.R. Viewed from the above angles, Hegde will be having obstacles in regaining the lost position. Hence the party (Congress I) on its own will get around 300 seats."

P. Gumpaswamy (*TOA*, Oct. 1989): "Rajiv will become only N.T.Rama Rao's Dasa Bhukti phala will elevate him to the rank of Prime Ministership. Mr. Singh will become a minister."

A. Rajappa (*TOA*, Dec. 1989): "The opposition and its allies will not be able to form a true United Front to defeat the ruling party. The ruling party is destined to regain power. Mr. Rajiv Gandhi will be the Prime Minister for a second term."

N. Sundara Rajan (*TOA*, Dec. 1989): "The elections and the results are likely to be short-lived. The astrological factors are unfavourable for Rajiv Gandhi. N. T. Rama Rao may face serious health problems and may not be in a position to contest the elections. V. P. Singh's horoscope shows favourable astrological factors and he is likely to be successful in the elections. Changes at the level of President and Prime Minister are indicated. Lastly, but not the least, the possibilities for another election before the middle of 1990 are very strong."

Nimai Banerji, in his journal *Planets and Forecast* (Sept. 89) says: "Since both the Dasa and Antara lords are *sadashtaka* (quinqunx) from each other, it is indicative of a very hard period for the Congress I party and tough fight with the opponents will be there. V. P. Singh and his party will win a good number of seats and this time strong opposition may be formed."

J. C. Luthra (Sept. 89) says that "the Congress (I) will forge ahead of the opposition parties in the forthcoming elections and manage to form the Government at the Centre... the horoscope of N. T. Rama Rao is weaker than that of V. P. Singh."

Regarding other astrologers who made predictions in *India*

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Today **J. N. Sharma** of Delhi: "Rajiv's Jupiter is very strong during the election period. He will return but with 275-280 seats. There will be no widespread violence during these elections."

Jagajit Uppal: "Rajiv will win and the Congress (I) will return to power at the Centre and in Maharashtra, but I have doubts about the Telugu Desam's success."

Vishwanath Sharma of New Delhi: "The Congress (I) will not win. A coalition government is likely but tensions will remain."

Narayana, Madras: "Congress will win 276 to 310 seats. In Tamil Nadu the AIADMK-Congress (I) alliance will bag 26 to 28 of the 39 seats."

In the *Illustrated Weekly of India* 26th November 1989, **Acharya Raj** says: "Rajiv Gandhi will remain in power till he is 47 years and 4 months old; after which he can never become Prime Minister again. He will survive the coming general elections but without a thumping majority. V. P. Singh has the power to win elections but not to rule. He will never be a king but only a kingmaker while Jyoti Basu's stars are very luminous after June. Devilal's are absolutely dark."

N. P Thareja: "The Congress (I) may not get the required number of seats to form the government at the Centre on its own. V. P. Singh has a better time. The National Front has favourable vibrations and it is likely to share the government at the Centre.

Ashafaque Ahmed Khan: "The Congress (I) will win 366 seats, plus or minus 10 in the forthcoming elections. It is leading towards a significant victory. The Congress (I) will lose Gujarat, Maharashtra, U.P., Bihar and West Bengal." **Prayag Banerjee:** "The Congress (I) will secure 212 Lok Sabha seats and will form the government with the help of the AIADMK, the CPM and other smaller parties. Rajiv Gandhi will be the Prime Minister but his second term will last only two years." **K. M. Padmanabhan:** "Rajiv Gandhi is bound to continue without break till January 1991." **Kaliyur Narayanan:** "Rajiv Gandhi cannot be shaken from the Centre. He will continue to hold the reins of power right through his life. V. P. Singh...will never manage to capture power." **Kusum Bhandari:** "Rajiv Gandhi may have an edge over the opposition but the position of V. P. Singh is virtually unassailable." **Bejan Daruwalla:** "....India is in for a change. Both V. P. Singh and Rajiv Gandhi are in danger of meeting with an accident...the man of destiny is V. P. Singh." **Bala Josier Swami:** "I don't foresee a change in the party in power at the Centre. The present party will continue to be in power....I don't see a change in prime ministership. .....the present incumbent will continue."

Pundit Vachaspati in *Blitz* of November 25: "V. P. Singh would be surrounded by evil advisers...at one time he would be isolated by his so-called friends. As for his becoming the Prime Minister this is impossible. Frustrated he might quit politics.. Like Shahjahan, Devi Lal will come to grief due to the Machivillain conspiracies of his sons."

It is left to the discretion of the readers to form their own opinion after they have gone through the above predictions.

STAR DISTANCES

Q. How do we know how far away the stars are?

A. 'This is something that takes up weeks in an introductory astronomy class,' said Andrew Frankno is, an astronomer, who is the executive officer of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. However, he said, modern measurements depend on a relatively simple initial principal.

'It involves triangulation, measuring now an object in the distance shifts when seen from one angle and then another angle,' he said. Then simple geometry is used to computer the actual distance.

'What is the biggest distance apart that two viewing points could get on Earth?' he asked. 'The answer turns out to be the Earth's positions on opposite sides of the solar system as we travel around the Sun.'

'The problem is, the shift is unbelievably small, for even the nearest star, even when we take the 186-million-mile baseline that we get because the Sun is about 93 million miles away.'

Not until 1838 was someone actually able to measure that small shift, one and a half seconds of arc; a second of arc is one 3,600th of a degree.

It is relatively easy to measure an object in the solar system, like the Moon, 'but that is our cosmic back yard.' Dr. Franknois said, 'and stars are outrageously far away. The closest is 25 thousand billion miles away, not what we call spitting distance.'

As the distances get larger, the shifts get even smaller. Only about 1,000 of the nearest stars have been measured using this method, Dr. Franknois said. —*New York Times.*

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Here are a couple of examples. A native runs Saturn Dasa and Saturn Bhukti. Saturn occupies Krittika. 1 x 7 = 7 (as Krittka to Rohini would mean 2 x 7). As 7 is indivisible by 8, 7 becomes the index.

Result: Arthanasa which is hundred per cent true. Take another example:

Another native runs Jupiter Dasa, Venus Bhukti. Jupiter occupies Mrigasira and Venus Rohini. 27 (Abhijit has no locus here) x 7 = 189 ÷ 8 leaving 23 as quotient and 5 as remainder.

Result: Dhana. He got some money as bonus, P.F. through his wife. Venus possibly indicates the source.

Adverse Yogas —Their Cancellations

I have been noting a tendency on the part of students of Astrology seeking cancellation of adverse yogas in their own ways and not strictly conforming to statutory provisions.

According to some, Mercury in Pisces is said to get its debilitation effect cancelled "simply by occupying his own Nakshatra".

To the best of my knowledge Neechabhanga Raja Yoga is a technical yoga governed by well-defined rules set out in standard texts, and which Mantreswara has collected in five distinct formulae. In none of them does Nakshatra lordship figure. It will not be out of place to say that, were it so, it could not, being the easier, have escaped the attention of classicists.

Looking at the problem squarely, *neechahood*, on the face of it, arises out of Rasi position, for our purposes, and its cancellation factors spelt out be classics too are based on houses and their lords; not even the degrees of *neechahood* having any *locus standii*, let alone Nakshatras.

Even in the use of these five-fold formula, discretion has to be used lest it lands us in absurdity.

Assuming for the sake of argument that lordship of Nakshatras can effect cancellation, in the present case, it will follow that all those born in Mercury's star — Aslesha, Jyeshta and Revati—are proof against Mercury's debilitation effect and they are invariably brilliant, which is not sensible.

There is yet another school which appears to hold that by virtue of a large number of benefic *bindus*, say 30, in the *neecha* house, the planet concerned gets its *neechahood* cancelled. Were it so, its logical extention would lead us to the claim that few *bindus*, say 19 in an exaltation house, will cancel the exaltation effect of the concerned planet!

Sakata Yoga too suffers under similar claims. The statutory rule for its cancellation is that the Moon should occupy *kendra* from the Ascendant. Inasmuch as the above rule aims at strengthening the Moon. Why not make its exaltation or own house occupation an equally effective antidote? Or even a large number of benefic *bindus* in the lunar house? In theory of course it may appear reasonable, but in practice it does not, as I have observed in many cases. It cannot be different when Nakshatra lordship is called in, as it would thus transpire that those born in Rohini, Hasta and Sravana are immune to Sakata Yoga!

What is meant to be conveyed is that while innovations are necessary—*ooha-apoha-patu* is the *sine qua non* of an astrologer—they should be fool-proof technically as well as in practical effect.

Astrological Expo or Exploitation?

Luring customers to buy their products by manufacturers is an age-old practice approved by society; but then, there are those that are acceptable and others not.

In the hands of modern pulicists these methods vary from hoardings, newspaper ads, audio and visual aids. The fun-fare is its miniature version.

One thought that these modes were restricted to eats, drawing, drama and dance; but it traspires that today the media hounds have taken a cue from the monkey performer *viz.*, make someone play for another at little or no cost, and pocket all the benefits! In other words exploit the weakness of others in an elitist manner.

The latest victim of this strategy is the brood of hapless astrologers, who unfortunately, are distraught with penury and hunger for name. Consequently some enterpreneurs hold national and international meets on Astrology collecting donations and delegate fees make a puppet show of astrologers, confer titles on them.

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The latest entrant to this field is a business house of Madras parading the motto "Happiness for Mankind". It now holds what it euphimistically calls "International Astrology Expo' 90" in which it has programmed to exhibit "all kinds of fortune-telling from olden astrology such as palm-leaf astrology, parrot astrology, rat astrology etc." besides *pattimanrams*, display of models of planets, painting, audio and visual cassettes.

In short it has decided to exhibit all the facets of a divine science projecting it as a *tamasha*. What is worse, it proposes to confer titles on the performances of "25 renowened astrologers."

One asks: What are its credentials to confer titles?

No astrologer worth his salt will lend his name to what is really an unscrupulous exploitation of the gullibility of both the public and the practitioners or their science besides demeaning the sacred science which he professes.162/199/266/276.89

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Libra - Jupiter; Sagittarius - Saturn; Pisces - Ketu; Taurus - the Moon; Gemini - the Sun; and Cancer - Mars and Mercury with a balance of 5 years, 6 months and 4 days of Mars Dasa at birth.

Saturn as 7th lord aspecting 7th from a trine is a definite indication of marriage. Jupiter, a benefic, aspects the 7th house and his Dasa is now running and shows marriage is not too far away. In fact as transit Saturn moves out of Sagittarius, our reader's search for a bride for his son may come to a happy end.

Time to do Some Homework

The horoscope reproduced below is that of a young man, who has a good family background with a beautiful wife, children, mother, brothers and a sister. The native has a sound job, is calm-doing with pleasing personality and a gift of the gab. He is the head of the family with reasonable property behind him and very worldly-wise.

During the last cycle of *sade sati* (7 1/2 years) between 1972 and 1979 a disaster struck him and he fell into financial problems without knowing what he was doing and lost all his wealth, health, happiness and fell into disgrace. He almost committed suicide and was rescued fortunately. During the fag end of Venus Dasa he lost his father.

Born 1-8-1943 at 7.40 p.m. (WT) at 16 N 35, 82 E 2. *Rasi:* Capricorn - Lagna and Ketu; Aries - Mars; Taurus - Saturn; Cancer - the Moon 12-59, Rahu 23-14, Jupiter 13-45 and the Sun 14-59; and Leo - Mercury and Venus. *Navamsa:* Gemini - Lagna; Cancer - Ketu; Virgo - Saturn; Scorpio - Mars, Venus, Jupiter and the Sun; Sagittarius - the Moon; Capricorn - Rahu; and Aries - Mercury with a balance of 0 year and 20 days of Venus Dasa.

He was back on his feet and during the Sun Dasa (1983-1989) he rose steadily and owned a vehicle and his own house. He became popular, was loved by all and proved to be genius. Again a few months back a second disaster struck him in the business he was doing. Once again he lost all his wealth, a severe setback in health, fell into utter disgrace and is now left in doldrums! His mind is in a queer state with dangerous suicidal tendencies. The exact difference between two debacles in life is 10 years. Note both disasters struck him at the end of the Dasas of Venus and the Sun respectively. He is in severe debts with no chance of repayment.

With 3 powerful *yogas* present in the horoscope what led to the debacles in life? Mars in his own house forms a powerful Ruchaka Yoga, Moon-Jupiter combine in the 7th house form a Gajakesari Yoga and lastly the 6th lord in the 8th house forms yet another Raja Yoga. What is in store for the young man? Will he be in limelight again? Will he discharge all the debts incurred? Will he lead a happy life during the Moon Dasa?

You can send in your interpretations before 30-1-1990.

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Indications for Travel Disasters

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OF late, not a day passes without a travel disaster. Air-crashes, train derailments, car-bus-truck collisions and boat-capsizes make the head lines of newspapers. The colossal loss of lives and limbs in these accidents makes heart-rendering news.

In olden times, travel mishaps were rare for two reasons. The mode of travelling on animals like the horse, camel and bullock carts etc. involved very little risk. Secondly, travelling was undertaken only as per astrological guidance with reference to the week day, lunar date, star, time and purpose of travelling and the direction of destination. Astrological advice was sought for fulfilment of mission and safe return.

Today, travelling has become hazardous due to speed mania and too much reliance on machines, to the utter heedlessness of astrological and electional taboos. Again, the travel services have their own schedules of departure and electional Astrology is left with little choice regarding starting time.

However, a person, in whose chart a positive travel disaster is indicated, can guard against such mishaps and even avert Apamrityu (untimely death) if he or she avoids travelling during certain such Dasa-Bhukti-Antara. Since, the horoscope maker does not mention 'Antara' except when specially asked for, the person should be alerted during evil transits occurring during the evil Dasa-Bhukti. Such a period of alarm against travelling ranges from two to six months.

Indications for a Travel Disaster

The planets in the birth chart are positioned house-wise as per Equal House Method. Mercury and Gemini both afflicted furnish a clue. According to the classics, the 3rd house indicates short journey and the 9th house indicates a long journey and also religious pilgrimage. The words 'short' and 'long' have reference to distance which in the modern jet age of speed mania has little relevance. Both houses and their lords are hence to be considered.

If in a chart, any two factors from the above *i.e.*, 3rd house, its lord, 9th house and its lord are afflicted, or any one factor is doubly afflicted, the native is vulnerable to a serious mishap while travelling during the evil Dasa-Bhukti.

The affliction is caused by natural malefics like Mars, Saturn and Uranus by aspect, occupation or conjunction. The Sun either when debilitated or when afflicted by a Node can cause affliction. A Node alone does not produce sufficient affliction unless afflicted by the Sun, Mars, Saturn or Uranus. An afflicted planet or a retrograde planet (even if lord of Lagna or of a trine or of 3rd or 9th house, whether a natural benefic or malefic), causes affliction. The lord of the 8th house, whether a benefic or a malefic, causes serious disaster when afflicted or afflicting the 3rd or 9th house or their lords. The affliction is also caused when the 3rd or 9th house or their lords suffer a Papakartari Yoga. Lords of 3rd and 8th houses are malefics.

Aspects of Parasara are used but I have also observed that a via-media aspect is effective., *e.g.* Saturn in the 7th house aspects the 3rd house provided a planet occupies the 9th house.

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A planet is under complete influence of the aspecting planet except in 7th aspect which is a mutual aspect.

Debilitation, retrogression and combustion enhance the severity of an affliction.

Occupation of a bad house (6-8-12) also adds to the severity. The occupation of the 8th house from its own house is the worst position [8th lord in the 3rd house or 3rd lord in 8th or 10th or 12th house or 9th lord in the 8th house are very bad positions and add to the severity of the mishap provided the first stated combination (affliction to 3rd or 9th house or their lords) exists simultaneously].

Mars in Cancer, Pisces or a mercurian sign and occupying or aspecting 3rd, 8th, 10th, 12th or Lagna increases severity, if combust, retrograde or afflicted. Mars owning the 3rd and 8th houses for Virgo and Venus for Pisces, when debilitated or afflicted, inflict fatal injuries, if connected with the 3rd and 9th houses or lords.

I have found in my studies that Uranus, an airy planet like Saturn and equally malefic in nature, is always related to the 3rd house or its lord or the 8th house or Lagna in the charts of those natives who have met with terrible travelling disasters and even death.

It is wrong to conclude that when airy signs Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are afflicted, air disasters take place and no other kind of disaster occurs. I have observed that Saturn exerts a major influence on the 3rd or the 9th house or their lords, the 3rd house mainly since Gemini the 3rd sign is airy, or Saturn and Uranus both have their main force exerted on the 3rd house and its lord in air disasters in the air, irrespective of the nature of the signs. An airy sign in the 3rd or 9th house provides a clue of course, but not always and in all cases.

Forbidden Periods

The presence of any positive indication of a travel disaster should not deter the native from undertaking travels except when the following Dasa Bhuktis operate: (a) Lords of 2-3-7-8 houses or planets occupying these houses or planets afflicting these houses or their lords. (b) A malefic occupying the 12th house or owning it. (c) Afflicted lord of Lagna or of 9th house or planets afflicting Lagna or 9th house or their lords. (d) Planet inimical to lord of Lagna related to Lagna or its lord.

The Dasa-Bhukti-Antara lords come under the above category and they are afflicted in one way or the other in the chart, or are retrograde or debilitated or combust at the same time.

When the lords of the 3rd and 8th houses are connected intimately, when the 3rd lord occupies the 8th and the 8th lord aspects the 3rd house; when the 8th lord occupies the 3rd house and the 3rd lord aspects the 8th house, the prognosis of the disaster is extremely bad.

In spite of a combination for a disaster occurring in a chart as above, nothing like a mishap will happen, provided a strong Jupiter unafflicted, in direct motion, when not owning the 8th house aspects the planet causing affliction, by 5th or 9th aspect. Even a debilitated Jupiter from the 11th house, not afflicted by Saturn or a Node, saves the situation by trinal aspect. A martian aspect on Jupiter will not disable Jupiter if Mars is a trinal lord and unconnected with Saturn or a Node.

In the absence of Jupiter's trinal aspect on the affliction-causing planet, the native is bound to meet with a disaster when travelling by car, truck, train, bus, boat, etc., due to whatever cause, but will escape death provided the lord of 8th house is completely isolated from the 3rd house and its lord *i.e.*, the 3rd house and its lord are not afflicted by aspect, occupation, conjunction by lord of 8th house.

The period of the Dasa-Bhukti lords stated above may range from 3 months 18 days to 40 months; hence it is very necessary to narrow down this period when the native must avoid travelling if he or she cares to be spared from a disaster.

Transits and Indicators

The transits are time indicators and can be earmarked in advance as alarm periods.

A lone evil transit does accumulate its evil effects and triggers it off only when another evil transit reinforces the accumulated effects simultaneously and coinciding with the Dasa Bhukti period: (a) The transit of Saturn, regardless of its good or bad lordship in the birth chart, when afflicting the radical 3rd house and/or its lord; (b) afflicting Lagna and/or its lord; (c) afflicting 8th house and/or its lord; (d) afflicting a radical planet which afflicts the 3rd, 8th or 1st house or their lord in the radical; and (e) afflicting 3rd or 8th house from the radical Moon.

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The above transit of Saturn rings in a period of caution, but concurrently when Mars too is in transit, regardless of its ownership of good or bad houses in the radix, afflicts the factors stated against Saturn above, it is a time for real alarm, to abstain from travelling.

Saturn and Mars together or in different signs when concentrating their force on the 3rd house or its lord and also Lagna or 8th house or their lords can strike an unforgettable and cruel blow.

At the same time if they are retrograde, or afflict each other, or become combust or transit over a radical malefic or a radical debilitated planet and the Nodes in transit also afflict any of the above factors and Jupiter in transit is retrograde, combust or afflicted, the severity is enhanced.

If Mars, Jupiter or Saturn owns 8th house in the radix, in transit they do afflict the 3rd house or its lord. This is an important point for judging the alarm period.

The Dasa-Bhukti lords are invariably afflicted by transit which is an unfailing index to timing of the mishap.

Summary

1. Affliction to the 3rd and 9th houses and/or their lords in the birth chart is a combination for travel disaster.

2. This combination loses power provided the afflicting planet receives a trinal aspect of an unafflicted and direct Jupiter not owning the 8th house.

3. Dasa and Bhukti of *marakas*, evil lords, when afflicted by transits and Mars-Saturn, the 8th lord in transit when afflicting the 3rd, 8th and 1st houses and/or their lords, bring about the event when transit Jupiter is retrograde, weak or afflicted.

4. The 8th lord with no connection with the 3rd house and its lord in the birth chart keeps life intact in spite of serious injuries in the disaster.

Pedestrian Accidents

When the Lagna, 4th and 5th houses or their lords are the centres of stronger malefic influences than the 3rd and 9th houses and their lords, the native is vulnerable to injuries by speeding roadside vehicles while going on foot. If the 8th lord or 8th house is afflicted and also involved in this combination, the injuries may prove fatal. This is not a travel disaster in the sense of mishaps while in vehicles, whether on land, water or in air which is the subject of my paper.

Note: House position of planets should be ascertained on equal House Division method.

Natives of Charts 2 and 6 escaped death after prolonged treatment, all others met with instantaneous death.

1. Air hostess Pratibha - born 13-8-1963 Tuesday. Air-crash on 19-10-1988 at Ahmedabad. Dasa: Rahu-Saturn-Sun.

2. Mr. Tripati. Registrar, Gujarat Vidya Pith. Born 8-9-1936 Tuesday. Air-crash on 19-10-1988 Ahmedabad in Saturn-Venus; Jupiter.

3. Advertisement Agent. Born 14-9-1949 Wednesday. Air-crash on 19-10-1988 Ahmedabad. Dasa: Jupiter-Sun-Jupiter.

4. Zia-Ul-Huq. Born 12-8-1924 Tuesday. Air-disaster on 17-8-1988. Dasa: Jupiter-Mercury-Rahu.

5. Born 7-8-1946 (THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE Quiz 1 of 1989). Disaster on 3-7-1988. Plane shot down. Dasa: Moon-Moon-Moon.

6. Born 15-2-1923 Thursday. Air disaster on 22-6-1982 in Saturn-Jupiter-Mars.

7. Sanjay Gandhi. Born on 14-12-1946. Disaster on 23-6-1980. Plane crashed soon after take-off. Dasa: Moon-Venus-Ketu.

8. Chief Minister of Gujarat Balwantrai Mehta. Born on 18-2-1899 Saturday. Killed by enemy action while flying in war-plane in Kutch on 25-9-1965 in Mercury-Moon-Rahu.

9. Born 31-5-1899 Wednesday (THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, date of disaster not published). Balance of Jupiter Dasa: years 14-5-22.

10. Born 18-1-1951 Thursday. Disaster 4-8-1979 of Poona-Bombay flight. Dasa: Rahu-Venus-Jupiter (THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE).

11. Waltair Luther, American Trade Unionist. Born 1-9-1907 Sunday. Killed with wife and children in air-crash on 5-5-1970. Dasa: Ketu-Moon-Mercury (THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE).

12. Flight Lieutenant Narmabjit Singh. Born on 17-7-1945. Killed in war action on 14-12-1971 while fighting in his tiny Gnat bomber. Dasa: Jupiter-Saturn-Mercury.

13. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Born 23-1-1897 Saturday. Killed in air-crash over the Pacific while flying to Japan on Bombay in August 1945. Dasa: Jupiter-Mars-Mercury upto 4-8-1945 and then Ketu upto 23-8-1945.

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CHARTS OF VICTIMS OF AIR-DISASTERS

Chart No.	Lagna	Sun	Moon	Mars	Mercury	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn	Rahu	Ketu	Uranus	Date of Birth
1.	Cancer	Cancer	Taurus	Virgo	Leo	Pisces (R)	Cancer	Capri. (R)	Gemini	Sagitt.	Leo	13-8-1963
2.	Leo	Leo	Taurus	Cancer	Leo	Scorpio	Virgo	Aqua. (R)	Sagitt.	Gemini	Aries (R)	8-9-1936
3.	Gemini	Leo	Taurus	Gemini	Virgo	Sagitt. (R)	Libra	Leo	Pisces	Virgo	Gemini	14-9-1949
4.	Taurus	Cancer	Sagitt.	Aqua. (R)	Leo	Scorpio	Gemini	Libra	Leo	Aqua.	Aqua. (R)	12-8-1924
5.	Aries	Cancer	Scorpio	Virgo	Cancer (R)	Virgo	Virgo	Cancer	Taurus	Scorpio	Taurus	7-8-1946
6.	Sagitt.	Aqua.	Capri.	Pisces	Capri.	Libra	Sagitt.	Virgo (R)	Leo	Aqua.	Aqua.	15-2-1923
7.	Sagitt.	Scorpio	Leo	Sagitt.	Scorpio	Libra	Libra	Cancer (R)	Taurus	Scorpio	Taurus (R)	14-12-1946
8.	Sagitt.	Aqua.	Taurus	Gemini (R)	Capri.	Libra	Sagitt.	Scorpio	Sagitt.	Gemini	Scorpio	18-2-1899
9.	Aqua.	Taurus	Aqua.	Cancer	Taurus	Libra (R)	Taurus	Scorpio (R)	Sagitt.	Gemini	Scorpio (R)	31-5-1899
10.	Cancer	Capri.	Taurus	Aqua.	Sagitt. (R)	Aqua.	Capri.	Virgo (R)	Leo	Aqua.	Gemini (R)	18-1-1951
11.	Taurus	Leo	Gemini	Sagitt.	Leo	Cancer	Leo	Pisces (R)	Gemini	Sagitt.	Sagitt.	1-9-1907
12.	Taurus	Cancer	Virgo	Taurus	Cancer	Leo	Taurus	Gemini	Gemini	Sagitt.	Taurus	17-7-1945
13.	Taurus	Capri.	Virgo	Taurus	Capri. (R)	Leo (R)	Aqua.	Scorpio	Capri.	Cancer	Scorpio	23-1-1897

Natives of Charts No. 2 and 6 escaped death and survived after prolonged and intensive care and treatment. The rest met with instantaneous death, many beyond identification were charred and mutilated.

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Constellational Matching

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IN matching the charts for marriage, apart from the astrological charts, there are many other factors. The first and most important factor concerns the constellations. What happens when the two have the same Nakshatra? Should we reject the matching?

We give the numerals counting the Nakshatra from Aswini. (a) If both have the same constellation 4, 6, 10, 13, 16, 22, 26 and 27, it is good. They can be allowed to marry. (b) If both have 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 17, 20 and 21, there is no objection, though this is second only to the previous one. (c) If both have 2, 8, 9, 15, 18, 19, 23, 24 and 25, the marriage cannot be allowed.

Next there are some pairs of Nakshatras. The first is that of the girl. 3 and 9, 9 and 15, 14 and 20, 17 and 23, 24 and 3, 18 and 24, 12 and 5, 13 and 19—this combination is prohibited. 18 and 24 combination brings harm to the family. 12 and 3 like 13 and 19 shows fear for life.

6 and 12, 10 and 17, 8 and 14, 27 and 10, 7 and 13, 4 and 10, 25 and 27, 15 and 21, and 1 and 7 are allowed. 27 and 6, and 18 and 12 can be tolerated.

16 and 10, 16 and 22 cause bitter enmity. 1 and 22, and 26 and 5 bring about widowhood.

Marriage should be avoided if both have the constellations 2, 23, 24, 8 and 9.

27 and 21 give mutual satisfaction. 25 and 19 show prosperity. 26 and 20 indicate very deep affection. 8 and 2 give rise to happiness.

In certain parts of southern India Rajju-*dosha* is avoided. The bride and the bridegroom should not have the same Rajju (rope). There are five such groups. The first is Pada Rajju covering 1, 9, 10, 18, 19 and 27. The second is Uru Rajju for 2, 8, 11, 17, 20 and 26. The third is Udara Rajju for 3, 7, 12, 16, 21 and 25. Next is Kantha Rajju for 4, 6, 13, 15, 22 and 24. The last is Sira Rajju for 5, 14 and 23. The constellations of the two should belong to different Rajjus. Then alone it gives rise to a long and happy married life.—*Rajju maangalya vriddhih syaat*".

In Northern India the same *nadi* for the girl and the boy is considered to be inauspicious. Adi Nadi covers 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 18, 19, 24 and 25. Madhya Nadi has 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23 and 26. Antya Nadi refers to 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 22 and 27.

There is, however, no *nadi dosha* for 3, 4, 5, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22 and 27. As per *Muhurta Chintamani* there is no *nadi dosha* if the Moon-sign is the same with different constellations, and if the same Nakshatra covers two different signs.

There are many other *kutas*. How far they give a correct reading has to be tested on a large number of charts. There are in all twenty such *kutas*. Some consider only ten or eleven. The main ones are given along with what they indicate in brackets. (1) Dina - Longevity and health. (2) Gana - Sobhanam or happiness and prosperity. (3) Yoni - mutual affection. (4) Rajju - long marital happiness. (5) Vedha - avoiding mutual conflicts. (6) Nadi - Saubhagya. (7) Mahendra - progeny. (8) Streedeergha - all-round happiness. (9) Rasi - continuance of the family line. (10) Lord of the Moon-sign - children. (11) Vasya - mutual dependence.

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There Lurks Fear -- I

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IN every discipline every researcher has his own method of research. It appears that in all ancient astrological researches not merely was there a brilliant and thorough methodology but a code of marking something as secret. When deep knowledge is given in the form of *sutras* (aphorisms) it cannot be understood by all astrologers. All codes have to be decoded. Many brilliant astrologers have decoded them and explained them in many Indian languages and also English. But how much more remains to be decoded is anyone's guess.

Since it is difficult to memorise those Sanskrit *slokas* when actually predictions are being given, there is need to prepare memory tablets. Mr. K. N. Rao who taught me Astrology and is my *Jyotisha-guru* has evolved many codes, some of which he teaches others and some he keeps secret, promising that he would teach them at the right time, God willing, to the right person.

One such memory tablet he has taught to Visharad classes in the Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan in New Delhi is most useful. Working with him I have learnt that some strong negative factors in a horoscope must be taken note of, if necessary noted down somewhere before giving any prediction. He insists that it must be done as he says fear lurks in every nook and corner.

To substantiate it he quotes from T. S. Eliot:

Your shadows in the morning
Rising to meet you,
Your shadow in the evening,
Striding behind you,
I will show you fear,
In a handful of dust.

"Do PAM invariably" is his instructions.

What is PAM? It is a memory tablet for a quick assessment of one's span of life according to Jaimini. Let it be explained thus:

(a) If Lagna and Moon are in Chara (movable) Rasi it gives Purna (full) Ayu (longevity); if in *Sthira* (fixed) Alpa (short); if in Dwiswabhava (dual) Madhya (medium).

(b) Similarly for Lagna lord and the 8th lord it should be done.

(c) Again similarly for Lagna and Hora Lagna it should be done.

When the Moon is in Lagna or the 7th house only Lagna and Hora Lagna should be taken into account.

Now how to calculate if say Lagna is in chara sign and the Moon in Dwiswabhava sign. Jaimini has no doubt given it and writers of books on Jaimini including Dr. B. V. Raman have explained it. But Mr. Rao's method is very simple and the best memory tablet. It is illustrated here.

JUPIT.		RAHU	MOON
MERC.(R) SUN	RASI		
VENUS MARS			
	ASCDT. SAT. KETU HORA-LAGNA		

Now write PAM in one place and take in the above horoscope all the three factors:

(1) Lagna lord is in Chara Rasi (P) and the 8th lord is in Sthira Rasi (A). Now PAM minus PA gives M which is medium life.

(2) Lagna is in Sthira (A) Moon in Dwiswabhava (M). Now PAM minus AM gives P or full life.

Now there is conflict between these two

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The first factor gives medium life while the second factor gives full life. So the Hora Lagna has to be taken into account.

(3) Now both Lagna and Hora Lagna are in Sthira, so it is Alpa.

Then some other methods are to be applied to see if there is increase in the span of life. There are many Yogaja Ayu combinations. Finally the Vimshottari Mahadasa and Jaimini Dasas and transits of planets, particularly Saturn.

But the subject-matter of this series, a piece of research done on the horoscopic data of Mr. Rao, is different. He invariably asks those whom he teaches Astrology to do PAM and MB first.

Let me first quote from his published articles to show how effectively he makes use of them in his predictions. Take the case of the famous actor, Amitabh Bachchan. His horoscope is as follows:

		SAT.	
ASCDT. KETU	Amitabh Bachchan		JUPIT.
			RAHU
		MOON	SUN 24° MERC. VENUS MARS

This article which had appeared in the December 1983 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE created a lot of controversy but none made inquiries from any person mentioned in the article whether the prediction of Amitabh's accident was made in advance, six months, or not. More amusing is the fact none saw the technical-astrological point mentioned in the article to explain why the accident appeared inevitable. A very important sentence in the article was "Is the story complete? No, I have yet to tell you the main part - Amitabh's Sun is in *Mrityu-bhaga*".

In the article sufficient stress was laid on M.B. or *mrityu-bhaga*. It was in the major period of Saturn and the sub-period of the Sun that Amitabh had met with the accident.

To omit M.B. in any horoscope is very risky. Quite often it is not marked in horoscopes and even when we note it down in our own registers we may not mark out planets in M.B. or worse can be when the horoscope being examined when M.B. table is not available. It has been mentioned in the "Tragedy of a Prediction" (*A.M.*, December 1984).

A very significant admission in the article is "Venus is badly afflicted and is near the Sun which is in *mrityu-bhaga* (death-dealing point)".

How did the mistake occur? It is explained thus: "I did not keep this horoscope in my records. When M. N. Kedar one day told me about fulfilled predictions I asked him to give me the horoscope together with Mr. Srivastava's account of these predictions...So for more than three years I did not see the horoscope of Arun."

Since Mr. Rao has told me that he has missed M.B. quite often he insists that those who learn Astrology from him must do PAM and MB to avoid the stupid, sometimes tragic, mistakes he has committed.

Slowly I saw with him hundreds of horoscopes in which I myself marked M.B. and asked him how it would affect the native. He told me that it sometimes affects the native and sometimes not the native but his family; destinies are interlinked.

Now before actual instances are given to show how effectively M.B. works it is necessary to stress three points:

(a) The Vimshottari Mahadasa must be worked out correctly because we have tested it only on the basis of this Dasa.

(b) All the degrees of the planets and Lagna must be calculated accurately.

(c) M.B. table, as modified by Mr. K. N. Rao (which will be given subsequently), has to be applied strictly.

In the research I have done under the guidance of Mr. Rao it appears to me that the planet's ownership and *karakatwa* (signification) become important factors in deciding the results of M.B.

Given here is a horoscope where the problem of birth of children was to be analysed.

This person's marriage had taken place on 21-7-1983 in the Venus-Jupiter period (13-3-1983 to 13-11-1985) and thereafter for many months his wife could not conceive. Balance of Saturn Dasa: 1 year, 8 months and 24 days.

MOON 15°27 MERC.17°10 MARS 14° VEN.0°04		RAHU 9°22	
	19-4-1947 8.15 p.m.		SAT.9°2
SUN			
	JUPIT.(R) 2°30 KETU9°22	ASCDT. 23°57	

(1) Now in this horoscope the 5th lord is unafflicted. But Saturn's dispositor the Moon is very close in degrees to Mars and Mercury.

(2) The 5th house has no affliction.

(3) Jupiter, the natural *putrakaraka*, is retrograde and with Ketu.

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(4) From Jupiter the 5th house has Mars which is generally not good for the health and welfare of children.

In Navamsa

RAHU		ASCDT. SUN	
	NAVAMSA		JUPIT. VENUS
MERC.	MOON MARS		SAT. KETU

(a) The 5th house is very badly afflicted with Saturn and Ketu.

(b) The 5th lord Mercury is in the 8th house, not good for children.

(c) From Jupiter, Mars is in the 5th house.

(d) From Navamsa Moon (Scorpio) again, the 5th house has Rahu and receives the aspect of Saturn.

In Saptamsa

ASCDT. SAT.		JUPIT. SUN	
	SAPTAMSA		KETU
MERC. RAHU			
MOON MARS			VENUS

(a) Ketu is in the 5th house of Saptamsa.

(b) The 5th lord of Saptamsa (Moon) is afflicted by Mars and Saturn.

(c) The 5th house from Jupiter in Saptamsa has a debilitated Venus aspected by Saturn while the 5th lord Mercury has Rahu with it and is aspected by Jupiter.

(d) Saptamsa Lagna is afflicted by Saturn and Mars.

The wife of this person had lot of difficulties in child-bearing in Venus-Jupiter period and after medical examination it was found that after some medical treatment she could conceive.

Then came Venus-Saturn period (13-11-1985 to 13-1-1989). Saturn is the 5th Lord and generally the 5th lord favours the birth of children. The wife of this person conceived twice during this period but both times there were miscarriages.

The horoscope of the wife is not very good from the point of view of children.

But the point that we missed in our astrological analysis is - Saturn, the 5th, is in *mrityubhaga*.

Now a question arises. If the 5th lord is in M.B., does it affect children? The question is worth examining with an open mind.

Now see the chart alongside. We are deliberately withholding some details. But it will be seen that two planets are in M.B., Venus and Moon.

MERC. MOON 11° 41			ASCDT. SAT.(R) MARS RAHU
SUN VEN.28°33	Ref. Blue Saraswati P.72		
KETU		JUPIT.(R)	

She has been running Venus Dasa since 1977. She had to face some problem about her children in her quarrels with her husband. Venus in M.B. may mean the *karakatwas* of Venus (marriage) being affected. The trouble began with children in Venus-Moon period. Otherwise the 5th house has Jupiter and the 5th lord from Lagna, Venus is aspected by Jupiter and in the 5th from Jupiter there are Venus and Sun.

More examples will be given in the next article. It appears that when a planet is in M.B. it affects the house he owns and the *karakatwa* of the planet, Sun (father), Moon (mother) etc.--123.89.

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The others are: (1) Ganitaagata ayushya, (2) Raya, (3) Pakshi, (4) Yogini, (5) Linga, (6) Bhuuta, (7) Chandra Yoga, (8) Gotra and (9) Jati.

According to an ancient saying the relation between the lords of the Moon-signs is to be considered for Brahmanas; Gana for Kshatriyas; Streedeergha for Vaisyas; and Yoni for others. Rasi Varga is also mentioned for Vaisyas and Dina for Brahamanas. More details for calculating the score can be had from DR. B. V. RAMAN'S *Muhurta*.--202.89.

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Jaimini Female Horoscopy

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As regards female horoscopy, it appears as though none was particular in expounding exclusive and elaborate treatment on it. In Indian Astrology the little that is known is from Varahamihira and in Jaimini school of thought, Somanath has dealt with it in an interesting and novel way in his *Kalpalatha*.

In the female nativity, if the birth Ascendant is an even sign, reckon the houses in clock-wise direction and if the birth Ascendant is an odd sign, reckon the houses in anti-clockwise direction. But from the Drekkana Ascendant, reckon always, whether odd or even, in anti-clockwise direction. Judge the following significations in the female nativity of the twelve houses of both the birth Ascendant and Drekkana Ascendant.

1.	Ascendant:	Physique
2.	2nd House:	Facial features
3.	3rd house:	Breasts and buttocks
4.	4th house:	Ornaments
5.	5th house:	Character and conduct
6.	6th house:	Other women whom her husband marries
7.	7th house:	Hair; nature of the husband, kind or cruel, loving or not
8.	8th house:	Female organ
9.	9th house:	Duties, prosperity of the husband
10.	10th house:	Piety, character or faithfulness to husband
11.	11th house:	Gains and luxuries
12.	12th house:	Ears and feet

The above significations can be judged by the benefic or malefic planetary associations in the houses. Besides, the following are the specific results by the planetary combinations in the below-mentioned houses.

Birth or Drekkana Ascendant

1. If the Moon and Jupiter occupy the Ascendant, the woman is good natured and well-behaved.

2. If the Sun and Mars occupy it, she will be extremely irritable and curt.

3. If the Moon and Venus occupy it, she is beautiful, graceful but proud.

4. If the Moon and Mercury occupy it, the woman will be good at fine arts.

5. If Saturn and Ketu occupy it, the woman is ugly to look at.

6. If Saturn and Rahu occupy it, the woman is not chaste and brings stigma to the family.

7. If Mercury and Venus in the Ascendant are aspected by the waning Moon, she will have unhealthy and corpulent body and possesses bad-omened vortices of hair.

8. If Mercury and Venus in the Ascendant are aspected by the Moon, the woman will be stout and possesses vortices of hair.

9. If Saturn occupies the Ascendant and is aspected by Mars, the woman will have dark hair, curved head with scars and tumours.

10. If Jupiter occupies the Ascendant, the woman will have reddish-brown hair.

11. If Rahu occupies the Ascendant, her head will be big in size.

12. If Mars occupies the Ascendant, the woman will be troubled with lice on her head.

13. If Saturn and Rahu occupy the Ascendant aspected by the Sun, she will have bald head or will have vertical unbending stiff hair on her head.

14. If Venus in the Ascendant is aspected by the Moon, she will have a very attractive head.

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15. If the lord of the Ascendant or the Ascendant is aspected by a debilitated malefic or combust planet, the woman's body will have bad odour.

16. If the Moon unaspected by benefics is debilitated and is aspected by malefics, the woman's body will have bad odour.

17. If the lord of the Ascendant is debilitated, aspected by malefics and debilitated planets, the woman will have bad odour. Rahu gives the smell of honey, Mars gives the smell of fish, Venus gives the flavour of flowers, Jupiter gives the flavour of sandalwood.

18. If Mercury is associated or aspected, there will not be any characteristic smell. The Moon represents white complexion; Venus - light blue, Mars - red, Jupiter - golden yellow and Saturn - dark.

2nd House

1. If the Moon and Jupiter occupy the 2nd house, she will be Secretary to Government, P.A. to the minister, preceptor to the king, or holds office in the Education and Planning departments. She would be a good adviser.

2. If the Moon and Venus in association with the lord of the 2nd house occupy the 2nd house, she possesses clear bright lotus insignia. She will be the happiest, the most respected and the most beautiful woman.

3. If the Moon and Venus occupy the 2nd house, she will have white or pale and broad eyes.

4. If Saturn and Rahu occupy the 2nd house, she will have a squint.

5. If Mars or Saturn occupy the 2nd house, she will have light blue eyes.

6. If the Sun in the 2nd house is not aspected by benefics, she loses her eyesight.

5th House

1. The 5th and 9th houses represent children. The number of planets in the 5th and 9th houses represent the number of children.

2. The number of benefics posited between the aspecting planets and the 5th and 9th houses, represent the number of children surviving. Suppose a planet aspects the 5th house. Then the number of benefics in the signs between this aspecting planet and the 5th house represent the number of children surviving. If a planet aspects the 9th house, the number of benefics, posited in the signs between this aspecting planet and the 9th house, represent the number of children surviving.

3. The number of malefic planets or debilitated or weak planets in the signs, as said above, represent the number of children who do not survive.

8th House

(a) 1. If Rahu occupies the 8th house, the male children, if born, do not survive.

2. If Rahu in the 8th house is aspected or associated with benefics, the children will survive.

3. If the Moon in the 8th house is aspected by Mars, abortion takes place.

4. If the Moon and Mars occupy the 8th house, the woman suffers from very difficult delivery, which may even need operation.

5. If the Moon and Saturn occupy the 8th house, miscarriage takes place as a result of which the mother or the child may die.

6. Malefic planets in the 8th house show the death of her husband.

7. If Rahu in association with the malefics occupies the 8th house, she becomes a widow before her delivery takes place.

8. If Rahu in the 8th house is aspected by malefics, she becomes a virgin widow.

9. If Mars alone occupies the 8th house, she becomes a widow after her delivery.

10. If Saturn occupies the 8th house, she becomes a widow after three deliveries.

11. Venus in the 8th house causes widowhood only after 60 years of her age.

12. Jupiter, if associated with malefics in the 8th house, causes widowhood in the last part of her age.

13. Mercury gives the results of the planets with whom he is associated in the 8th house.

(b) 1. If Venus in the 8th house is aspected by the waning Moon, rumours go that some one followed (died) after her death.

2. If Mars and Rahu in the Ascendant are aspected by the waning Moon, while malefics in the 7th, 8th and 9th houses are not aspected by benefics, the death of her younger sister or brother follows her death.

3. If Mercury and Venus are associated with or aspected by malefics, death happens knowingly.

4. If Jupiter in the 8th house is aspected by the Moon, death happens due to accident.

(c) 1. If Venus in the 8th house is associated with or aspected by Mars, the female organ will be short.

2. If Saturn occupies the 8th house, the female organ will be long.

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Hindu Rekha Sastra — VIII*

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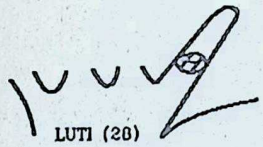
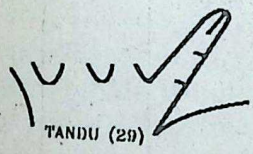
28. Luti



लुटिः कुच्छात् तदन्तरा ।

Luti runs vertically between *Paati* and the *Sandhi rekha* (junction) between the bottom and middle phalanges of the left index finger. One with this line will have a large family budget and in consequence find it difficult to feed the members and himself subtantially; food will have to be limited in quantity.

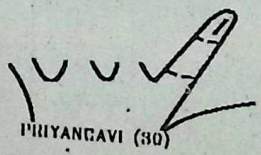
29. Tandu



तण्डु स्यादन्त्यपर्वस्था सोर्ध्वमुख्यपरा पुनः।

Tandu runs vertically along the sides on the top phalange of the left index finger up to the nail. A person with this line will always think and look ahead both about his career and in sports. The word suggests the ox which always puts its chin up, as it were.

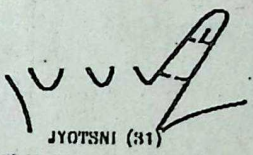
30. Priyangavi



प्रियङ्गवी तु मध्यस्था फलं सम्यग्विवर्धनम् ।

This line too runs vertically in the same area as above, but will be at the centre of the phalange unlike *Tandu*. One with this line will get all one desires. As the word suggests the cow will be one of his loves.

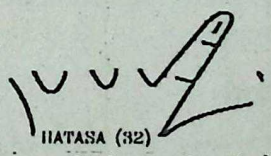
31. Jyotsni



ज्योत्स्नी प्रियङ्गवीत्यूनः फलं तस्याः परिग्रहः ।

Jyotsni appears a little below *Priyangavi*. This is also vertical. One who has this line will have an unusual marriage. It also suggests other liaisons.

32. Hatasa



ज्योत्स्नी स्थूलतरा सोर्ध्वं पुत्रनाशं फलं वदेत् ।

This line runs vertically above *Jyotsni* and is thick in appearance. One with this line will suffer sorrow on account of loss of son, who will die unexpectedly (without illness) through natural calamities or by vomitting blood. Name suggests dashing of the father's hope.

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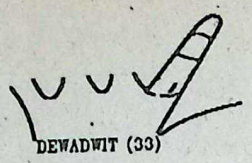
33. Devadwit

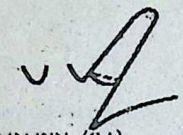


DEVADWIT (33)

तन्मूलरोमसन्धिस्था देवाद्विति कथ्यते ।

This line appears at the foot of the left index finger, above the *Sandhi rekha* coursing towards the hairy part of the finger behind. As the name suggests, one with this line will be an agnostic and hate religion.

34. Kapardi

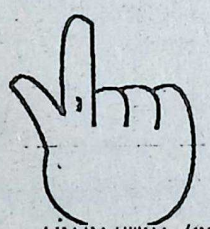


KAPARDI (34)

कपर्दिस्तदधः स्याद् भार्याभङ्गः फलं भवेत् ।

This line appears below *Devadwit* entwining the *Sandhi rekha*, but tending towards the side slopingly. Death of wife and matter hair are its results.

35. Aparajita

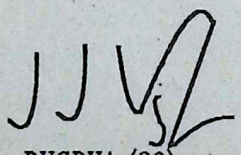


APARAJITHA (35)

पृष्ठभागस्थिता तस्याः पुत्रनाशं व्रजेद् ध्रुवम्

This line appears at the back of the left index finger and runs upward. Loss of children is its result. The word means undefeated, but the result is the reverse so far as the owner is concerned.

36. Dugdha

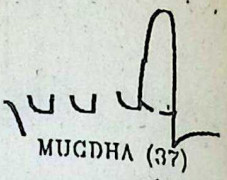


DUGDHA (36)

दुग्धा प्रशस्ता मूलस्था क्षिप्रमेव मृतिं वदेत् ।

Dugdha runs downwards from the foot of the left index finger leaning towards its left side. It cuts short one's own life. The name suggests love of milk.

37. Mugdha



MUGDHA (37)

तत्रैव परिवेषेण वर्तते या परा मता ।

This line will encircle the foot of the left index finger. In the case of men, it brings about honour from intellectual attainments, and in the case of women dishonour by lack of intelligence.

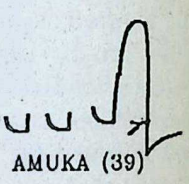
38. Sormi

SORMI (38)

सोर्मिस्तत्रैव विघ्या स्यात् ।

Should *Mugdha* be an incomplete circle, it is known as *Sormi*. One who has it, will get all our desires. It also suggests a large proportioned body.

39. Amuka

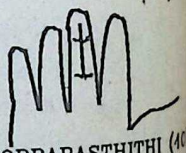


AMUKA (39)

प्रस्फुटा स्थूलयपृका ।

Amuka appears near *Sormi*. It is a thick line and reaches upto the hairy part at the back of the finger. One with that line will be courageous and enjoy sex life to the brim.

40. Korparasthithi



KORPARASTHITHI (40)

कोर्परास्थितिरत्युच्चा मध्यमामूलगामिनी ।

This is a straight line starting from above the top *Sandhi rekha* of the left middle finger running down to its foot. It brings about sorrow in one's life as a result of lack of intelligence.

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Reflections on Ramayana — III*

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A BRIEF reference was made in a previous article covering the dates of *Ramayana* and other Hindu Scriptures. Our objective is not generating needless controversies, and thereby side stepping the main subjects of interest, which are Sri Rama and *Ramayana*. The ironic thing is that when modern astronomers say that the universe is billion or so years old, practically no one among us questions the basis for arriving at such a conclusion. In fact, many may not even comprehend what is a billion! We are often awed and intimidated by modern science, that we tend to agree with many conclusions that are at best calculated-guesses, and for most part purely ridiculous and scientifically unsubstantiated conclusions. We must have the courage of conviction to call a bluff a bluff. Our yardstick for evaluating dates of Hindu scriptures must be also fair. Some modern writers have alluded to the possibility that *Ramayana* as written by Sage Valmiki may include, in addition to real facts, some fables. They have offered no substantiative proof or valid reasoning to justify their conclusions. **Many modern writers love to create sensations to attract public attention and thereby publicity for themselves.** The sensations created for getting the ears and eyes of the public-at-large are often based, unfortunately, not on truth or facts.

A constant reminder throughout our discussion of *Ramayana* is to be aware of the fact that the effects and the synthesis of the Law of Karma and the Law of Dharma are ingrained in *Ramayana*. Valmiki's early life was a purely materialistic life with very little Dharma in it. In fact, he was said to be a robber who way-laid people travelling through a forest. By his Adharma, he was supporting his family. His meeting with Sage Narada was not a chance or accidental meeting as some believe it to be. The Law of Karma is not based on chance or accident. The Law of Karma is both a natural and neutral law. It neither favours the rich nor fears the powerful. It does not discriminate. It is a Law that has no loose ends. It is a time bound mechanism that unfolds in everyone's life, regardless of whether one is ready to face or understand it. The Law of Karma is a divine ordained law for the protection and preservation of Dharma. The Law of Karma applies even to those whose lives are almost spiritual-perfect. The physical sufferings in the form of cancer of Sri Ramakrishna Paramhamsa and Ramana Maharishi further exemplifies the effects of Prarabdha Karma, or fructifying component of total accumulated Karma. The early low life of Valmiki was the result of the Prarabdha Karma.

A glimpse into the Law of Karma complements our understanding of the lives of Sage Valmiki and others. The divine Law of Karma, propounded by our ancient *rishis* or sages, is based on their observations generated by centuries of cumulative experiences. The Law of Karma identifies three key components. They are Sanchita Karma, Prarabdha Karma and

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Agami Karma. The Prarabdha Karma is that element of Karma that is unfolded at birth and has to be experienced during life. It is the Karma for which the individual pays the dues. It is this Karma that one refers to as destiny or fate. Prarabdha Karma is to be endured. The result of one's actions or inactions in earlier births or incarnations appear as Prarabdha Karma. However, once the effects of Prarabdha Karma are overcome or experienced, an individual has the full freedom or free-will to chart the future direction of his or her life. An important part in life is the "triple-critical" point or the junction point of Sanchita, Prarabdha, and Agami Karmas. At this point, there is practically absolute free-will, and one has the unique opportunity to make or mar one's future life or lives. One may move forward or fall backward. The mind clearly identifies the thin line between Dharma and Adharma. The Law of Karma also encompasses free-will. Neither free-will nor destiny is absolute. The ego, greed, hate and other lower levels of human nature are challenged. The higher levels of human nature such as decency, dignity, spiritualism and love are exposed to be imbibed by the individual.

We must be aware that many unfortunately, but erroneously, justify for their own satisfaction that their shortcomings and other failures are purely due to Prarabdha Karma. This is nothing but an abused understanding of the Law of Karma. The events that befall us are the effects of Prarabdha Karma only when we recognise that either they were due to causes over which we had no control, or our reasonable efforts made little or no difference to the outcome. The exile of Sri Rama to the forest is a classic example of an event over which he had very little control. It is the result of Prarabdha Karma.

Valmiki's early low life was the result of his own actions in previous lives. His early life was largely influenced by Prarabdha Karma. There is no doubt that he was aware that what he was doing for his livelihood was Adharma, but he was unable to do anything until the culmination of the powerful Prarabdha Karma. Powerful Prarabdha Karma even robs an individual of his or her *viveka*, or the power of discriminating between good and evil. Prarabdha Karma for some is a whirlwind of nature out of which it is difficult to escape. The major portion of Prarabdha Karma had passed in Valmiki's life by the time he met Sage Narada. Valmiki was clearly at the triple-critical point of Karma system. Valmiki became very clear of the options he had after his meeting with Narada. *Viveka* resurfaced in his life. He was free to continue his lowly life or change for better. He was free to generate positive energies or Karma. His decision to change made his name an eternal one. The thief found a theme in life. The lowly character became a spiritual character.

One may wonder what would have happened if at the triple-critical point Valmiki had not abandoned his old way of livelihood? The key thing to be aware of before one attempts to answer this hypothetical question is that Vishnu planned a role as Sri Rama to stop the injustice perpetuated by Ravana and other *rakshasas* on humanity. It was a divine opportunity and a blessing for sage Valmiki to become the poet to convey to the world the story of Sri Rama. Valmiki was just the instrument for the transfer of information about Sri Rama. The story of Sri Rama would have been recorded and released, regardless of whether the story-teller was Valmiki or any other person. The simple and yet powerful message is that when an opportunity developed, Sage Valmiki grabbed it with full vigour. It changed his life, and he remains in everyone's mind as immortal as our hero Sri Rama. Sage Narada's wise words were the trigger-mechanism that ultimately propelled Valmiki into a Maharshi or a great sage. Valmiki's *divya drishti* or eternal vision enabled him to see the unfolding of even events that had not happened at the time of writing. Valmiki recorded in *Ramayana* events that were to happen later. Today our limited senses make it somewhat difficult to comprehend *divya drishti* possessed by Valmiki and other sages. In rather simplistic terms, eternal vision means the time frame is frozen. There is no past, present, or future in the time dimension. The cloak is at a standstill. Yes, the understanding of the concept of *divya drishti* is confusing to most people today. Valmiki was neither the creator nor the inventor of *Ramayana*. He simply wrote down what he saw in his divine vision. His writing is *Ramayana*.

The story of Valmiki in *Ramayana* is a classic example of man's limited perfection. The life of Valmiki is an example that tells that every saint has a past. More importantly, it effectively reminds us every day, that every sinner has a future. Past mistakes, once recognized

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Should We Adopt Sayana Charts — II*

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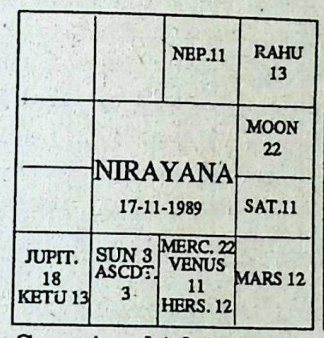
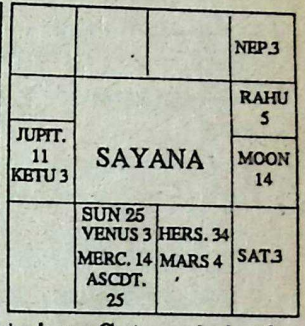
(Publication of this article does not mean that we endorse the author's views on Sayana. Since THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *is a forum for expression for different points of view, views other than ours are also given for the benefit of our esteemed readers.—Ed., A.M.)*

IN THE June 1989 issue of the *A.M.* Agastya has discussed four horoscopes in Nirayana. In converting them into Sayana and delineating them, I do not question any of his arguments as they are perfect, but if I claim that there can be only Sayana charts as there is no Nirayana in astronomy, I will have to demonstrate that whatever reasons are given must be shown by Sayana charts also and in a better way. What I propose to do is to take a Sayana chart and apply to it aspects, both western and eastern, especially the special aspects, Navamsas and Yogakarakas and *marakas* for each Lagna.

(1) The date, time and place of birth have been withheld in the article. However with the help of the Navamsa chart and the ephemerides I have taken the dates when the planetary positions concur (may differ by a day according to time of birth).

The Moon's position in the 9th in his own house in Nirayana gives him a partial Adhiyoga indicating birth in a high family. The Sayana chart must also show this even better. Here the Sun, lord of the 10th, is in the Ascendant in a friendly sign and the Moon, lord of 9th, is in the 10th in Leo, a royal sign. This indicates birth in a high family. The 10th lord Sun is in Lagna in





Scorpio which is a secret sign. Saturn is in the 10th house in Leo in Nirayana, a sign of a bitter enemy. So the native had a violent end according to Nirayana. In Sayana, Saturn is aspecting the Ascendant and Mercury, lord of the 8th therein, and Venus, lord of the 12th, by a powerful 3rd house aspect. The secrecy is due to lord of the 1st and the 6th being in the 12th, a place of hidden enemy.

The violent planet Herschel in the 12th also shows a secret violent end. From the Moon, Saturn aspects Mercury, lord of the 2nd and the 11th, and Mars aspects lord of the 8th. Saturn's powerful aspect to the Ascendant and lord of the 8th in Sayana appears more ominous than Saturn being in the 10th house. Please also note that Saturn has the Navamsa of Capricorn in Sayana and this adds to evil. In Nirayana, Yogakaraka Jupiter is in his own sign and aspects the 8th and the 10th houses. This should have prevented the secret and violent end to

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some extent. In Sayana also Jupiter is Yogakaraka and aspects Saturn, but here Jupiter is debilitated and cannot help. The explanations given are only restricted to facts given. I have neither the scholarship nor a fraction of Agastya's experience, but I feel we have made a mistake in adopting Nirayana charts out of respect for our elders. I may be wrong but someone has to point out how and why. Now the question is very important, for Astrology is being introduced in schools and colleges and if students become accustomed to Nirayana charts, it will take a long time to unlearn things. Also all research going on now will prove fruitless. It is the duty of every astrologer to think about this in the interests of this most sacred science.

In the second chart, the native underwent imprisonment and died a tragic death. The imprisonment was due to political reasons.

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MARS 17			RAHU 1
			NEP.7 ASCDT. 2

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			MOON 18 RAHU 24
		NEP.1	ASCDT. 24

See the Sayana chart. Imprisonment is due to Rahu and the Moon in the 12th aspected by Mars, lord of the 8th. Also from the 10th house Saturn and Herschel aspect the 1st and 10th lord Mercury in the 7th house. The 10th house is authority and the 7th house, open enemies. The lord of the 12th house Sun is entering exaltation in the 8th house. Also Saturn aspects the Moon in the 12th house and the 8th lord Mars aspects it. This shows imprisonment for political reasons. It shows tragic death by heavy afflictions to the Moon in the 12th house. Saturn and Herschel in the 10th show violence on the part of authorities. The lord of the 12th house in the 8th opposition Neptune, in the 2nd also shows clearly a tragic end. But since circumstances and time are not given a good demonstration of Sayana is not possible.

Venereal diseases like syphillis or gonorrhoea occur if Mars and Venus occupy Lagna or the 7th house and are afflicted by malefics. As some mental conflict is also involved Mercury and the Moon will also be afflicted.

			SUN 24
MOON 23 KETU 14	NIRAYANA 8-7-1925		ASCDT.15 MARS 15 VEN. 16 RAHU14 MERC. 14
JUPIT. 24		SAT.14	

MOON 15 KETU 6	SAYANA		SUN 16
JUPIT. 16			MARS 7 ASCDT. MERC. VENUS RAHU
	SAT.6		

In his twenties the native was very strong, virile and highly spirited. The Moon is in the 7th aspected by Mars, Rahu, Mercury and Venus in both Sayana and Nirayana. The boy belonging to an orthodox Hindu family fell into evil ways and contracted a venereal disease. He went to a quack doctor who proclaimed him cured and he married a high class lady. Disease recurred and was transmitted to his wife. She was operated upon and died of T.B. In both Sayana and Nirayana Mars and Venus are in Lagna and the Moon in the 7th is aspected. Saturn also aspects the group in Ascendant. In Nirayana Jupiter is in his own house in the 6th and Saturn in the 4th exalted. In Sayana Jupiter is debilitated and Saturn is in an inimical place. Jupiter in Sagittarius should have given him some moral instinct and prevented disease and exalted Saturn in the 4th house aspecting Mars should have given him some restraint. But no planet is powerful in Sayana and the Sun, lord of the 1st, is in the 12th house thus making him lose all the powers of the Ascendant. Let us see from the 7th house (wife). Here Aquarius has the lord of the 6th, Moon. The lord of the 7th is in the 6th house. The lord of the 7th Sun is aspected by debilitated Jupiter from the 12th of wife and so this could give no help. All planets in the 7th are seen by Saturn from the 4th house of happiness. Her death is shown by the aspect of Saturn to her 7th house. Jupiter, lord of the 8th, has an opposition aspect to the Sun, lord of wife's 7th house.

In the last horoscope is given the career of a man for whom all things went on well until the time of Saturn's entry into Cancer.

He had promotion and was placed in independent charge of an office. With Sun's Bhukti in Saturn's Dasa troubles began. He was 47 at the time of his death. Saturn in his own house in the 10th is a good yoga which gave him promotion in the initial stages as Saturn always does if he is powerful and causes downfall in the end.

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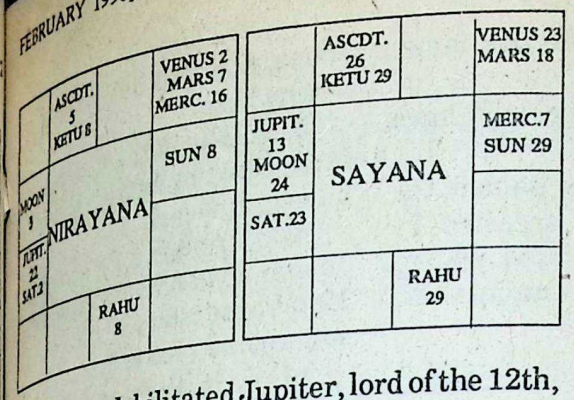
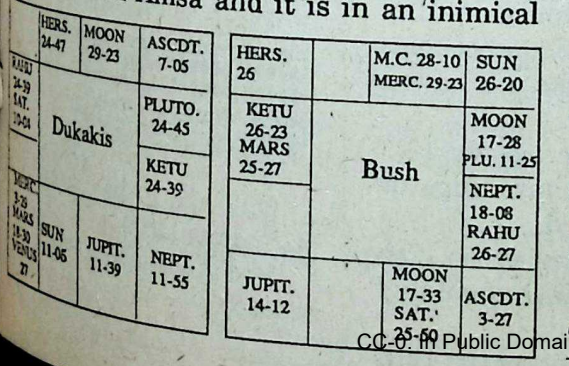


In Nirayana debilitated Jupiter, lord of the 12th, is in the 10th though it is at the end of the sign (I take the sign as the house itself with some modification as in ancient books). Saturn, lord of the 10th and the 11th, a malefic is opposed by the Sun from Cancer. This has caused downfall in job. Paralysis is due to the opposition of Saturn and Sun, for the Sun governs circulation and Saturn, hindrance. He was 47 at the time of his death. Mars, lord of the 1st and 8th which aspects Saturn, is the planet causing death. So taking 1 degree measure which is universally applicable and adding 47 degrees to Mars, we come to 15 degrees Leo opposition Jupiter, the lord of the 12th. Jupiter is powerless as he has a debilitated Amsa in Sayana. To lord of the 6th Mercury add 47 degrees and we get 24 degrees Leo opposition Moon, lord of the 4th or end of life.

Thus in all cases we have shown that Sayana charts are correct and work better than Nirayana charts.

Michael Stanley Dukakis was born on 3-11-1933 at 6.06 p.m. LMT at 42 N and 71 W and George Herbert Walker Bush was born on 12-6-1924 at 10.22 a.m. LMT at 42 N and 1 W (vide *A.M.* June 1989, Buell D. Huggin's letter).

Dukakis has lords of 1, 4 and 5 in an angle in the 7th. It is a good yoga, but it is almost spoiled by the presence of Mars, lord of the 6th and the 11th. Saturn in the 9th house in Aquarius and Jupiter aspecting Saturn is good, but Jupiter has debilitated Amsa and it is in an inimical



sign. The 10th house is not aspected by any planet. Those who are destined to occupy an authoritative position must have angles especially the 10th and 1st strong. They are not strong here. The 9th house is better but it can give only fortune as exalted Moon also does here.

Bush has a far stronger horoscope. Jupiter in the 4th in his own house gives a great yoga. The Sun, lord of authority, is in the 10th, and gets the aspect of Jupiter. Please note that the Sun has an exalted Navamsa. Herschel is in the 8th house (open enemy) who may cause slander and opposition, but its lord Jupiter is in his own house. However, the Sun and Jupiter are afflicting each other which is not good. Saturn exalted in the 2nd with the Moon, lord of the 11th, is a great Dhana Yoga but a hidden diplomatic assignment as it aspects the 8th house. Exalted Saturn aspecting Venus also gives a great Yoga especially as Saturn aspects from the house of Venus. Please note here Saturn is with the Moon and Venus is in the 10th, a place of authority, and we can judge from the Moon-sign when it is strong. Mercury in the 9th has an exalted Navamsa. This also has given him an authoritative position.

A glance at the two horoscopes clearly indicates that Bush's horoscope is far stronger and it should give him victory. Of course there are afflictions like imprisonment, danger from enemies, but these do not nullify the Yogas. The Yogas give their effect first and the *karma* is fulfilled and afflictions causing disaster will come in their own time. The afflictions in Bush's horoscope are very strong. Herschel is in the 7th and Mars, lord of the 8th, aspects Rahu and Jupiter in the 12th. He will not continue as President for a full term and there is danger to his life from enemies. Mercury in the 9th is aspected by Mars, lord of the 3rd and the 8th in the 6th house. Mars also aspects Neptune in the 12th, which may lead to some confinement whatever the cause. Mars is square Mercury. But no one can predict particulars except those who are inspired by the Deity. Reason, as rightly said by Agastya, can lead us only to a certain stage and can give us only a general picture. Intuition is necessary for astrological prediction.

Victory to Bush is clearly indicated by the chart when analysed in the proper way.—104.89.

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3. If Rahu occupies the 8th house, it will be curved and long.

4. If Jupiter occupies the 8th house, it will be normal.

5. If Mars occupies the 8th house, it contains boils.

6. If the Sun occupies the 8th house, she suffers from the bad heat of the organ.

7. If the Moon and Venus occupy the 8th house, the sexual intercourse will be for a short time.

8. If Jupiter occupies the 8th house, it will be normal.

9. If Saturn occupies the 8th house, it may be prolonged.

10. If Saturn even in association with Mars or Venus occupies the 8th house, abnormal time of intercourse is indicated.

11. If Rahu occupies the 8th house, she will have not only the desire but also enjoy longer intercourse.

12. If Ketu occupies the 8th house, only the desire remains.

13. If Mercury occupies the 8th house, she will not have even the desire.

11th House

1. If the Moon and Venus occupy the 11th house or the 3rd house or both the Moon and Venus aspect the 11th or 3rd house, she will have a conch-shaped neck, looking beautiful and attractive.

2. If it is the Moon and Jupiter, she will have attractive wrinkled lines around her neck.

3. If Rahu, she will have scars on her neck.

4. If Mars and Saturn, she will have a neck for the namesake.

5. If Ketu, she will have tonsils.

6. If Saturn and Rahu in the 11th or 3rd are aspected by Mars or a debilitated planet, she suffers from mumps and diphtheria.

12th House

(a) 1. If the 12th house, being a watery sign, is occupied by the watery planets, the woman is pious-minded and makes pilgrimages.

2. If the Moon is there, she makes a sea voyage.

3. If Rahu is there, she wanders in hilly regions.

4. If Saturn is there, she wanders in the forest regions.

(b) 1. If the Moon and Jupiter occupy the 12th house, she shines and prospers due to fish-insignia under her feet.

2. If Saturn and Rahu occupy the 12th house, she will have very hard and rugged feet.

3. If the Moon and Venus occupy the 12th house, she will have very soft-skinned attractive feet.

4. If the Sun and Rahu occupy the 12th house, she will have broad and very hard feet.

5. If the strong Moon occupies the 12th house, she will have lotus insignia under her feet. Judge the above from the 12th house reckoned from the lord of the 12th house.

(c) 1. If the Moon occupies the 12th house, she will have a very good bed.

2. If Saturn occupies the 12th house, she will have rugs or carpets as her bed.

3. If Mars occupies the 12th house, she will have the dusty floor as her bed.

4. If Rahu occupies the 12th house, she will have stony or thorny bed.

5. If Rahu in the 12th house is aspected by Venus, she will have grassy bed.

6. If Jupiter and Venus or Jupiter and Mercury occupy the 12th house, she will have very soft and attractive bed.

(d) 1. If Mars and Saturn occupy the 12th house, she will suffer from chronic diseases.

2. If Mars and Saturn in the 12th house are aspected by benefics, there will be humidity during sexual intercourse.

3. If the Moon and Rahu occupy the 12th house, she suffers from urinary diseases.

4. If Mercury and Venus occupy the 12th house, the organ bulges and looks hideous and fearful.

5. If Ketu in the 12th house is aspected by benefics, she suffers from infectious diseases like syphilis.

6. If malefics occupy the 3rd, 6th and the 12th houses, she suffers from boil on the organ.

7. If Venus and Mars occupy any of the 3rd, 6th, 8th or 12th houses, the woman will have moustache and beard.

8. It would be proper to reserve judgement until one arrives at a prediction from the majority of the birth Ascendant, Drekkana Ascendant, Atmakaraka and Swakaraka.—76.70.

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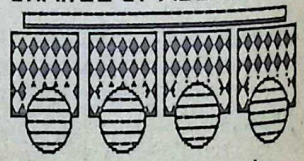

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Jupiter-Saturn Nexus: An Exposition -- II*

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I SHALL now deal with cases where Jupiter and Saturn are in opposite houses. In Chart 11 Mars and Jupiter occupy Gemini Lagna while Saturn joins the 7th house in Sagittarius.

Saravali (Ch. 30, *sloka* 50) says Jupiter in Lagna gives an attractive appearance to the native. The native lives long and possesses energy. He will act only after carefully assessing the consequences, will be learned, courageous and great.

Bhrigu Sutras mention (Ch. 5 *sloka* 1 to 6) that Jupiter in Lagna in own sign makes one a good speaker, well versed in *sastras*, he will have a full knowledge of *Vedas*, a number of children, will be happy, long-lived and learned. If Jupiter in Lagna is placed in an inimical sign or in debilitation, the native will indulge in sinful deeds, he will have an unstable mind and medium span of life. He will be childless, full of false vanity, will forsake near relatives and well-wishers, likes travelling, will be inimical towards others and miserable.

Phaladeepika says that Jupiter in Lagna will give a handsome appearance. He will perform religious acts, will live long, be fearless and will have children.

Now, let us see the results of Saturn in the 7th house. *Saravali* (Ch. 30, *sloka* 80) says that the native will possess a weak body, lose his wife, be bereft of wealth, will make himself ugly and do mean acts.

Bhrigu Sutram (Ch. 7, *slokas* 31): The native will have a lean bodied wife, will be afflicted in body, will indulge in prostitution. He will also be very sorrowful.

To prove the above findings, the results as described for Saturn in Lagna and Jupiter in the 7th house should also be understood.

Saturn in Ascendant makes one dirty, poor, ugly in appearance, miserable, many diseases sinful, etc., but in exaltation or own sign will make the native equal to a king.

Jupiter in the 7th makes the native acquire a beautiful wife, charming, enjoy abundant sexual pleasure and be happy. Jupiter in Cancer may result in loss of wife.

Born on 25-9-1930 at 0.50 hrs. at Etawah, with a balance of 14 years, 0 months and 17 days of Rahu Dasa.

	RAHU		ASCDT. MARS JUPIT.
	11 RASI		
SAT.		VENUS MOON KETU	SUN MERC.

SUN	RAHU	VENUS MARS JUPIT.	ASCDT.
	NAVAMSA		SAT.
MERC.			
MOON		KETU	

Now let us see the position of Jupiter and Saturn in the above chart. Saturn occupies the 7th and Jupiter is posited in the Ascendant with Mars. The native is a private medical practitioner. He is short-statured, dark complexioned, of elderly appearance and other qualities of Saturn in the Ascendant are present in him, whereas his wife is extremely fair in complexion, very charming in appearance and

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behaviour and comes from a royal family. She is a famous TV actress. Married life is just tolerable but inclined towards unhappiness.

Here Saturn is giving results as if placed in Lagna whereas Jupiter's influence is of the 7th house instead of the Ascendant. Thus Jupiter and Saturn have exchanged their results here. Let us see another chart for the confirmation of these findings. In Chart 1 (*A.M.*, January 1990) Saturn occupies Lagna and Jupiter is in the 7th. The results are just opposite. Jupiter has given the results of Lagna while Saturn has bestowed the effects of the 7th house. Here it again shows the exchange of properties between Jupiter and Saturn.

The native of Chart 11 has a son and a daughter. The daughter is not married and is a cause of great worry whereas the son is also very dissatisfied with his job since many years. The native's practice is also below par.

Born on 6-11-1951 at 19.39 hrs. at 79° 35' E, 27° 23' N with a balance of 6 years, 6 months and 11 days of Mars Dasa.

JUPIT.			ASCDT.
RAHU	12 RASI		
MOON			MARS KETU
	MERC.	SUN	VENUS SAT.

5	SUN		SAT.
VENUS	NAVAMSA		KETU
RAHU			MOON MERC.
	MARS	ASCDT. JUPIT.	

The native of Chart 12 is a professor in an engineering college. He possesses a house of his own and lands along with various movable properties. He has two beautiful sons and enjoys a very high reputation in society and among relatives. Jupiter and Saturn's opposition can be noted in the 10th and the 4th houses. Here Jupiter and Saturn do not appear to exchange their results as Jupiter in Pisces has made the native a teacher. Saturn in the 4th house in Virgo has caused lung trouble in his boyhood. Saturn in Virgo with the 5th lord Venus gives an inclination for engineering. Saturn is the lord of the 8th house and its placement in the 4th house will cause chest trouble, illness to mother, gains through legacy and a complicated mind. Such a native hardly reveals his thoughts to any one. The native possesses these qualities. The mother of the native died of cancer in 1989.

Chart 13 is of an engineer. He is good looking, possesses movable and immovable property, has three children, 2 sons and a daughter. The financial position is also sound. Jupiter falls in the 4th house in Pisces and Saturn is in opposition to Jupiter in the 10th house. The native's Jupiter is stronger, so Jupiter's results will be more prominent. The native is a very good-natured, well-behaved, kind-hearted and God-fearing person. Jupiter in the 4th house has bestowed on him much landed property. Saturn in Virgo in the 10th has made the native an engineer.

If we compare this and previous cases, we find that Jupiter is there in Pisces and Saturn in Virgo in both the cases. In the previous case Jupiter occupied the 10th house so the native is a teacher while in the present one Saturn is in the 10th so the native is an engineer. Jupiter is stronger as he is in own sign, therefore, Jupiter's result is prominent in both the cases.

The native of Chart 14 born in Virgo with Saturn in Lagna has Jupiter in the 7th house. The wife of the native has a sickly constitution. She is an air hostess. She suffers from windy diseases, pains in the body, stomach troubles. So far as the native's physique and personality are concerned, they fit with Jupiter in the Lagna. He is very tall, extremely handsome and smart, very generous and kind-hearted etc. So here again we find that Jupiter and Saturn have exchanged their properties when placed opposite each other.

The native has changed many vocations including films but he is still unsuccessful. He has a daughter.

Here, I would like to repeat again that Jupiter is in own sign Pisces. So Jupiter's results will also be experienced for the 7th house, so the wife is quite good-looking, noble and earning. Jupiter has absorbed Saturn's nature also which has caused secret, chronic diseases which are difficult to diagnose. Saturn's influence over Jupiter delayed the marriage which took place in the 30th year.

Natives where Saturn and Jupiter are in opposition are not very successful persons. They are not usually rich and are not properly settled in profession.

The native of Chart 15 is an engineer in P.W.D. and is a frustrated man. He has faced

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lots of troubles in life. There has mostly been a downward trend. He has two daughters and three sons. Even after completing 32 and 30 years of age, the daughters could not get married. The sons are a cause of great humiliation, disturbance and tension at home. Financially the native's position is below par and he is dependent on his sons. Jupiter is posited in Gemini in Lagna while Saturn is in the 7th. The wife's nature and appearance are of Jupiter and native's personality is that of Saturn. Jupiter and Saturn's opposition in respect to Lagna should not be regarded as good. I have found that such a native is not a happy person so far as his professional settlement is concerned. There are many downs in life and such natives remain unsettled for a very long time. His earnings are not smooth, children are not placed in high walks of life and they are often a cause of worry. As far as physical characteristics are concerned, Saturn and Jupiter exchange their properties.

The native of Chart 16 was born in Gemini Ascendant with Jupiter in the 11th and Saturn in the 5th in his sign of exaltation. The native is a clerk in the bank and is truth-loving. Saturn in the 5th would have made him a liar, cunning, very clever etc., as Saturn owns 8th house but it is just the reverse in this case. The native has daughters only. Usually Jupiter-Saturn opposition gives daughters if the Lagna is not a watery sign.

Chart 17 is the horoscope of an ENT surgeon, who is very handsome and smart. He has an extremely beautiful wife and two daughters. Now look at Saturn's position in the 2nd house in Leo. That should have not given him such a magnetic face, magnetic speech and captivating eyes which he has been blessed with. Jupiter's position in the 8th in opposition to Saturn should also be judged. Jupiter in the 8th house and Saturn in the 2nd have exchanged their results. Jupiter gives the effects of the 2nd house in Leo. Saturn in the 8th house has resulted in a serious accident to his car with a truck during Saturn's sub-period in Jupiter when Mars was transiting Leo. The accident took place on 12th August 1969. The native was hospitalized for multiple fractures.

I have illustrated here several cases to prove the combined effect of Jupiter-Saturn's conjunction as well as opposition. I have found that Jupiter and Saturn exchange their properties when they are placed opposite each other except when the 4th house or where Jupiter is stronger. Particularly when Jupiter occupies his own sign; Jupiter-Saturn conjoin in the 2nd house, it is auspicious for learning, family etc. But the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn cannot be regarded as very auspicious in all cases. In the Lagna, I have found this most damaging for career. Either both are conjoined or placed opposite each other.

If the Yoga falls in the Lagna it is bad for settlement and happiness of life. It is bad for happiness from children. If Ascendant is a watery sign, there will be many issues. In the 2nd house the good results will be experienced. There will be money, property, education and children. Accumulation of wealth begins from the age of 48. Before this, savings will be less. In the 3rd house the childhood is troublesome. Here it is good for children and brothers for Cancer Ascendant. If this combination falls in a fiery sign, there will be problems at child-birth. Number of coborns is less. In the 4th house it gives very auspicious results. If their conjunction takes place in the 4th in Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Virgo or Capricorn, the results will be very encouraging. The children will prosper. There will be all kinds of luxuries, wealth, prosperity and happiness. In the 5th house, there are obstructions in completing education, they are inclined towards law studies. They are prone to liver troubles and diseases of the digestive system; it is not good for male children. In the 6th house they suffer from chronic diseases, mostly they are in service with a hand to mouth existence. In the 7th house it is bad for marital happiness. There is a possibility of infidelity. In case of two marriages, the native gets a lot of wealth. In the 8th it is a bad combination, may cause trouble in digestive system, the native serves others. In the 9th house this gives good results only for Aries and Cancer Ascendants. It is not good for either of the parents. In the 10th this brings one into the profession of law or the native serves others. Usually the native does not get success in business. In the 11th house it is bad for business. One faces many failures and can hardly make ends meet. There are mental setbacks. Mostly it is bad for children. The 12th house is the place where Jupiter and Saturn

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Ancient Classical Writers of Jyotisha

Prthudaka Swami

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CHATURVEDI Prthudaka Swami, a popular commentator and a recognised scholar, is well known for his famous and splendid commentary on *Brahma Sputa Siddhantha* of Brahmagupta. Bhaskaracharya of *Siddhantha Siromani* has cited Prthudaka Swami's name several times in his work, as a mark of appreciation of his *Vyakyana*. Prthudaka's name also appears in the commentary of Varuna on *Khanda Kadyaka*, written about Saka 962 (1040 A.D.). From this it becomes clear that Prthudaka lived prior to 1040 A.D. As Bhattotpala (966 A.D.) has not cited his name, he might have been a contemporary of Bhattotpala or belonged to a slightly later date. As such, it would be safe to give Saka 900 (978 A.D.) as his date.

The prefix Chaturvedi easily indicates that he belonged to the first *varna* of Brahmins by birth. It also shows he had a wide knowledge of the four *Vedas* as also of Astronomy, enough to write a placid commentary on it which he has done so well!

Place of Birth

In the *sloka* 35 of Chapter 7th of *Brahma Siddhantha* Prthudaka writes

Atha Sa Aksha Bahga Kanyakubje.....and

Suranata Bhaga Kanyakubje.....etc

would means degrees of latitude and degrees of zenith distance in Kanyakubje etc. and in the 8th *sloka*, he says, *'Yathaha Kanyakubje..'* meaning as it is in Kanyakubja. Thus, these references would show that he either resided at Kanauj or was one belonging to Kanyakubja.

Works

His commentary on the first 10 chapters of *Brahma Sputa Siddhantha* is one among the Poona College collections. As he has often referred to in his commentary, at many places, as 'this has already been stated by me in the chapter in the Celestial Sphere....', it seems that he wrote his commentary first on *Goladhyaya*, the 21st chapter, and then on the first 10 chapters of this work.

From the last sentence of his commentary on the 10th chapter, it is known that the commentary on *Goladhyaya* is covered by 1500 *slokas*, while the full commentary on the 10 chapters contains about 5300 *slokas*. Varuna's commentary shows that Prthudaka may have written a commentary on *Khanda Khadyaka* as well.

Commentary

At one place Prthudaka has remarked that 'It is nothing but needless repetition'..., while commenting on the 28th and 29th *slokas* on Chapter 7 of *Brahma Siddhantha*.

At another place, Prthudaka refutes Brahmagupta's views against the theory of Precession advocated by Vishnu Chandra, author of *Vasista Siddhantha*. Brahmagupta was of the opinion that the cause of the change in seasons lay in the motion of the Sun only and not in the precessional motion of Equinoxes (See *Brahma Siddhantha*, Ch. 11.54). Thus we find Prthudaka as a commentator supporting Vishnu Chandra's views against those of Brahmagupta.

Prthudaka thus stands as an outspoken commentator, unhesitating in putting forth his views, and that too where such views are quite necessary and also when he believes such of his

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Mother Teresa — An Astrological Approach*

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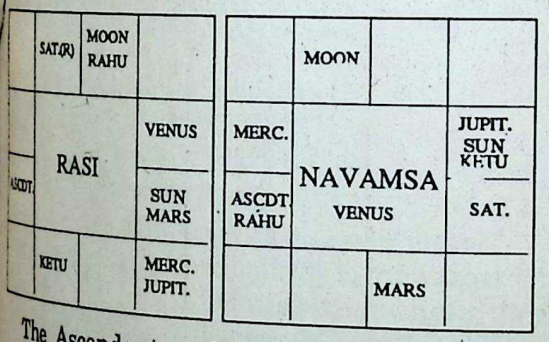
MOTHER TERESA was born of Albanian parents on August 27th 1910, at 5.33 p.m., the Moon Dasa remaining for 5 years, 6 months and 5 days in Skopje Town, Yugoslavia (44° N 57', 20° E 37'). The weekday was Saturday, the *tithi ashtami* in the dark half of the fortnight and the Yoga, Sowbhagya. Her name at birth was Agnes Gowxna Bojaxhiu. By her service to the poor, destitutes, lepers and orphans, she has carved for herself a permanent niche in the world of social service. She has been awarded the Nobel Prize, the Ramon Masaysay award and several other awards for her service to humanity.



The Ascendant and the longitudes of the planets are on the basis of *Raman's 110 Year Ephemeris*.

Mother Teresa's indomitable will made her reject altogether love and happiness in family life and opt for the life of a nun. She was called Sister Agnes and at the first instance she took up a teaching job at St. Mary's High School run by the Loretto Sisters at Entally in Calcutta. She taught history and geography for 17 years and then became the principal.

The Dasa of Rahu ended on 1-5-1941 at the epoch of time when she became principal of the school. From 2-5-1941, Jupiter Dasa started and ruled upto 1-5-1957. Jupiter holds the 3rd and 12th lordship. The 3rd denotes her dynamic activity and the 12th, life in a foreign land.

The attention of the readers is invited to placement of Rahu, a dreaded shadowy planet, in the earthy sign of Taurus (Bull). Rahu is seated there in the royal planet Sun's constellation. Rahu is exalted there and would lift the native high with perverted views and has sown a seed in her subconscious mind to resign her teaching job.

The Sun in her horoscope in Leo is the ruler of the 8th house. It is his own house of power. Capricorn being Lagna, Mars, a *badhaka* for movable sign, is in the company of the Sun. To avoid the havoc that can be caused by a *badhaka*, it is better he is consigned to the 8th house Leo, and in the constellation of Poorvaphalguni ruled by the 10th lord Venus, a formidable yoga-creating planet. A detailed study of her horoscope shows a powerful Mercury is in the 9th with Jupiter and helps one to have a marvellous power to rule over others and to bring them under one's control through the media of education.

Exalted Mercury in the first instance made her opt for pedagogy till the end of Rahu Dasa.

Rahu is given more importance if he is in the signs of Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Virgo and Capricorn and helps lift such natives to the highest

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positions of honour, fame and riches, and that too in a foreign land. As stated above Rahu situated in the above five signs in other nativities has catapulted them to the highest position in life.

On 26th July 1963, Skopje, capital of Macedonia (Yugoslavia), had a catastrophic earthquake. Several thousands of people including Mother Teresa's own kith and kin were killed. 75% of the buildings were completely reduced to debris. All 300 guests in a hotel lost their lives. This gave her a rude shock and made her stick to her social service. This happened when Saturn Dasa was on in her horoscope during Mars *antara* in Ketu Bhukti. Mars, *badhaka* lord, aspects Ketu posited in the 11th.

By the mid-seventies the Missionaries of Charity opened 70 schools, 265 health clinics, 58 leprosy centres and 25 homes for mentally retarded children all over India besides 20 homes for dying destitutes. Their number has nearly doubled now and the Mother has set up centres for the poverty-stricken people all over the world.

Today there are more than 2000 sisters, a few hundred missionary brothers of charity and many workers running more than 800 schools, health centres, leprosy centres, homes for the destitutes. Mother Teresa maintains them as a global organisation.

All these expansions of the organisation happened during the major period of Jupiter. Jupiter is a great benefic holding the 3rd and 12th portfolios. Further expansion of her homes occurred during Saturn Dasa from 2-5-1957 to 1-5-1976.

It is also said that a planet situated in a *badhakasthana* or a planet occupying a quadrant from a *badhakasthana* should be considered as a *badhaka* planet. The Dasa of the lord of *badhakasthana* and that of a planet associated with it bring distress and disease. Therefore, the lord of a *badhakasthana* should not be powerful. On the contrary he should be in debility or in the 6th, 8th or 12th in a horoscope, to do good to the native.

The analogy of *badhakasthana* stated *supra* holds good and it applies *in toto* to the horoscope cited. Mother Teresa was born in the sign of Capricorn, and so Saturn takes the role of Ascendant lord. He is posited in Aries, pertaining to Mars, a rival and *badhaka*. The 4th house Aries is the house of comfort but Saturn there denies comfort to her. Added to this, as Saturn has no cancellation of *neechatwa* (debility) his lordship over the Ascendant is weakened. Besides Saturn is also lord of the 2nd house denoting family affairs. Malefic aspects of the Sun, 8th lord, and Mars, a *badhaka*, over the house of *kutumba*, rendered her a nun and deprived her of family happiness.

But since the Moon, natural ruler of mother, and Venus, the *karaka* for home, are well placed, she has global homes. The 2000 sisters working there are her family and the destitutes, orphans etc., put in these care-homes are her children and thus has Sister Agnes been transformed into Mother Teresa.

The pattern of Saturn's 7th aspect over the 10th house of multifarious activities is carried out by the teamwork of the sisters who look after the destitutes in the homes.

We may note the following incidents with reference to the dates and particulars of Maha Dasa, Bhukti and *antara* in Mother Teresa's life.

Date	Nature of effects	Period of Time
1. 26-7-1963	Skopje was affected by earthquake	Saturn Dasa, Ketu Bhukti, Mars *antara*
2. May 1983	She had her first cardiac attack	Mercury Dasa, Sun Bhukti
3. 1-9-1989	Hospitalised for cardiac problems and treatment.	Mercury Dasa, Jupiter Bhukti

Mother Teresa was hospitalised on 5-9-1989 for treatment of cardiac problems and was soon well after some treatment.

The 9th lord Mercury is situated in the constellation of Uttaraphalguni ruled by 8th lord Sun. Anyhow Mercury in exaltation in Virgo will protect her life. Cardiac problems will be cured and she can rest assured of her longevity during Mercury Dasa upto 1-5-1993. It is likely that Mother Teresa will live upto 90 years.—213.89.

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Planets and the V.P. Singh Government

NAVIN CHANDRA JAIN

WE CAN predict easily almost all the future events relating to the Government and the country and the people concerned from the swearing-in chart of the prime minister. The late prime minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi took oath of office on 14-1-1980 Monday at 10.15 a.m. at New Delhi. Chart 1* clearly shows that the Lagna, 7th and 10th houses are severely afflicted by Mars, Jupiter, Rahu, Ketu and Venus and the Lagna lord in the 8th. Guru Chandala Yoga is also present. These clearly foretold the subsequent terrorism, violence, strife, chaos and anarchy that erupted not only in India but in the entire Indian sub-continent and which finally resulted in the brutal assassination of the head of the Government herself on 31-10-1984 by her own security guards.

Likewise, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi signed the oath of office on 31-12-1984 at 5.29 p.m. at New Delhi (dealt in detail in *A.M.*, March 1985).

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*Chart 1. *Rasi:* Aquarius - Ascendant, Venus and Ketu; Leo - Mars, Jupiter (R) and Rahu; Virgo - Saturn (R); Scorpio - the Moon; Sagittarius - Mercury; and Capricorn - the Sun. *Navamsa:* Taurus - Ascendant; Gemini - Rahu; Cancer - Mars; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra - the Moon; Scorpio - Mercury and Venus; Sagittarius - Ketu; Capricorn - the Sun; and Aquarius - Saturn.

**Chart 2. *Rasi:* Aquarius - Ascendant; Gemini - Jupiter (R); Cancer - Ketu; Libra - Mars; Scorpio - the Sun and Mercury; Sagittarius - Saturn; and Capricorn - the Moon, Venus and Rahu. *Navamsa:* Aquarius - Ascendant and Ketu; Pisces - Mercury; Taurus - Mars; Leo - Rahu; Virgo - Saturn; Scorpio - the Sun; and Capricorn - Venus and the Moon.

T. VENKATARAMAN

A VISIBLE total lunar eclipse takes place in the tropical Leo on 10-2-1990 at 0h. 41m 06s a.m. At Delhi, the eclipse point falls very close to the M.C. aspected by Mars from Capricorn and squared by Pluto. Pluto is in Scorpio on the cusp of the Ascendant. While the eclipse is in rapt conjunction with the fixed star 'Algenubi', the M.C. is in close proximity with it. This star, of the nature of Saturn-Mars, described as "He who rends" is associated with violent brutality and destruction. This eclipse influencing the 4th house of the Independence Chart is in close conjunction with the radical Sun. Progressed Neptune squares the radical Sun. Progressed Mars comes to the conjunction of radical Saturn in the 4th. Transit M.C. conjuncts the radical Sun. The eclipse falls in the M.C. of the ingress chart for tropical Aries, good till the next ingress into Aries. An eclipse in the M.C. or Nadir with Pluto rising in Scorpio could trigger earth tremors possibly when Mars comes to the opposition of the eclipse point somewhere in April 1990. An eclipse in the M.C. does not augur well for the Government and those placed in the higher rungs of the ladder. Accidents by fire, violence, social unrest will plague the country.

Mars, the lord of the 12th, is in the 2nd (integrity, finance) in the constellation of Rahu. In D-10 Mars in association with Rahu-Ketu axis aspects Lagna. The M.C. of the radical chart is aspected by Mars. Minority issues will be a matter of grave concern, eluding a permanent solution. There will be wasteful

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» NAVIN CHANDRA JAIN

The 7th prime minister Mr. V. P. Singh signed the oath of office on 2-12-1989 (Saturday) at 12.15 p.m. (Chart 2**) at New Delhi. I was also present at the time. The Lagna is Aquarius (*vargottama*) aspected by retrograde 2nd and 11th lord Jupiter from the 5th and the Lagna lord Saturn (aspected by his dispositor Jupiter) from the 11th.

The 3rd lord (planet of *parakrama*) Mars aspects the 3rd from the 9th. There is Budha-Aditya Yoga in the 10th. The 6th lord Moon constitutes a powerful Vipareeta Rajayoga in the 12th and is *vargottama*. Both royal planets, the Sun and the Moon, are *vargottama* (along with Venus). Besides being *vargottama*, the Sun attains *digbala* also in the 10th house. The only minus point of the chart is that it is afflicted by Saturn's *sade sati*. The chart is very powerful and will enable Mr. V. P. Singh to succeed in his mission and programmes. The country will get unexpected progress, prestige, name and fame in the world under his able leadership and India will again be called "The golden bird" by the world during the coming years.

(Received 11-12-1989.)

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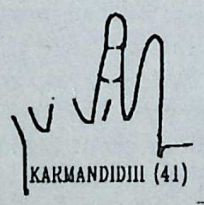
41. Karmandidhi



कर्मन्दिधीः परा प्रोक्ता यध्यपर्वगता पुनः।

This line appears at the bottom phalange of the left middle finger. It gives women prosperity, happiness and character. Some may even desire asceticism.

(to be continued)

» T. VENKATARAMAN

expenditure. Probably defence will swallow a lion's share.

The Lagna lord Venus is combust besides being in the 8th D-10. Venus Dasa will be a challenging one to those placed at the helm of affairs. A combust Saturn (lord of the 10th) aspects D-10 Lagna. Though directional strength is there Saturn is weak. Mars also aspects D-10 Lagna. Saturn represents the common man in the street and Mars the autocratic tendency. Possibly our Government is a curious mixture of democracy and autocracy.

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are correct in his own opinion. In this respect he is quite frank and fair!

Bhaskaracharya has remarked critically to the effect that Chaturvedi has misconstrued the sense of the original composition of Brahmagupta, at one or two places of his work, being carried away by his admiration of Brahmagupta. Otherwise he would not have honoured Brahmagupta by bestowing the title 'Ganaka Chakra Choodamani' on him, which no other astronomer or author has done except Bhaskara!

At the end of the 10th chapter he has written "Prthuswami, the Chaturvedi, who is the son of Madhu, has completed this..." and at the end of some chapters also, he refers to himself as the son of Madhusudana. From this we learn that his father was Madhusudana.

Prthudaka like Brahmagupta does not quote other authors in his commentary except Balabadra. Other names found in his works are Manu and Vyasa.—209-89.

A.M.
FOR THE FAMILY

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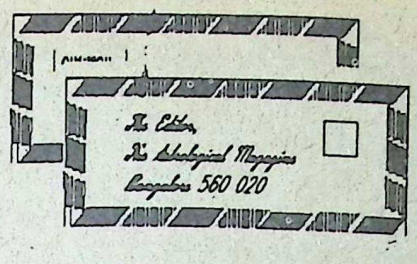
Letters to the Editor



Political Forecasts

I

Sir, - Your prediction on page 8 of the 1989 Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE bearing on India that because of certain astrological configurations and the transit of Jupiter in Gemini, "the country appears to be in for a significant and even unexpected transformation in the political scene in Delhi" has been fully borne out by the election results. This is another amazing forecast which should be added to the catalogue of "amazing forecasts" listed by Mr. K.N. Rao in the Felicitation Volume *B. V. RAMAN - The Man and His Mission.*

Ahmedabad. *R. N. Pandey.*

II

Sir, - On page 155 of the 1989 Annual Number (A.M., January 1989) your forecast says "Orissa may have a new chief minister". Mr. J. B. Patnaik has resigned. This should silence a section of astrologers who raised a hue and cry on the eve of your visit to Orissa in February 1989, that there was no basis for you to come to this conclusion.

It is a pity that some of the critics appear to be only interested in getting cheap publicity by attacking veterans in the field.

Cuttack. *J. Mahapatra.*

III

Sir, - Kindly refer to your discussions made about the 10th house prospects of India's Independence Day chart (page 8, 1989 Annual Number). You certainly deserve full credit for the correctness of two important predictions you made. First was your indirect hint on the basis of past experience that the next Lok Sabha polls might be announced within a month or two from 10-9-1989 when Jupiter and Saturn would be in exact opposition. The Lok Sabha poll was announced and completed as expected in your annual forecast.

The second forecast made by you was more significant. It was about the final picture likely to emerge after the Lok Sabha poll. It is true that predictions made by you were in quite mystic language but they have proved to be too true. Jupiter-Saturn opposition in dual signs had a very disturbing effect on the political weather of India. The erratic results of the 9th Lok Sabha polls are before us. Your observation **"the country appears to be in for a significant and unexpected transformation in the political scene in Delhi"** has come more than true. It is for the first time that no political party got a clear national mandate to rule over the country. It is for the first time that the single largest party has not staked its claims to form the Government at the Centre while the second largest party has done so with the support of two big parties opposed to each other. It is for the first time that a person elected to head a Government at the Centre first declines the post and passes it on to his colleague on the ground that he will be in state politics; but within a few hours changes his mind and rests content with the post of Deputy Prime Minister leaving the reigns of the state leadership to his son. Mr. Chandrasekhar feels misled and let down by his own colleagues and Mr. Ram Jethmalani gets roughed up.

Are these not sufficient indication of the unexpected transformation in the political scene

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: FEBRUARY 1961

A Meteoric Career

Sir, - In the September 1959 issue of the *Horoscope* there is an article entitled "Ritchie Valena - A Meteoric Career" by Doris Chase Doane.

In the article is the horoscope of a young man who was born on May 13, 1941 at 12.56 a.m. in Los Angeles, California. M.C. 8.14 Sagittarius and Ascendant 25.06 Aquarius. Natal planets are as follows:

The Sun 22-12 - Taurus; the Moon 22-38 - Sagittarius; Mercury 29-44 Taurus; Venus 28-33 - Taurus; Mars 28-05 - Aquarius; Jupiter 26-54 - Taurus; Saturn 18-35 - Taurus; Uranus 25-58 - Taurus; Neptune 25-03 - Virgo; Pluto 2-12 - Leo; and the Moon's Node 29-08 - Virgo.

Until January 1958 this boy was a poor unknown person in California and on January 27, 1958, when progressed Mercury of this boy's horoscope was at 0.29 Cancer (according to the magazine article), this boy was discovered by a talent scout playing on a guitar and singing at a public dance given to raise money for the purpose of helping his mother to pay for her very poor home in which they lived. Overnight it seems this boy became famous and during the next 12 months of his life he made 75,000 dollars just for his singing in 1958. On February 3, 1959 he was killed when the airplane in which he was flying crashed although he was scared of riding in airplanes. He received his greatest honour as a singer on October 6, 1958 when his progressed Moon was at 0.44 Leo, another example as to how my zodiac theory can be applied to Astrology.

0 degree Cancer represents the M.C. of the Earth Horoscope used in Uranian Astrology teachings. So when his progressed Mercury reached this point he came before the world by being discovered by a talent scout. 1 degree Leo represents the cusp of the sign Leo and when his progressed Moon reached that point he received his greatest honour.

I hope this information I am sending you will be of interest to your readers.

Chicago. *Calvin Hanes.*

in Delhi? No astrologer has been able to give such precise indications of the post-poll scene. Dr. B. V. Raman is not only infallible but nobody can match him in foreseeing complex situations so accurately.

Patna. *K. K. Pathak.*

IV

Sir, - Mrs. Mridula Trivedi's forecast made nearly 21 months ago has proved correct. Analysing Mr. V. P. Singh's chart (*A.M.*, February 1989) she wrote "After facing various kinds of obstructions and hazards, he will regain a very high position before the end of Venus Bhukti on 13-10-1990. ...Saturn's transit over radical Saturn is sure to cause a come-back into the field of active politics where he will hold a key position in the cabinet during Saturn's stay in Sagittarius".

Sangrur. *Pankaj Bedi.*

V

Sir, - I congratulate Mrs. Mridula Trivedi on her article "Planetary Equations and Coming Elections" (*A.M.*, December 1989). She has correctly analysed the charts of Congress (I), Janata Dal etc., and her forecast is coming true now.

Walajapet. *J. G. Babu.*

VI

Sir, - I congratulate the Editor for his prediction in the 1989 Annual Number about the unexpected transformation in the political scene in Delhi. Congratulations are also due to Gayatri Devi Vasudev for her predictions in the August 1989 issue "the people of Avanti, those living on the banks of Kaveri and the Narmada rivers as well as despotic rulers will be in trouble".

I also congratulate Mrs. Trivedi for her scholarly analysis about the recent elections. Her prediction (*A.M.*, December 1989) written in September has come quite correct.

Why does Jupiter in Gemini always bring changes in the political scene in India?

Lastly being a regular reader of your esteemed magazine for several years I miss regular contributions from Mr. H. R. Shankar. I request him to write regularly so as to benefit all of us from his masterly analysis of various hints about astrological predictions.

Domoiwali. *M. K. Sudarshan.*

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VII

Sir, - Mr. J. C. Luthra says (*A.M.*, February 1989, page 187, last para) "...Mr. Singh will be running Mercury-Venus-Mercury period, which will bring him good degree of success, but not to the extent of his attaining majority in the Parliament single-handed".

This point is again clearly dealt with by Mrs. Mridula Trivedi [*A.M.*, December 1989, page 691, Solar Return (Chart 8), para last but one] "However, the Dal will obtain a large number of seats but not enough to form the Government". This is the appreciable point known after the countings.

I congratulate both Mr. J. C. Luthra and Mrs. Mridula Trivedi for their correct forecasts.

Yethadka. *M. Subba Rao.*

VIII

Sir, - Your observations made in the article "The Future of the Congress (I)" published in the August 1989 issue of the *A.M.* has dealt with the subject beautifully. You wrote "One need not be surprised if Congress resorts to all sorts of constitutional and to an extent extra-constitutional tactics to save its face. The political structure and authority of the head of the party will further wane and contracts of intrigue will surface" and that the Congress (I) may not live beyond Saturn's transit of Pisces. You also said "Such a disposition of planets forewarns of unexpected developments involving elements of violence" and....This suggests seat adjustment pacts with other parties. All in all the party's victory may be a tight rope walk."

The article has a hidden meaning that the position of the Congress (I) will not be sound this time and it will not be in a position to form the Government without the help of other parties. Your observations have proved correct.

Lucknow. *Mrs. Mridula Trivedi.*

IX

Sir, - The article "Planetary Equations and Coming Elections", by Mrs. Mridula Trivedi (*A.M.*, December 1989) is really interesting. The author did not predict the fall of Mr. N. T. R. in A.P. but she could come nearer to the truth in predicting Mr. V. P. Singh's victory. I remember that Mr. Iranganti Rangacharya in "Letters to the Editor" (*A.M.*, May 1988, page 39) had predicted that Mr. V.P. Singh would be "elevated to the highest office in the country".

Hyderabad. *T. V. S. N. Moorthi.*

X

Sir, - I recall the editorial of *A.M.*, January 1989 page 8 which says "the 10th house has reference to the Government ...The Dasamsa chart is equally disturbing with Mars in the Ascendant...".

We see how accurately and uncannily you have foreseen the unusual developments in and after the elections. Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the correct forecast.

Jaipur. *Arun K. Jain.*

Men of Destiny in 21st Century

Sir, - Mr. J. S. Trivedi of Bombay has stated in his letter (*A.M.*, November 1989) that five planets *viz.*, Saturn, Jupiter, Sun, Mars and Venus were powerful in the month of April 1984. He also appears to have examined five horoscopes with different Lagnas for children born in April 1984 and in which all the above planets were powerful and indicated that the children born with those horoscopes would shine as administrators, warriors, saints, artists and politicians. He has said that the children born in April 1984 will leave their mark on the history of the 21st century.

The famous British astrologer, Zadkiel, in his book *Zadkiel's Legacy of the British King* predicted in 1842 that in times to come India would be on the path of progress as Jupiter and Saturn had conjuncted in Capricorn (India's ruling sign) after a lapse of 800 years and had become very important in the history of India. He also stated that 200 years from 1842 represented one major block in the history of the Indian nation. Patriots like Balgangadhar Tilak, therefore, appeared and the roots of freedom movement were strongly planted.

The conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn was repeated in the same sign in the 60th year 1901. Patriots like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose etc,, appeared and India got independence from foreign yoke. The conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn was again repeated in Capricorn in 1961 and India started ascending and this ascent will be complete in 2008 when Pluto enters Capricorn.

Jupiter and Saturn will conjoin in Capricorn sometime in December 2020. As such the children born with powerful planets in April 1984 or after 1961 anywhere in India will start appear-

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ing as patriots, saints etc., from 2020 and India will emerge as a powerful country in the 21st century. Gandhi also appeared on the Indian scene in 1920.

In 2080, Jupiter and Saturn will conjoin in Aquarius and India will start enjoying the Aquarian Age by the end of the 21st century.

Bhubaneswar. *T. N. Saxena.*

The 4th and 9th Houses

Sir, - Mr. J. Thavarajasingham (*A.M.*, Nov. 1989) has given very useful details in the above article. He has mentioned that the best *kendra* is the 10th house and the best *trikona* the 9th house. He further says that a relationship between the lords of the 10th and the 9th houses creates Rajayoga (*par excellence*). The next best Rajayoga is due to relationship between the lords of 4th and 9th houses. I want a clarification regarding the Taurus Lagna person where Saturn is lord of 9th and 10th houses and if it conjoins the lord of 4th house *i.e.*, the Sun in the 4th house. Here the relationship between the lord of 4th house, 9th house and 10th house as well accurs. Will the learned writer throw some light on this yoga?

Chandigarh. *Amar Jit.*

Appreciations

I

Sir, - I am very happy to note that your observations in earlier articles on political developments are unfolding the way they were foreseen. You have acquired that special technique in interpreting Mundane Astrology, which very few like your father DR. B. V. RAMAN could cultivate. This should stand you in good stead in putting that stamp of erudition to the Editorials coming from your pen.

Calcutta. *H. R. Shankar.*

II

Sir, - Since January 1989, the cover pages of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE have been attractive, luminous and beautiful. It changes its gorgeous colours monthly. A novel method of determining Indu Lagna in the article "Planets and Financial Prospects" by Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev is the highlight of the November 1989 issue. Mr. N. D. Pathak must also be congratulated for his article "The Chemistry of Names".

Dhanbad. *P. C. Daw.*

III

Sir, - I have gone through your article "Planets and Housing" in the December 1989 issue. The article is very interesting and instructive as well. Please accept my congratulations on your brilliant write-up.

Parigi. *Y. Krishna Rao*

IV

Sir, - I have received the December 1989 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. I am a new subscriber. The articles and overall get-up of the magazine have impressed me very much. My best wishes to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

Nagpur. *G. Y. Mohari*

V

Sir, - Your prediction about my transfer under *Astrology and Women's World* has come true. Though chances were there they didn't transfer me to Hyderabad. As advised by you, I am bearing the separation stoically waiting for Venus Bhukti.

Hyderabad. *Mrs. S. N. Usha*

Painstaking Work

Sir, - Please convey my high appreciation to Mr. J. Thavarajasingham for his article "Relationships between 4th and 9th Lords". Excellent painstaking research work.

Madras. *Dr. M. V. Rao*

Sage Parasara

Sir, - This refers to Mr. Shyamasundara Dasa's letter (*A.M.*, November 1989). He is absolutely right in his statement that Sage Parasara belonged to an earlier age and Varahamihira has quoted him. But he has perhaps wrongly mentioned Parasara's father's name as Sakti. As far as I know it should be Shaktri.

Akola. *P. K. Sen*

Punjab Affairs

Sir, - On 1-11-1966 when Punjab came into existence, the Moon was conjunct Aldebaran and squared by Mars, Herschel and Pluto (the last two were conjunct Denebola). In Mundane Astrology Aldebaran and Denebola signify violent deaths. Rahu was 12th to the Moon and the lord of Moon-sign Venus was combust and afflicted due to being conjoined with Ketu and Neptune. Those politicians are responsible for

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the reign of terrorist violence in Punjab who did not consult any competent astrologer for electing an auspicious moment for the momentous occasion of the inauguration of the state.

Narendra Dixit.

Indore.

"Risky Predictions"

Sir, - This has reference to Mr. K. N. Rao's article (*A.M.*, May 1989) and Mrs. Mridula Trivedi's rejoinder on the above (*A.M.*, September 1989, page 726).

I request both to enlighten us on the points as under.

While deciphering the results of planets in a horoscope they do not make any mention of the star which a planet is tenanting in the radical chart. Do they not attach any importance to any planet tenanting one star or the other in a particular house while analysing the effect of that planet in giving results?

Is it sufficient to say that Mars and Ketu in the 7th house or Jupiter in the 9th house without considering the star they are tenanting in that house? If so, what will be the effect of Jupiter in the 9th house tenanting Uttarabhadrapada, the star of the 8th lord, for Cancer Lagna born natives?

Allahabad. *Rana Mukherjee.*

Incorrect Calculations?

Sir, - I have gone through the article "Planetary Equations and Coming Elections" by Mrs. Mridula Trivedi (*A.M.*, December 1989).

While discussing the horoscope of Mr. N. T. Rama Rao, she has stated that he is having major period of Venus with Venus sub-period. This is impossible. When the calculations are wrong, how can the prediction be justified?

She has also repeated this mistake in discussing Mr. V. P. Singh's horoscope in an earlier issue.

Khandwa. *Arvind Jhawar.*

C. V. Raman's Horoscope

Sir, - Mr. K. K. Pathak in his article "Is the Sun-Moon Conjunction Good" (*A.M.*, December 1989) mentions Sun-Moon conjunction in the horoscope of Dr. C. V. Raman. Mr. Yeluripati Krishna Rao gives a completely different horoscope in which there is Sun-Mercury conjunction in Dr. C. V. Raman's horoscope (*A.M.*, January 1988, page 5). In September 1966 *A.M.* (page 838) also, there is shown a Sun-Mercury conjunction the scientist's horoscope. An explanation from Mr. Pathak may please be published.

Indore. *Narendra Dixit.*

Medical Research Vindicates Astrology

Sir, - The complete set of genes in a human being is called the genome. The U.S. National Institute of Health is coordinating a controversial human genome project. For the next 15 years scientists in the United States of America, Europe and Japan plan to work on a new kind of biological wonderland map.

Their objective is to locate the 50,000 to 100,000 genes on 23 pairs of chromosomes as well as to identify and locate three billion base pairs of DNA.

Each cell in the human body has a genetic code that determines inherited characteristics—including disorders and susceptibilities to disease.

Mapping the location and function of every gene on the chromosomes that determine one's physical make-up opens astounding possibilities.

That may help genetic engineering technicians to replace defective genes with normal genes.

But that also raises serious questions for scientists, theologians and moralists. For instance the question will arise as to which genes of an unborn child should be allowed to be altered? Should potential abnormalities charted on the genome map be disclosed to interested parties including the mother who may suffer from a shock? Could medical insurance be denied to those destined to become ill? Would insurance companies demand that a genome map accompany a life insurance policy application? Would employers too demand such a map from prospective employees? Would those intending to marry insist on scanning the genome map of the proposed spouse?

Thus if medical science is now on the brink of charting a person's physiological destiny from his or her genome map can the claim of Astrology to decipher a person's entire multilateral destiny from his or her astral chart be disputed?

Pune. *P. N. Oak.*

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show very auspicious results. One gets lot of power and fame. There is only one wife who dominates the native. This combination elevates the native's position. The wife of the native may be deceitful and unfaithful and may beget an illegitimate issue. But the 5th house and the lord thereof must also be viewed carefully.

There is much scope for further research in this combination. The combination of Jupiter and Saturn is a very important combination which should never be ignored. Otherwise, it will not be possible to judge a horoscope correctly. —225.89.

References:

Chart 13: Born on 12-6-1951 at 22.47.36 hrs. at 78-24 E, 27-9 N. *Rasi:* Ascendant 260-46; Sun 27-59; Moon 101-4; Mars 30-27; Mercury 5-52; Jupiter 341-20; Venus 68-42; Saturn(R) 152-35; Rahu 332-34; and Ketu 142-34 with a balance of 7 years, 11 months and 22 days of Saturn Dasa.

Chart 14: Born on 26-8-1951 at 7.00 hrs. at 88-23 E, 22-35 N. *Rasi:* Ascendant 5s-1-37; Sun 4s-8-50; Moon 1s-26-48; Mars 3s-4-42; Mercury (R) 4s-18-34; Jupiter (R) 11s-20-13; Venus (R) 4s-2-58; Saturn 5s-8-9; Rahu 10s-17-1 and Ketu 4s-17-1 with a balance of 5 years, 1 month and 3 days of Mars Dasa.

Chart 15: Born on 1-12-1930 at 6-42 p.m. (IST) at 77 E 49, 28 N 30. *Rasi:* Ascendant 66-17; Sun 225-44; Moon 351-51; Mars 112-9; Mercury 239-8; Jupiter (R) 86-42; Venus (R) 211-56; Saturn 257-22; Rahu 358-20; and Ketu 178-20 with a balance of 10 years, 4 months and 24 days of Mercury Dasa.

Chart 16: Born on 17-12-1952 at 19.15 hrs. at 80 E 59, 76 N 55. *Rasi:* Ascendant 89-51; Sun 247-23; Moon 248-52; Mars 296-32; Mercury 220-57; Jupiter 18-23; Venus 284-52; Saturn 182-3; Rahu 291-38; and Ketu 111-38 with a balance of 2 years, 4 months and 4 days of Ketu Dasa.

Chart 17: Born on 23-9-1950 at 3.10 hrs. at 78 N 11, 29 N 23. *Rasi:* Ascendant 103-46; Sun 146-22; Moon 156-22; Mars 208-0; Mercury (R) 155-4; Jupiter (R) 307-4; Venus 130-19; Saturn 149-6; Rahu 335-25; and Ketu 155-25, with a balance of 1 year, 7 months and 17 days of Sun Dasa.

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and rectified, could be stepping stones for future spiritual successes. No individual is perfect nor imperfect. Making mistakes is a human trademark. Learning from the mistakes and changing is the divine element ingrained in every human system. Karma alerts us to this many times in our lives. One need to respond to it as exemplified by Valmiki. Our efforts are to slowly progress from the imperfect to the spiritual-perfect. Perhaps it may require many lives for most to become spiritual. Spirituality is different from religiousness. One can observe mechanically religious rituals with very little spiritualism. Religious rituals alone are not enough, but there are the fundamental steps required for many to march towards slowly achieving spirituality. We will discuss the subjects of religion and spirituality in detail at a later date. *Ramayana* presents the *Vedic* message through the story of Valmiki and others.

May Sri Rama's blessings be on all.

(to be continued)

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

*(In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from its readers many interesting questions are put pertaining to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some similar doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? **A reader can put one question at a time. This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE--Ed., A.M.)***

*Q.1. **Rasi:** Cancer - Ascendant 27-31, Jupiter 3-3, Venus 10-54 and Rahu 25-55 (Jupiter and Venus in 12th Bhava); Leo - the Moon 29-26; Capricorn - Ketu 25-55; Pisces - Mars 17-53; Aries - M.C. 22-58; Taurus - the Sun 26-16, Saturn 22-43 and Mercury 5-5 who is in 10th Bhava with balance of Sun Dasa at birth: 4 years, 9 months and 2 days. **Dasamsa Chart:** Sagittarius - Ascendant; Aquarius - Mercury; Aries - Mars and Jupiter; Taurus - the Moon and Ketu; Gemini - Venus; Leo - Saturn; Virgo - the Sun; and Scorpio - Rahu. The native, in his past 19 years of service, has enjoyed only one promotion which he got in April 1972 in Rahu-Saturn-Mars. Probably his career has been marred due to bad placement of 10th lord in 12th from house of Karma, **badhaka** lord Venus with 9th lord, Sun, the **karaka** for Rajadurbar, in badhakasthana and in inimical sign; lord of the 9th from the Moon in 8th etc. Now when do you think, the native will be able to get his next promotion?*

J. P. Sharma, Kamerta (A & N Islands).

Ans: Your arguments are correct. Yet, I guess when Jupiter by transit occupies Cancer, he will be exalted and aspect the 10th lord as well as the 7th house which is the 10th from the 10th. You can expect promotion at that time.

*Q. 2. **Rasi:** Pisces - Ascendant; Sagittarius - the Sun, Mars and Mercury; Taurus - the Moon; Capricorn - Jupiter, Saturn and Ketu; Scorpio - Venus; and Cancer - Rahu. **Navamsa:** Virgo - Ascendant and the Moon; Taurus - the Sun, Mars and Jupiter; Pisces - Venus; Aquarius - Saturn and Rahu; Gemini - Mercury; and Leo - Ketu. (a) Could you kindly please tell me the marriage time (probable)? (b) Is this delay due to Saturn in the 10th house and the 7th lord in the 1st house?*

B. J. Gayathri, Bangalore.

Ans: (a) The 7th lord Mercury occupies Sagittarius whose lord Jupiter gets Venus' house in Navamsa. Currently Jupiter in transit aspects both Mercury and Venus. He also occupies the 2nd from the Moon. Consequently marriage is likely to take place while he stays there *i.e.*, current year 1988-89. (b) Aspect of Saturn to Lagna and Venus is the cause of delay in marriage.

*Q. 3. **Rasi:** Ascendant 157-48; the Sun 85-54; the Moon 143-55; Mars 183-12; Mercury 81-39; Jupiter 106-15; Venus 129-11; Saturn 349-0; Rahu 0-9; and Ketu 180-9. **Navamsa:** Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Mercury; Taurus - the Sun; Gemini - Venus and Rahu; Libra - Mars; Scorpio - the Moon and Jupiter; and Sagittarius - Saturn and Ketu. Does this map show an administrative career? If not, what kind of career is indicated?*

Ajeet Pandey, Gwalior.

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Ans: The 10th house is powerful by the occupation of the Sun and Mercury. Mars too is powerful being Vargottama in a *trikona* from the 10th house. This combination is helpful for administrative job. Alternatively for paramedical.

Q. 4. *The 5th lord Mars and 2nd lord Saturn are together in the 11th house (2nd lord exalted) aspecting 5th house which is also aspected by Jupiter from Lagna as Lagna lord. The 2nd house is occupied by 9th and 10th lords forming Budha-Aditya Yoga. Does it indicate line of education and career as chemical engineer?* ***Rasi:*** *Sagittarius - Ascendant, Jupiter and Venus; Capricorn - the Sun and Mercury; Pisces - the Moon; Taurus - Rahu; Libra - Saturn and Mars; and Scorpio - Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Cancer - Ascendant, the Sun and Jupiter; Libra - Venus; Sagittarius - Ketu and the Moon; Aquarius - Mercury; Pisces - Mars; Aries - Saturn; and Gemini - Rahu.*

Vipin Kumar, Bombay.

Ans: Yes; the Moon relates to *oshadhi* or medical ingredients and the 11th house (income) contains Mars the chemical, and Saturn the engineering components.

Q. 5. Rasi: *Virgo - Ascendant; Scorpio - the Moon, Venus, Ketu and Mercury; Sagittarius - the Sun; Aquarius - Saturn; Aries - Jupiter (R); Taurus - Rahu; and Leo - Mars.* ***Navamsa:*** *Gemini - Ascendant; Cancer - the Moon; Leo - the Sun; Virgo - Rahu; Libra - Jupiter; Sagittarius - Saturn, Venus and Mars; Aquarius - Mercury; and Pisces - Ketu. (a) Does the position of 10th lord in 3rd (6th from 10th) indicate that the native will never get a job of his choice, especially during the Dasa of Mercury, who is also Lagna lord and forms Rajayoga with 9th lord Venus and also conjoins exalted Ketu and Neechabhanga Moon. (b) Does the 5th lord in the 6th house which is the house of reward for the 5th house, both from the Ascendant as well as the Moon, indicate success in love affairs? But 6th is also the house of enemies and obstacles. Further Saturn is in its mool trikona sign and Jupiter is retrograde. In Navamsa also the 5th and 7th lords have exchanged houses. Saturn is also aspected by Mars from 12th house. Please clarify.*

Mrs. Kripa, Jabalpur.

Ans: (a) No; on the contrary, it will be a job that will be to his liking and involve travelling, sales, media.

(b) No; because Saturn is aspected by Mars from 12th or secret house and 4th (married happiness) lord occupies 8th and is retrograde. It is a deceptive disposition especially as in the Navamsa chart which reflects married life. Venus is sandwiched between two malefics.

Q. 6. Rasi: *Gemini - Ascendant, Saturn and Ketu; Libra - Saturn (R); Sagittarius - Mars and Rahu; Capricorn - the Moon; Aries - the Sun and Mercury; and Taurus - Venus.* ***Navamsa:*** *Gemini - Ascendant and Ketu; Cancer - Mars; Leo - the Sun; Virgo - the Moon; Libra - Jupiter; Sagittarius - Rahu; Aquarius - Venus and Saturn; and Aries - Mercury. (a) Does the Moon in 8th, in the constellation of Mars (6th lord), unaspected by Jupiter, cause any psychological problems? If not, then what other harm can it cause, if yes, please suggest the remedy. (b) How do you rate the benefic sign of Saturn, which is in its own Navamsa, exalted 9th lord but retrograde?*

P. P. Gupta, Dehradun.

Ans: (a) Saturn in Lagna and Mars in the 7th is a classic formula for mental disorder (*Prasnamarga*) especially with the Moon in the 8th. Remedy has to be prescribed after learning the position of Gulika. (b) For Gemini Saturn is not good, especially in the 5th and retrograde at that. It adversely affects thinking power.

Q. 7. Rasi: *Scorpio - Ascendant 227; the Sun 221; the Moon 73; Mars 226; Mercury 205; Jupiter 281; Venus 205; Saturn 274; and Rahu 128-8. The native is intelligent but has amnesia. So he forgets everything he has read. Is it due to Jupiter, 5th lord, posited in the 3rd adverse or due to Mercury posited in the 12th house, Libra or Saturn aspecting 5th house? What are the reasons and their remedies?*

Sub. No. 1026

Ans: You may add to the reasons you have given which are correct—the Moon in 8th and combustion of Lagna lord. The Moon and Mars are to be propitiated.

Q. 8. Rasi: *Aquarius - Ascendant 17-39; Pisces - Ketu 15-05; Taurus - the Moon 16-36; Cancer - the Sun 13-25 and Mercury 23-38; Leo - Mars 13-02 and Venus 20-32; Virgo - Rahu 15-1; Libra - Jupiter 28-59; and Sagittarius - Saturn 8-10. Will Jupiter in his Dasa promote finance?*

Sub. No. 1626

Ans: He should, in the normal course, but he occupies inimical house and Ketu vitiates the 2nd house. These two must be taken care of to allow flow of finance.

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Q. 9. Rasi: Capricorn - the Sun, Saturn and Ketu; Aquarius - the Moon; Cancer - Mars (R) and Rahu; Sagittarius - Mercury (R); and Scorpio - Venus. Navamsa: Taurus - the Sun; Capricorn - the Moon; Aquarius - Mars; Sagittarius - Mercury; Pisces - Venus; Gemini - Saturn; Leo - Rahu; and Aquarius - Ketu. (a) What good and evil yoga do Mercury (vargottama) and the Sun form? (b) There is a conjunction of all malefics (natural) in the 6th (the Sun, Saturn and Ketu) and 12th (Mars and Rahu). There is no aspect of benefic planets to them. The native has an unfortunate life full of misunderstanding. Will things improve?

Sanjay D. Chudasama. Bombay.

Ans: (a) *Vargottama* Mercury in the 5th gives a quick and active mind. The Sun does not. (b) The concentration of planets in the 6th itself is indicative of none too good relations with others and the aspect of Mars aggravates it. The disappearance of Jupiter from the chart prevents me from answering the remaining part of the query!

Q.10. In the reply to the first question on page 44, of A.M., May 1988, you have stated that Saturn 9th lord is exalted but occupies 8th from 9th which is a defect. Actually he occupies only the 9th from the 9th which seems to be ideal. Does this change the complexion of the case regarding overseas assignment? Please elucidate.

T. D. V. Raman, Hyderabad.

Ans: I don't have the copy of *A.M.* of that date with me now. However, if Saturn occupies the 8th from 9th, it is certainly favourable for the event; but being Saturn, it may entail delay.

Q. 11. Rasi: The Sun 310-21; the Moon 162-20; Mars - 182-54; Mercury (R) 301-41; Jupiter 311-21; Venus 332-48; Saturn 309-20; Rahu 278-20; Ketu 98-02; Mandi 78-01; Ascendant 87-25; Saturn 355-45. One astrologer had predicted that Saturn period would be excellent quoting one Gautam Sadyashtamastha Sani rishta dassyah and that this period will confer fame, prosperity and satisfaction. But the onset of Saturn has given the native suffering from all sorts of physical and mental ailments, though not of a major nature. Recently he removes all his teeth. Will the period be maraka as Saturn is combust in apt conjunction with the Sun (and Lagna lord Mercury also combust) posited in 7th from Lagna Navamsa. Gocharawise, Saturn is now in 9th from Lagna and 4th from Moon-sign. Whether the sufferings are of temporary nature?

K. U. Nambudiri Narayan, Palghat.

Ans: There are discrepancies between data and statements. For instance, Saturn does not occupy 9th from Lagna gocharawise. There are a lot of other mis-statements. Please send the right chart and statement.

Q. 12. Rasi: Aries - Ascendant 9-00; Taurus - Mars 4-00; Leo - the Sun 26-00, Moon 15-00, Venus 9-50 and Mercury 8-30; Virgo - Rahu 29-20; Libra - Jupiter 7-30; and Scorpio - Saturn 26-07. (a) Although there is Budha-Aditya Yoga and Jupiter is positioned (being Bhagyadhipati) in the 7th, the native got failure in a departmental promotion test. What is your comment about the promotional aspect of the native in the near future? (b) What is the effect of the four major planets (the Moon, the Sun, Venus and Mercury) positioned in the 5th house?

Subrato Das Barman. Adarashapalli.

Ans: (a) Saturn's aspect to 10th house will entail hurdles to departmental examinations. When Jupiter moves into Cancer by *gochara* next year, he will aspect the 10th when promotion can be expected. (b) Too many interests and emotional imbalance. Technically it is known as Sanyasa Yoga.

Q. 13. Rasi: Taurus - Ascendant and Ketu; Gemini - Venus; Leo - the Sun and Jupiter; Virgo - Mercury; Scorpio - Saturn and Rahu; Aquarius - Mars; and Aries - the Moon. Navamsa: Virgo - Ascendant and Jupiter; Libra - Rahu; Aquarius - Mercury; Aries - Ketu; Taurus - Venus; Gemini - the Sun and Mars; and Leo - Saturn. Does the native stand to gain from medical profession? If yes, when; If no, which profession will be better?

Dr. R. P. Chaudhuri, Pipli.

Ans: Mars in the 10th aspecting 4th, 5th, 6th lord in 2nd; these are some indications for a medical career. Right now when Jupiter occupies 2nd and aspects 10th and next year when exalted Jupiter will aspect 11th, gain should be predicted. Let him try medical journalism too, as 3rd house is well fortified.

Q. 14. Rasi: Taurus - Ascendant and Ketu; Cancer - the Moon; Libra - Mars; Scorpio - Rahu; Sagittarius - Mercury and Jupiter; Capricorn - the Sun; Aquarius - Venus and Saturn. Navamsa: Aquarius - Ascendant; Pisces - Rahu and Mars; Aries - the Sun; Taurus - Saturn; Gemini - Venus; and Virgo - Mercury, the Moon, Jupiter and Ketu. (a) What is the result of concentration of planets in the 7th and 8th, especially with reference to marital life? (b) What is the impact of Rahu in the 7th house?

Gautam Datta, Panihati.

Ans: Rahu in the 7th is a contra indication for happiness in marriage. Jupiter-*cum*-Mercury in the 8th shows money through partner. (b) Covered.

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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE	Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun *Ravi*	☽ Moon *Chandra*	♂ Mars *Kuja*	☿ Merc. *Budha*	♃ Jupiter *Guru*	♀ Venus *Sukra*	♄ Saturn *Sani*	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
		h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1.	Thur.	20 44 53	289 35 15	356 13 43	249 28	264 28	69 28	269 46	266 57	294 33	255 15	260 53	205 25
2.	Fri.	20 48 50	290 36 10	10 25 03	250 11	265 29	69 23	269 29	267 04	294 29	255 18	260 55	205 25
3.	Sat.	20 52 46	291 37 03	24 36 56	250 51	266 34	69 19	269 15	267 10	294 26	255 21	260 57	205 26
4.	Sun.	20 56 43	292 37 54	38 47 04	251 38	267 40	69 15	269 02	267 17	294 23	255 24	260 59	205 27
5.	Mon.	21 00 39	293 38 43	52 53 14	252 21	268 49	69 11	268 53	267 24	294 20	255 27	261 01	205 27
6.	Tues.	21 04 36	294 39 32	66 53 12	253 04	270 00	69 07	268 46	267 30	294 17	255 30	261 03	205 28
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10.	Sat.	21 20 22	298 42 30	121 05 51	255 58	275 00	68 54	268 42	267 56	294 04	255 42	261 11	205 29
11.	Sun.	21 24 19	299 43 12	134 03 14	256 42	276 19	68 51	268 47	268 03	294 01	255 45	261 13	205 30
12.	Mon.	21 28 15	300 43 52	146 44 48	257 26	277 40	68 48	268 54	268 09	293 58	255 48	261 15	205 30
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16.	Fri.	21 44 01	304 46 20	195 22 57	260 20	283 13	68 40	269 47	268 34	293 45	255 59	261 22	205 31
17.	Sat.	21 47 58	305 46 54	207 15 31	261 04	284 39	68 38	270 04	268 40	293 42	256 01	261 24	205 31
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28.	Wed.	22 31 20	316 51 38	352 06 23	269 08	301 33	68 33	275 18	269 45	293 07	256 28	261 41	205 29

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Astronomical Notes for February 1990

AGASTYA

*Sayana positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-2-1990.

Planets (Grahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
Ravi	311 52	314 20	0 S 00	17 S 14
Chandra	18 30	15 15	4 N 40	11 N 34
Kuja*	271 44	271 54	0 N 24	23 S 49
Budha	286 44	288 02	0 N 55	21 N 30
Guru	91 44	91 54	0 S 03	23 N 23
Sukra	292 02	292 35	7 N 25	14 S 19
Sani	289 13	290 47	0 N 16	21 S 48
Rahu	316 49			

THE SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward from 20° Capricorn to 18° Aquarius entering it on 11th. The south declination of the Sun decreases from 17° 14' to 7° 46' at the end.

THE MOON

The Moon starts from 26° Pisces, makes one complete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 7° Aries. The north declination increases from 11° 34' till it becomes a maximum at 27° 30' on 5th; then the north declination decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the South on 12th; afterwards the South declination increases reaching a maximum of 27° 29' on 9th; thereafter the south declination decreases till the Moon crosses the equator to the north on 26th; after that the north declination increases to 15° 46' at the end.

*The description of planetary movements is given on Nirayana basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-2-1990 is 22° 16' 24".

MARS

Mars moves forward in Sagittarius from 9° to 30° at the end. The south declination of Mars decreases from 23° 49' to 22° 22' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury moves ahead from 24° Sagittarius to 3° Aquarius entering Capricorn on 5th and Aquarius on 27th. The south declination of Mercury increases from 21° 30' and obtains a maximum value of 21° 33' on 3rd. Then the south declination decreases to 15° 01' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues its retrograde motion in Gemini from 9°, till it becomes direct on 24th at 8° 34'; then Jupiter continues there at the end. The north declination of Jupiter increases from 23° 23' to 23° 28' till the end.

VENUS

Venus continues to be retrograde in Sagittarius from 30° till it becomes direct on 8th at 29°. Then Venus moves forward to 6° at the end entering Capricorn on 16th. The south declination of Venus increases from 14° 19' to 15° 34' at the end.

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SATURN

Saturn continues to move forward in Sagittarius from 27° to 30° at the end. The south declination of Saturn decreases from 21° 48' to 21° 24' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 294° 33' to 293° 04' at the end.

Uranus moves forward from 255° 15' to 256° 30' at the end.

Neptune also moves ahead from 260° 53' to 261° 43' at the end.

Pluto moves forward from 205° 25' till it becomes retrograde at 205° 31' on 19th. Then Pluto moves backward to 205° 29' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the times in I.S.T. noted:

Jupiter at 9h.20m. on 6th; Pluto at 25h.58m. on 16th; Uranus at 6h.15m. on 21st; Neptune at 16h.17m. on 21st; Mars at 21h.57m. on 21st; Saturn at 6h.41m. on 22nd; Venus at 12h.13m. on 22nd; Mercury at 23h.33m. on 24th; the Sun at 14h.24m. on 25th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Square the Moon 2nd, 17th; trine the Moon 5th, 15th; square Pluto 6th; parallel Venus 9th; opposition the Moon 9th; parallel the Moon 14th, 25th; trine Jupiter 19th; conjunction the Moon 25th.

Mars: Opposition Jupiter 1st; trine the Moon 1st, 11th; opposition the Moon 6th; conjunction Uranus 9th; square the Moon 13th, 28th; parallel Uranus 15th; conjunction Neptune 17th; conjunction the Moon 21st; conjunction Saturn 28th.

Mercury: Trine the Moon 3rd, 12th; conjunction Saturn 3rd; conjunction Venus 5th; opposition the Moon 7th; square the Moon 15th; conjunction the Moon 24th; square Pluto 24th; parallel Venus 27th.

Jupiter: Opposition Mars 1st; conjunction the Moon 6th; square the Moon 12th, 27th; trine the Moon 15th, 24th; trine the Sun 19th; opposition the Moon 20th; parallel Uranus 23rd.

Venus: Square the Moon 1st, 14th, 28th; trine the Moon 3rd, 12th; conjunction Mercury 5th; opposition the Moon 7th; conjunction the Moon 22nd; parallel Mercury 27th.

Saturn: Square the Moon 1st, 14th, 28th; trine the Moon 3rd, 12th; conjunction Mercury 3rd; opposition the Moon 7th; conjunction the Moon 22nd; conjunction Mars 28th.

Uranus: Trine the Moon 2nd, 11th; opposition the Moon 6th; conjunction Mars 9th; square the Moon 13th, 27th; parallel Mars 15th; conjunction the Moon 21st.

Neptune: Trine the Moon 2nd, 11th; opposition the Moon 7th; square the Moon 13th, 27th; conjunction Mars 17th; conjunction the Moon 21st.

Pluto: Opposition the Moon 3rd; square the Sun 6th; trine the Moon 7th, 26th; square the Moon 9th, 24th; conjunction the Moon 16th; square Mercury 24th.

I. Full Moon: Dark Fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 24h.46m. on 9th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 298° 31'; the Moon 118° 31'; Mars 255° 49'; Mercury 274° 45'; Jupiter 68° 55'; Venus 268° 41'; Saturn 267° 54'; Rahu 294° 05'; Uranus 255° 41'; Neptune 261° 11'; Pluto 205° 29'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 206° 13'; the 2nd 237° 52'; the 3rd 269° 31'; the 4th 301° 10'; the 5th 329° 31'; the 6th 357° 52'; the 7th 26° 13'; the 8th 57° 52'; the 9th 89° 31'; the 10th 121° 10'; the 11th 149° 31'; the 12th 177° 52'.

II. New Moon: Bright Fortnight (Sukla Paksha) begins at 14h.24m. on 25th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 314° 13'; the Moon 314° 13; Mars 267° 11'; Mercury 297° 19'; Jupiter 68° 32'; Venus 273° 46'; Saturn 269° 30'; Rahu 293° 15'; Uranus 256° 22'; Neptune 261° 37'; Pluto 205° 30'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 84° 54'; the 2nd 111° 16'; the 3rd 137° 38'; the 4th 164° 00'; the 5th 197° 38'; the 6th 231° 16'; the 7th 264° 54'; the 8th 291° 16'; the 9th 317° 38'; the 10th 344° 00'; the 11th 17° 38'; the 12th 51° 16'.

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[The ending moments of Tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to railway time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Thurs.*- Shashti (6th tithi) till 15h.16m., the Saptami (7th tithi). Revati and Siddha Yoga upto 11h.53m., then Aswini and Amruta Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for travel, for taking medicines, for storing foodstuffs, for appointing staff, for fixing pumpsets.

2. *Fri.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 13h.07m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Aswini and Amruta Yoga till 10h.26m., then Bharani and Siddha Yoga. Upto 10h.26m. good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for travel, for delaying with members of other sex.

3. *Sat.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) till 10h.58m., then Navami (9th tithi). Bharani and Siddha Yoga upto 8h.58m., then Krittika and Amruta Yoga. Routine work only.

4. *Sun.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 8h.55m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Krittika till 7h.34m., then Rohini. Whole day Siddha Yoga. After 8h.53m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for purchasing or storing foodstuffs, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

5. *Mon.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 6h.54m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi) till 29h.05m., afterwards Dwadasi (12th tithi). Rohini till 6h.16m., then Mrigasira upto 29h.06m., thereafter Aridra. Till 29h.06m. Amruta Yoga, then Siddha Yoga. Upto 29h.06m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for purchasing or storing food stuffs, for travel, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

6. *Tues.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 27h.29m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Aridra and Marana Yoga upto 28h.12m., then Punarvasu and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

7. *Wed.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 26h.11m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Punarvasu till 27h.35m., then Pushya. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Upto 26h.11m. good for buying cows or dogs, for driving new vehicles, for travel, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets.

8. *Thurs.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) till 25h.15m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Pushya upto 27h.19m., then Aslesha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Only routine work.

9. *Fri.*- Poornima (Full Moon) upto 24h.46m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Aslesha till 27h.29m., then Makha. Whole day Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

10. *Sat.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 24h.46m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Makha and Amruta Yoga till 28h.09m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for purchasing house.

11. *Sun.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 25h.19m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga upto 29h.31m., then Uttaraphalguni and Amruta Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

12. *Mon.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 26h.26m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Uttaraphalguni and Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for driving new vehicles, for gardening, for purchasing or storing foodstuffs, for testing instru-

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2.	Fri.	Rathasaptami (Poorvarunodaya). Vidhana Saptami, Bheeshmashtami, Arogya Saptami
5.	Mon.	Jaya Ekadasi (Smartha)
6.	Tues.	Ekadasi (Vaishnava and Vidhava), Bhaimi Ekadasi (Bengal), Bheeshma Dwadasi
7.	Wed.	Marubhumi Feast - 3 days (Jaisalmer)
8.	Thur.	Teluva Feast (Tai Poosam)
9.	Fri.	Meghi Poornima, Guru Ravidas' Jayanti, Total Lunar Eclipse (visible in India)
10.	Sat.	Hazrath Ali's Birthday
11.	Sun.	Septageshami Sunday
17.	Sat.	Ashtaka, Vaikkatashtami (Kerala)
18.	Sun.	Janaki Janma
21.	Wed.	Vijaya Ekadasi
23.	Fri.	Mahasivaratri, Sivaratri (S. India)
24.	Sat.	Shab-i-miraaj
27.	Tues.	Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa's Birthday

ments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

13. *Tues.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 28h.05m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Uttaraphalguni upto 7h.04m., then Hásta. Whole day Amruta Yoga. Routine work only.

14. *Wed.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 30h.10m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Hasta till 9h.18m., then Chittra. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepenings wells, for purchasing foodstuffs, for driving new vehicles.

15. *Thurs.*- Shashti (6th tithi) whole day. Chittra till 11h.57m., then Swati. Siddha Yoga upto 11h.57m., then Amruta Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for driving new vehicles, for purchasing foodstuffs, for fixing pumpsets, for appointing staff.

16. *Fri.*- Shashti (6th tithi) till 8h.34m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Swati upto 14h.50m., then Visakha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Till 14h.50m. good for borrowing, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for dealing with members of the opposite sex.

17. *Sat.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 11h.04m., then ashtami (8th tithi). Visakha till 17h.46m., then Anuradha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 11h.04m. good for deepening wells.

18. *Sun.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) till 13h.28m., then Navami (9th tithi). Anuradha upto 20h.33m., then Jyeshta. Marana Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

19. *Mon.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 15h.31m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Jyeshta till 22h.57m., then Moola. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 15h.31m. good for surgical operations, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

20. *Tues.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 17h.02m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Moola and Amruta Yoga till 24h.52m., then Poorvashadha and Siddha Yoga. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for surgical operations.

21. *Wed.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) till 17h.54m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Poorvashadha upto 26h.00m., then Uttarashadha. Amruta Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

22. *Thurs.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 18h.02m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Uttarashadha till 26h.30m., then Sravana. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for driving new vehicles, for gardening, for storing foodstuffs, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

23. *Fri.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) till 17h.27m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Sravana and Marana Yoga upto 26h.19m., then Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga. Only routine work.

24. *Sat.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 16h.13m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga till 25h.30m., then Satabhisha and Amruta Yoga. Routine work only.

25. *Sun.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 14h.24m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Satabhisha till 24h.11m., then Poorvabhadrapada. Siddha Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

26. *Mon.*- Prathama (1st tithi) till 12h.09m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga upto 22h.29m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga. This day also routine work.

27. *Tues.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 9h.35m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Uttarabhadrapada till 20h.32m., then Revati. Whole day Amruta Yoga. Good for erecting sheds, for testing instruments.

28. *Wed.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) till 6h.50m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 28h.03m., afterwards Panchami (5th tithi). Revati till 18h.29m., then Aswini. Marana Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel.)

Aswini, Makha, Moola

1st till 11h.53m.; 4th upto 8h.53m.; 5th till 6h.16m.; 13th after 28h.5m.; 14th upto 9h.18m.; 22nd after 26h.30m.; 24th after 25h.30m.; 25th till 14h.24m.; 26th after 22h.29m.; 27th whole day.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

1st whole day; 2nd upto 10h.26m.; 5th 6h.16m. to 29h.6m.; 6th after 28h.12m.; 7th till 26h.11m.; 12th upto 26h.26m.; 19th after 22h.57m.; 20th till 24h.52m.; 21st after 26h.0m.; 22nd upto 26h.30m.; 24th 16h.13m. to 25h.30m.; 27th after 20h.32m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

1st after 11h.53m.; 2nd till 10h.26m.; 4th after 8h.53m.; 5th upto 6h.16m.; 13th after 28h.5m.; 14th till 9h.18m.; 19th after 22h.57m.; 20th upto 24h.52m.; 22nd after 26h.30m.; 24th after 25h.30m.; 25th till 14h.24m.; 26th after 22h.29m.; 27th upto 20h.32m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

1st upto 11h.53m.; 5th 6h.16m. to 29h.6m.; 6th after 28h.12m.; 7th till 26h.11m.; 12th upto 26h.26m.; 21st after 26h.0m.; 22nd till 26h.30m.; 24th 16h.13m. to 25h.30m.; 27th after 20h.32m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

1st after 11h.53m.; 2nd till 10h.26m.; 4th after 8h.53m.; 5th upto 6h.16m.; 12th till 26h.26m.; 13th after 28h.5m.; 14th upto 9h.18m.; 19th after 22h.57m.; 20th till 24h.52m.; 21st after 26h.0m.; 22nd whole day; 24th after 25h.30m.; 25th upto 14h.24m.; 26th after 22h.24m.; 27th till 20h.32m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

1st upto 11h.53m.; 4th after 8h.53m.; 5th till 29h.6m.; 6th after 28h.12m.; 7th upto 26h.11m.; 13th after 28h.5m.; 14th till 9h.10m.; 22nd after 26h.30m.; 24th 16h.13m. to 25h.30m.; 27th after 20h.32m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadra

1st after 11h.53m.; 2nd upto 10h.26m.; 5th 6h.16m. to 29h.6m.; 12th till 26h.26m.; 19th after 22h.57m.; 20th upto 24h.52m.; 21st after 26h.0m.; 22nd till 26h.30m.; 24th 16h.13m. to 25h.30m.; 24th after 25h.30m.; 25th upto 14h.24m.; 26th after 22h.29m.; 27th till 20h.32m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadra

1st upto 11h.53m.; 4th after 8h.53m.; 5th till 6h.16m.; 6th after 28h.12m.; 7th upto 26h.11m.; 13th after 28h.5m.; 14th till 9h.18m.; 22nd after 26h.30m.; 24th after 25h.30m.; 25th upto 14h.24m.; 27th after 20h.32m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st after 11h.53m.; 2nd till 10h.26m.; 5th 6h.16m. to 29h.6m.; 6th after 28h.12m.; 7th upto 26h.11m.; 12th till 26h.26m.; 19th after 22h.57m.; 20th upto 24h.52m.; 21st after 26h.0m.; 22nd till 26h.30m.; 24th 16h.13m. to 25h.30m.; 26th after 22h.29m.; 27th upto 20h.32m.

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Farmers' Guide for February 1990

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(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed., A.M.)

1. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for sowing, for fixing pumpsets, for storing paddy, corn, wheat, dhall etc.

2. Good for sowing.

3. Routine work only.

4. After 8h.53m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for ploughing, for sowing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing paddy, wheat, corn, dhall etc.

5. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for buying oxen or sheep, for sowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing or storing dhall, wheat, paddy, corn etc.

6. Only routine work.

7. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for manuring, for ploughing, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets.

8. Routine work only.

9. This day also routine work.

10. Good for testing instruments.

11. Good for testing instruments, for borrowing, for deepening wells, for writing accounts, for buying oxen or sheep.

12. Good for deepening wells, for erecting sheds, for testing instruments, for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

13. Only routine work.

14. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for manuring, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for purchasing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

15. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for buying oxen or sheep, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

16. Good for borrowing.

17. Till 11h.14m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for deepening wells.

18. Routine work only.

19. Good for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

20. Good for borrowing.

21. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

22. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for ploughing, for sowing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

23. Routine work only.

24. Only routine work.

25. This day also routine work only.

26. This day too only routine work.

27. Good for manuring, for erecting sheds, for testing instruments.

28. Routine work only.

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How Is This Month (February 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utapla C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.—Ed., A.M.)*

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Capricorn till 11th and then enters Aquarius. Mars and Saturn continue their progress in Sagittarius. Mercury in Sagittarius enters Capricorn on 6th and then moves into Aquarius on 27th. Retrograde Jupiter in Gemini resumes direct motion on 26th. Retrograde Venus enters Sagittarius on 1st, resumes direct motion in Sagittarius on 9th and enters Capricorn again on 16th. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

1. MESHA (Aries)

General: Mars in the 9th, Jupiter in the 3rd and Saturn in the 9th are all unfavourable, unrelieved by any check. The Sun in the favourable 10th and 11th yields to vedha till 11th. Mercury in the adverse 9th till 6th transits the favourable 10th and 11th afterwards yielding to *vedha* till 27th. Venus transits the favourable 9th till 16th and the adverse 10th afterwards with check. The unfavourable will sway the nature of life for the native during the month. Attacks from opponents, losses by theft, deceit by the so-called friends and worried mind are all likely. Stoicism and patience will help you to counter the restlessness. Krittika is better than Aswini and Bharani.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to have health troubles throughout. The chronic sufferers should be extremely careful and adopt adequate prophylactic measures to avoid further troubles. Patience and tact will have to be exercised if you are keen on avoiding unpleasant situations in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will be wholly unfavourable. Expenditure will far outstrip income. The medical bills will be big. Under no circumstances you should stand surety for anybody. Pressure from creditors should be avoided. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is not at all a favourable month for real estate matters. There will be gradual reduction in yield and rentals while expenditure may rise to unexpected levels. The services are likely to have a trying time. Penal transfers are likely. Professions and businesses will experience troubled conditions.

Women: Love affairs and romances are likely to lead to disappointment. Social workers are likely to have a trying month. This is not a good period for employed girls.

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Students: Conflicts with friends, relatives and teachers are likely. You should avoid listlessness. Financial worries will cause much mental agitation. You are advised to avoid social contacts with the opposite sex as far as possible.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-12-16	1-8-13
Money dealings and enterprises	11-14-20	2-9-15
Journeys	12-16-21	4-10-16
Real property matters and educational activities	14-20-23	6-13-19
Children and speculation	16-20-25	8-15-22
Services	16-21-27	9-18-24
Partnership	16-21-27	10-19-26
Insurance	14-20-27	13-22-28
Profession and business	7-14-21	8-18-26

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 17th to evening of 19th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: The Sun in the adverse 9th till 11th transits the favourable 10th afterwards with *vedha*. Mars and Saturn transit the favourable 8th till 6th when he moves into the unfavourable 9th with check. On 27th Mercury enters the favourable 10th. Jupiter in the 2nd and Venus in the 8th and the 9th are fully favourable. Favourable influences are more in evidence during the month. Relief from certain commitments and favourable monetary deals are likely. You should curb a tendency to deviate from right conduct. Rohini is better than Krittika and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: You will have reasonably good health throughout. Chronic sufferers will find the month helpful. Your children will perform very well in schools and colleges. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: Your position in the financial field will be very strong. New ventures are likely to be started by you and these will give good dividends in due course. Some of the old dues which you had practically written off will be recovered by you. Speculative transactions are not recommended.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: It is advisable to go slow on real estate matters. You are likely to experience difficulties in the realisation of rents. This is a good month for services, businesses and professions.

Women: Romances, love affairs and courtships are likely to blossom into happy weddings. You will be the most sought-after person in the social gathering. The employed girls are likely to be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the Vidyakaraka for most days in the month, your progress in studies will be good. Medical students are particularly favoured. You will be successful in tests and interviews.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-12-16	1-8-15
Money dealings and enterprises	7-14-17	1-9-18
Journeys	7-16-20	1-10-19
Real property matters and educational activities	7-17-21	1-13-22
Children and speculation	11-16-21	4-15-22
Services	11-16-23	4-15-24
Partnership	11-16-25	8-13-26
Insurance	11-16-27	8-15-28
Profession and business	16-21-27	3-13-24

Chandrashtama occurs from evening of 19th to early hours of 22nd.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: The Sun in the adverse 8th and 9th with check till 11th, Mars and Saturn in the 7th, and Jupiter in *janma* are all inimical. Mercury in the adverse 7th till 6th transits thereafter the favourable 8th with *vedha* till 27th when he moves into the adverse 9th. Venus in the adverse 7th till 16th with check transits afterwards the favourable 8th. The evils predominate during the month. Separation from relations and misunderstandings with business partners are likely. You are advised not to resort to short-cut methods to achieve success. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: Health troubles in one form or another will be present almost throughout. Colic and anal troubles may worry you. The chronic patients should take extra care to avoid aggravation of their ailments. The second half shows better promise for domestic peace.

Finance and Speculation: Financial worries will pester you throughout. Sources of outside help may also dry up. All recently started activities will have a setback due to the paucity of resources. You should refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real estate matters are likely to cause a severe jolt. Agricultural crops are likely to be damaged by pests. Disputes are likely to arise on property rights. Services, businesses and professions may

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have to face a number of difficulties. They should be prudent.

Women: Courtships, love affairs and romances should be avoided completely. Social and club activities should be reduced to the minimum. Employed girls should be very careful.

Students: Disinclination to serious studies is likely to be the predominant feature. Unhappy home and financial drain will also worry you. Relations with friends may also become unpleasant.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	16-21-27	8-15-22
Money dealings and enterprises	14-20-25	6-19-28
Journeys	12-17-23	4-10-19
Real property matters and educational activities	11-16-21	1-10-22
Children and speculation	7-14-20	1-10-24
Services	7-11-20	1-10-26
Partnership	7-12-25	1-10-28
Insurance	11-16-21	9-18-28
Profession and business	14-21-27	1-15-26

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 22nd to morning of 24th.

4. KATAKA (Cancer)

General: Mars and Saturn in the 6th are fully favourable. Jupiter in the 12th, the Sun in the 7th and 8th and Venus in the 6th and the 7th are all unfavourable; the Sun is under check till 11th and Venus till 16th. Mercury in the favourable 6th till 6th transits afterwards the unfavourable 7th till 27th when he moves into the favourable 8th with *vedha*. The favourable results will have a slight edge over the adverse ones. Mars will enable you to face the obstacles with courage and tide over them. You may go on a pilgrimage. Pushyami is better than Punarvasu and Aslesha.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor health troubles the month shows promise of good health. The chronic sufferers could expect to have some relief. Children's health may cause mild concern. You will have to exercise all your tact and patience if you are keen on preserving peace in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The month does not show much promise in the field of finance. Even so you will be able to manage things without running into debt. Speculative transactions are not recommended.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Notwithstanding the severely adverse posture of the lord of the 4th, the *karaka* for property, Mars stands by you. The services will not find the month too bad. This is an average month for businesses and professions.

Women: This is a thoroughly unsatisfactory month for the fair sex. You should curb your social activities. Romances and love affairs should be avoided *in toto*. Employed girls will have to be extremely careful in dealing with their supervisors.

Students: Those having an eye on commissions in the army have every chance of realising their ambition during the month. You will shine extremely well in the field of sports. The chances of your inclusion in the national or state level teams are extremely bright.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-14-20	6-13-19
Money dealings and enterprises	16-21-27	9-19-28
Journeys	7-12-21	1-10-22
Real property matters and educational activities	14-20-25	3-15-26
Children and speculation	11-16-23	3-15-28
Services	11-17-25	5-13-19
Partnership	7-17-25	5-13-22
Insurance	7-17-27	10-19-28
Profession and business	11-23-27	10-18-28

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 24th to morning of 26th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: Jupiter in the 11th is fully favourable. The Sun in the favourable 6th till 11th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 7th. Mars and Saturn in the 5th are not satisfactory. Venus in the favourable 5th till 16th transits thereafter the unfavourable 6th with check. Mercury in the adverse 5th till 6th transits afterwards the favourable 6th till 27th when he moves into the unfavourable 7th with check. The favourable results will be slightly more than the adverse results. You will be successful in your undertakings. Losses are likely through deceitful friends. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to have stomach upsets but the problem will not be severe. The chronic sufferers could look forward to having temporary relief. Children's success in the examinations will bring joy to you. The first half is better than the second for domestic happiness.

Finance and Speculation: This is a satisfactory month for finances. You will settle your past financial commitments in a satisfactory manner.

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You will reap rich dividends in the speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You are advised to go slow in all real property matters. Pests may destroy part of your agricultural crops. Services will have a very satisfactory month. This is a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: Social workers are likely to be invited to accept greater responsibilities which they will discharge quite satisfactorily. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will be successful in tests and interviews. Those pursuing medical courses are particularly favoured. Travel grants are likely to be offered to you by foreign universities for research in the medical field.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-11-16	1-9-15
Money dealings and enterprises	7-12-17	2-10-18
Journeys	7-14-20	3-13-19
Real property matters and educational activities	7-16-21	4-15-22
Children and speculation	7-17-23	5-18-24
Services	11-17-25	6-19-26
Partnership	11-17-27	6-19-28
Insurance	12-20-27	4-18-24
Profession and business	14-21-27	2-15-28

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 1st and again from morning of 26th to evening of 28th.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Mars and Saturn in the 4th, and Jupiter in the 10th, unrelieved by any check on their evil propensities are thoroughly unsatisfactory. The Sun in the adverse 5th with check transits thereafter the favourable 6th. Venus in the favourable 4th and 5th yields to *vedha* till 16th. Mercury in the favourable 4th till 6th transits afterwards the adverse 5th till 27th when he moves into the favourable 6th. The evil results are in predominance. You should develop your will very strongly and resist all temptations which are likely to land you in difficulties. The first half will be more severe than the second half. Hasta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Chitta.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits during the month do not generate much optimism for matters pertaining to health. Stomach complaints are to be repeated. The chronic sufferers should be very careful. Domestic peace and harmony will, however, be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: This is a thoroughly unsatisfactory month for finance. You will have to exercise all your managerial skills to ensure that you are not swept off your feet in matters of finance. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You are advised not to carry out any real estate deals. Labour problems may annoy you considerably. Penal transfers are likely for the services. This is a lean month for professions and businesses.

Women: Social workers may have to face character assassination by mischievous persons. They will, however, come out with their integrity totally unblemished. This is a tough month for the employed girls.

Students: If sufficient restraint is practised, you will be able to counteract the adverse influences of planets during the month. You will have laid the foundation for enjoying the good effects that are bound to come your way in the coming months.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-12-27	4-10-1[illegible]
Money dealings and enterprises	7-20-25	4-10-[illegible]
Journeys	7-17-23	4-10-[illegible]
Real property matters and educational activities	7-16-21	6-15-[illegible]
Children and speculation	7-14-20	6-15-[illegible]
Services	16-20-25	10-18-[illegible]
Partnership	11-17-27	10-18-[illegible]
Insurance	12-20-25	10-18-[illegible]
Profession and business	14-21-27	2-9-1[illegible]

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 1st to afternoon of 3rd again and from afternoon of 28th till the end.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: Mars and Saturn in the 3rd are full favourable. Venus in the favourable 3rd and 4th yields to *vedha* from 16th. The Sun in the adverse 4th and 5th is under check till 11th. Mercury in the unfavourable 3rd till 6th with check transits thereafter the favourable 4th with *vedha* till 27th when he moves into the adverse 5th. The favourable influences predominate during the month. Swati is better than Chitta and Visakha.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health. The chronic sufferers should make use of the favourable planetary vibrations and endeavour to obtain a permanent cure for their ailments. Your eldest son will land a good job in a reputed industry. Domestic peace and happiness will be vouchsafed to you.

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Finance and Speculation: Your financial affairs will be satisfactory. Gains can be made in all dealings. Amounts due are likely to be realised and loans repaid. Speculative transactions will yield excellent dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: There are excellent chances of your acquiring new properties during the month. Yield and rentals will be at high levels. Unexpected promotions are likely for the services. This is a very profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: Love affairs, romances and courtships will blossom into happy wedding. Social climbers will find the month quite helpful. Employed girls are likely to be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will make rapid progress in studies. The chances of your inclusion in the national or state level teams in sports and games are most likely. Army Commissions are likely to be offered to you.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	14-21-27	9-19-28
Money dealings and enterprises	14-20-24	6-15-26
Journeys	12-23-27	10-19-28
Real property matters and educational activities	12-21-27	1-10-22
Children and speculation	12-20-25	6-13-24
Services	7-12-20	5-15-19
Partnership	7-12-21	4-13-18
Insurance	11-17-25	4-13-22
Profession and business	12-20-27	15-19-28

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 3rd to midnoon of 5th.

8. VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: Mars and Saturn in the 2nd with check and Jupiter in the 8th are all not satisfactory. Venus in the 2nd and the 3rd is fully favourable. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 11th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 4th with check. Mercury in the favourable 2nd till 6th transits the adverse 3rd thereafter till 27th when he moves into the favourable 4th with *vedha*. The planets are quite unfavourable for the month. The month leans very much on the evil. You will have a setback in your undertakings. As you are prone to accidents and physical injuries you should be careful in your movements. Anuradha is better than Visakha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: Diseases of the abdomen and bilious complaints are denoted by the adverse transits. The chronic sufferers should be prepared for an aggravation of their complaints and they will do well to resort to prophylactic care in advance. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: While there may be a cut in the regular income there is likely to be a considerable increase in expenditure. Losses may occur in certain enterprises through deceitful friends. Speculative deals should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The damage to agricultural crops is likely. You may also experience difficulties in the realisation of dues from tenants. The services are likely to have a trying time. Penal transfers also may be there. Professions and businesses are not likely to find the month satisfactory.

Women: The emphasis is on expenditure which, if not controlled, is likely to cause much embarrassment at the close of the month. As the functional health is likely to be affected adversely you should be particularly careful in this regard. This is not a good month for the employed girls.

Students: Your relationship with friends, relations and teachers are likely to become unpleasant. You should watch your words and manners very carefully.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	14-14-20	8-15-22
Money dealings and enterprises	11-14-21	8-15-24
Journeys	14-21-25	4-10-18
Real property matters and educational activities	14-21-27	4-10-19
Children and speculation	7-12-16	1-13-22
Services	7-12-17	1-13-24
Partnership	11-17-23	2-15-26
Insurance	11-17-27	2-15-28
Profession and business	7-17-27	1-15-26

Chandrashtama occurs from midnoon of 5th to afternoon of 7th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: Mars and Saturn in *janma* with check are not satisfactory. Jupiter in the 7th is fully favourable. The Sun in the adverse 2nd till 11th with check transits thereafter the favourable 3rd. Venus in the favourable 1st and 2nd yields to *vedha*. Mercury in the adverse 1st with check transits thereafter the favourable 2nd till 27th when he moves into the adverse 3rd. The favourable influences will be a little more than the unfavourable ones, in a month of mixed results. Your merit will

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be recognised with consequent gain. All your actions should be absolutely above board since your enemies are likely to attempt to besmirch your reputation for honesty. Poorvashadha is better than Moola and Uttarashadha.

Health and Domestic: Health troubles may be there but these will not be of a serious nature. The chronic sufferers should take good care of their health. Children's performance in the schools and colleges will bring happiness to you. With some effort you could make the domestic atmosphere peaceful.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. You are likely to get considerable relief from your past financial commitments. Speculative transactions are not recommended.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Notwithstanding the unsatisfactory posture of the *karaka* for properties you may achieve success in property deals. Yield and rentals will be above average levels. This is a good month for the services, professions and businesses.

Women: Romances and love affairs are likely to blossom into happy wedding. The merit of social workers will be recognised. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: Foreign scholarships with travel grants are likely to be offered to you. You will be successful in competitive examinations. You are advised to go slow in the field of sports, games and sports.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-12-16	1-8-15
Money dealings and enterprises	11-14-17	2-9-18
Journeys	12-16-20	3-9-26
Real property matters and educational activities	14-17-21	4-13-22
Children and speculation	14-17-23	5-13-24
Services	11-17-25	6-15-26
Partnership	11-16-27	6-15-28
Insurance	7-12-25	3-10-19
Profession and business	7-12-27	1-18-28

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 7th to night of 9th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd, Mars and Saturn in the 12th and Jupiter in the 6th are all unfavourable; the Sun is under check till 11th. Venus in the favourable 12th and 1st yields to *vedha* till 16th. Mercury in the unfavourable 12th and 1st till 27th with check from 6th to 27th transits the favourable 2nd afterwards. The evil influences will be in predominance. Frustration will be the order of the day. You should resist a temptation to resort to unorthodox methods to achieve success. Stoicism and patience will be of great help. Sravana is better than Uttarashadha and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits do not generate any optimism in the field of health. Stomach ulcers are likely to worry you throughout. The chronic sufferers should take all precautions to prevent an exacerbation in their complaints. The domestic life will be better in the second half than in the first.

Finance and Speculation: This is a thoroughly unsatisfactory month for finances. Every item of expenditure should be checked carefully. Pressure from creditors will be severe. The speculative transactions are not recommended.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions are best avoided during the month. You will experience difficulties in collecting rentals. The services, businesses and professions are likely to have a trying time.

Women: You should take particular care in your functional health. Romances and love affairs should be avoided completely. Social contacts are not likely to be beneficial. Employed girls should exercise more than ordinary care in dealing with their supervisors.

Students: You should curb your tendency to be listless. You should exercise your will and make a firm resolve to concentrate on studies. You should not fritter away your time and energy in extra-curricular activities.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-16-17	1-9-[illegible]
Money dealings and enterprises	7-16-20	1-9-[illegible]
Journeys	7-17-21	6-18-[illegible]
Real property matters and educational activities	7-20-23	6-19-[illegible]
Children and speculation	7-21-25	8-15-[illegible]
Services	7-23-27	8-15-[illegible]
Partnership	11-16-23	5-10-[illegible]
Insurance	11-16-27	5-10-[illegible]
Profession and business	14-20-25	2-9-[illegible]

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 9th to early monring of 12th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: Mars and Saturn in the 11th, Jupiter in the 5th and Venus in the 11th and the 12th

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all favourable making an allowance for the yielding to *vedha* by Mars and Saturn throughout and by Venus after 16th. The Sun in the 12th and the 1st is adverse but he is under check till 11th. Mercury in the favourable 11th till 6th with *vedha* transits afterwards the unfavourable 12th and 1st with check till 27th. The month will witness the accomplishment of your desires. Business advancement, accrual of power and authority and general prosperity are all likely. Satabhisha is better than Dhanishta and Poorvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Good health is assured throughout. The chronic sufferers should take advantage of favourable planetary vibrations and endeavour to obtain a permanent cure of their ailments. One of your sons will land an excellent job in a reputed industry. The second half shows better promise for domestic peace and harmony.

Finance and Speculation: This is an excellent month for finance. New sources of income are likely to open up. Both short and long term investments will flourish. You are advised to refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Acquisition of new property is indicated. Yield and rentals will be at very satisfactory levels. The services could confidently look forward to promotion. The month will be quite profitable for businesses and professions.

Women: Film artistes will reach the top of the pyramid in the world of celluloid. They will land excellent contracts from leading banners paving their way for higher glory. Employed girls are likely to be promoted out-of-turn.

Students: You will shine well in both the field of studies and sports. The chances of your inclusion in the national or state level teams of sports, games and athletics are quite rosy. Those aspiring for foreign service under Central Government may realise their ambition.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	14-20-25	8-18-28
Money dealings and enterprises	14-20-27	8-19-28
Journeys	7-12-20	10-18-22
Real property matters and educational activities	7-12-21	1-10-22
Children and speculation	11-16-23	1-10-26
Services	11-16-25	1-10-28
Partnership	16-21-27	3-13-24
Insurance	7-16-25	3-13-18
Profession and business	7-16-27	3-13-19

Chandrashtama occurs from early morning of 12th to afternoon of 14th.

12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: The Sun in the favourable 11th till 11th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 12th with check. Mars in the favourable 10th yields to *vedha*. Mercury in the favourable 10th and 11th has *vedha* till 6th and transits after 27th the unfavourable 12th. Jupiter in the 4th and Saturn in the 10th are both adverse but both of them are under check. Venus in the adverse 10th till 16th with check transits afterwards the favourable 11th. In a month of mixed results bad effects will have slight edge over the good ones. You should not resort to short-cut and unorthodox methods for achieving success. Revati is better than Poorvabhadra and Uttarabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Minor health troubles may annoy you. On the whole this is a trouble-free month from the point of view of health. Chronic sufferers should, however, be careful. Children's health may cause mild concern. The first half shows troubled domestic conditions. The second half shows better results.

Finance and Speculation: There is likely to be a fall in the regular income and the expenditure may rise sharply. Friends will, however, come to your rescue and save you from financial embarrassment. Speculative deals should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You will be partially successful in real estate matters. It is advisable to postpone all major real property transactions. Working conditions may deteriorate for the services. This is an average month for businesses and professions.

Women: Social activities must be slowed down. You should do everything to balance your domestic budget. The tendency to be extravagant in expenses should be fully curbed. Employed girls are likely to be given memo for explaining their conducts in office.

Students: You will make good progress in studies. Those having an eye on the army commissions may realise their ambition. You are advised to go slow in sports, games and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-11-17	1-13-19
Money dealings and enterprises	14-20-23	2-9-22
Journeys	7-16-27	8-18-24
Real property matters and educational activities	14-20-27	8-18-26
Children and speculation	7-14-21	8-18-28
Services	7-20-25	6-15-24
Partnership	7-20-27	2-18-26
Insurance	16-21-27	2-8-18
Profession and business	12-20-25	9-22-28

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 14th early morning of. 17th.

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MY TURN

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The Test of Prediction

PERSONALLY, I do not believe in criticism simply because "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still". But I cannot resist commenting on a controversy going on through the columns of your esteemed magazine, through the article "Should We Adopt Sayana Charts - I".

The chart of Prof. B. Suryanarain Rao is discussed. To prove that 'Sayana' is better than 'Nirayana' the person should be an exponent of both. And the analysis should be both in

(a) Negative approach - That, it should be convincingly be proved that the Nirayana System could not prove certain results/events which only the Sayana can.

(b) Positive approach - That the Sayana system has done it better.

Let me show my point through simple mathematics.

For example, A attempts 70 questions out of a 100 of Paper I. But his knowledge being only 60%, he will end up with a score of 42%. He attempts the same number of questions in Paper II but in this his knowledge is 90%. So his score will be 63%.

So for a good comparison (i) There must be a control system against which to measure effects. (ii) Complete elimination of 'bias'; for this double-blind-technique, etc., could be adopted. (iii) The "Placebo (false) effects should be identified. (iv) Rules must be laid down for analysis.

In Prof. B. Suryanarain Rao's example, we have to see (a) If Lagna is the sole factor in analysis of height, features, etc., would Lagna lord of a tall sign in a short sign or *vice versa* not have any effects on the height and other features of the native? Can Nirayana not explain his features? (b) Can his "graduation at 28", etc., be explained only by Sayana system and not by the Nirayana chart?

Now if all things can be proved by both the systems, then why condemn one and praise the other? The ultimate test of the astrologer lies in his ability to predict future events. I think other readers will also share my view that we would like Mr. Chalam to write articles based on his hypothesis on future events, that being one of the best tests for any hypothesis proposed.

A researcher should not have preconceived notions. The more we dissociate ourselves from such notions the better we understand a subject.

It is we who think that *"What I think"* is important. A researcher in search of truth will never think so.

MY TURN

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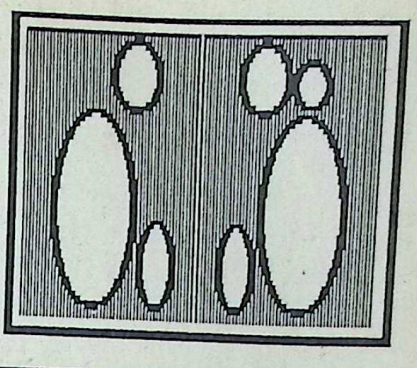

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Q. My daughter's marriage is getting unduly delayed. Will Venus in the 12th and 9th lord in the 11th take her overseas *via* marriage?

Born 3-8-1964 at 4.50 a.m. (IST) at Ludhiana.

S. No. 12727

		MOON JUPIT.	VENUS MARS RAHU
SAT.(R)	RASI		ASCDT. SUN
			MERC.
KETU			

Ans: The Dasa of Jupiter has begun and he is a powerful benefic for Cancer Ascendant. Therefore he can see your daughter married before his Bhukti finishes in mid-1990. Since the Ascendant lord joins 9th lord Jupiter, the girl may generally be fortunate about her future husband. The 7th lord Saturn is in the 8th in a fixed sign which does not seem to suggest a boy who would take her abroad. However, in other respects, the match will be quite satisfactory.

Q. My daughter is in final year M.Sc. (Environmental Sciences). What will be her profession and will she go abroad?

Born 21-1-1968 at 4.25 a.m. (IST)

S. No. 16611

Ans: The 10th house has Moon and Ketu in Virgo (earthy sign) while the 10th lord Mercury

RAHU SAT.			
MARS	RASI		
SUN MERC.			JUPIT.(R)
ASCDT.	VENUS		MOON KETU

VENUS RAHU	MOON	ASCDT.	
SUN MARS	NAVAMSA		MERC. JUPIT.
		SAT.	KETU

is also in an earthy sign in Capricorn. Saturn aspects Virgo and its occupants from a watery sign and the Dasa now is of Rahu. Therefore, she may work in an area directly related to her line of study. Rahu is *vargottama* and can take her overseas, especially after March 1991 when Mercury Bhukti begins. Rahu's strong disposition shows an aptitude for research and innovative work as also higher studies abroad.

Q. I feel that the powerful 10th house disposition in my daughter's chart may give her a career in the I.A.S.?

Born 4/5-9-1969 at 1.22 a.m. (IST)

S. No. 15405

Ans: The Ascendant and the 10th house are indeed powerfully placed. But Jupiter whose Dasa will start from August 1990 is also the 10th lord and placed with Lagna lord Mercury in the 4th. The sign involved is Virgo, an earthy sign and in Navamsa, Jupiter again joins Mercury in

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	SAT.		ASCDT. MOON
RAHU	RASI		VENUS
			SUN KETU
	MARS		MERC. JUPIT.

MARS		MERC. JUPIT.	RAHU
	NAVAMSA		
ASCDT.			SAT.
KETU	VENUS	MOON	SUN

Taurus, another earthy sign. These do not seem to indicate an I.A.S. career. Rather, they seem to point to such areas as accountancy and auditing in which she may carve a distinguished career for herself.

Q. I am very worried about the marriage potential of the chart as there are certain malefic combinations. Saturn retrograde in the 7th is in debility with *neechabhanga* and is aspected by exalted 7th lord Mars. Other factors also taken into account could suggest either a long-lived husband or many husband or even desertion by the husband. Please let me have your expert views.

Born 26-11-1969 at 5.00 a.m. (IST)

S.M.B., Kansbahal

	SAT.(R)		MOON
RAHU	RASI		
MARS			KETU
	SUN MERC.	JUPIT. VENUS ASCDT.	

		RAHU	VENUS
	NAVAMSA		SAT.
ASCDT.			MARS
MERC.	MOON JUPIT. KETU	SUN	

Ans: Saturn in the 7th is generally not welcome but here he becomes an exceptionally favourable planet being a Yogakaraka from Lagna. The 7th lord is aspected by him. Jupiter and Venus also aspect the 7th house. While some delay is possible, these planetary factors do not imply any adversity. Rahu Dasa at its fag end may bring an emotionally disturbing phase into the young lady's life but marriage is not yet just indicated.

Venus aspecting the 7th, Saturn as Yogakaraka there suggests a fortunate match from an affluent friendly. Widowhood, multiple marriages, impotency in husband can all be forgotten. The 7th lord aspecting the 7th can make the husband short-tempered and slightly rigid in attitudes and nothing more. But who has a perfect husband, anyway?

Q. My daughter-in-law has been suffering, since before her marriage, from one illness or the other. At present she is suffering from pyelonephritis. Will she be free from this serious illness? She had an abortion in November 1986 when she fell accidentally on the terrace. Will she have a child?

Born 1-10-1956 at 1.32 p.m. (IST)

		KETU	
MARS(R)	Son RASI		
ASCDT.			VENUS MOON JUPIT.
	SAT. RAHU		SUN MERC.

KETU MERC.	MARS VENUS	SUN	MOON
	NAVAMSA		
ASCDT.			
	JUPIT.		SAT. RAHU

Born 10-4-1959 at 3.48 p.m. (IST)

MERC. SUN KETU	MOON	MARS VENUS	
	Daughter-in-law RASI		
			ASCDT.
SAT.	JUPIT.(R)		RAHU

SUN			
	NAVAMSA		RAHU
KETU VENUS			SAT.
MARS		ASCDT. MOON	MERC.(R) JUPIT.(R)

G.L.M.

Ans: The 7th lord Moon in your son's chart is in the 8th with 3rd and 12th lord Moon and Yogakaraka Venus aspected by 11th lord Mars and Lagna lord Saturn. Too many planets influencing the waning 7th lord can disturb the balance and give a weak and sickly constitution to spouse. Corresponding to this affliction to the 7th house, your daughter-in-law has a severely afflicted Lagna lord. But the Ascendant lord Sun is aspected by Jupiter, sign-dispositor, and this is a little heartening. The 8th house affliction shows the seat of the problem as the kidneys. In your son's chart too, with reference to Chandra Lagna, the 7th lord Saturn is in Scorpio (private parts, excretory system) with Rahu.

Regarding issues, your son's 5th house is afflicted considerably, so also the 5th lord in the 8th. The 9th house and 9th lord are influence-

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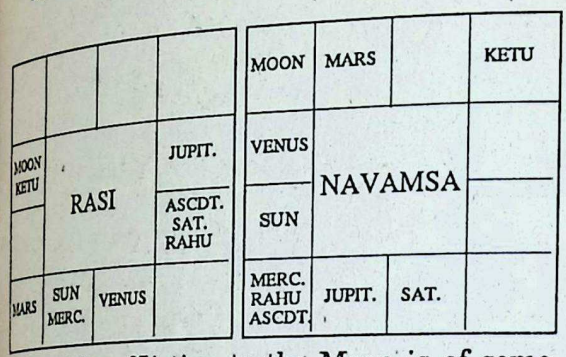
by the 8th lord. These are not very favourable for progeny and even suggest considering adoption seriously.

Q. I am worried about my daughter after reading two articles in your esteemed journal. The first article says Saturn and Rahu in Lagna and Mars in the 5th indicate mental disorder. The second article says Mercury and the Moon in mutual *kendras*, both with malefics, indicates lunacy.

Born 7-12-1978 at 00.47 a.m. (IST)

S. No. 15553



Ans: The affliction to the Moon is of some significance but because the Lagna lord Sun is well placed in the 4th aspected by exalted Jupiter, the intensity of the afflictions can be staved off. The affliction to Saturn actually turns it on the 7th house. In other words, marital problems are likely. One way to counter it is to be extra careful when matching charts for marriage. Secondly, career interests of the girl should be emphasised. The affliction may not surface during Jupiter Dasa.

Q. My daughter is having problems in her educational career. She was struck by polio when only 3 years old. But she is very studious and has appeared 3 times unsuccessfully in pre-medical test. Inspite of her physical inability she is pursuing B.Sc. (medical group). Will she be able to realise her ambition.

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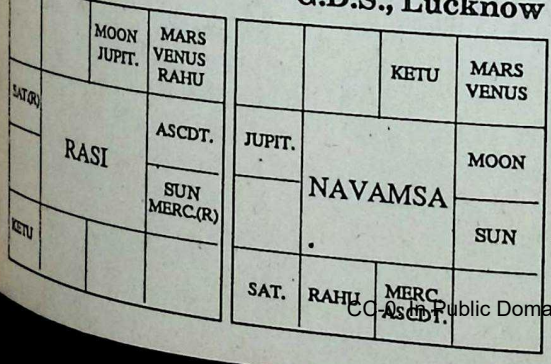
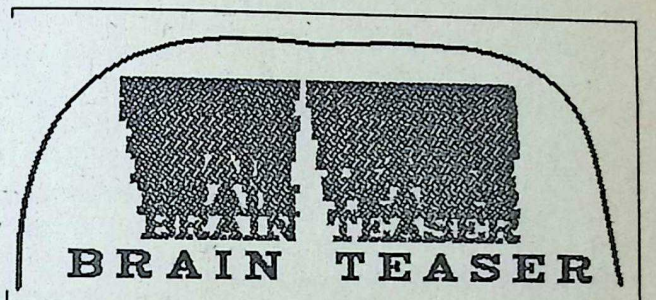
G.D.S., Lucknow



Ans: The Ascendant lord Moon is exalted in the 11th with 9th lord Jupiter. Yogakaraka Mars as also 11th lord Venus are in *vargottama.* The 10th lord Mars is in the 12th with Rahu. These are factors that indicate a successful career. She is now at the fag end of Rahu Dasa which will finish in may 1990. Transit Saturn in the 8th from natal Moon is another temporary check on the potential of the chart. As soon Jupiter Dasa begins in mid 1990, things will start moving for your daughter. Physical inability or not, she will be ble to progress well in her studies and obtain her objective of a successful career.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati



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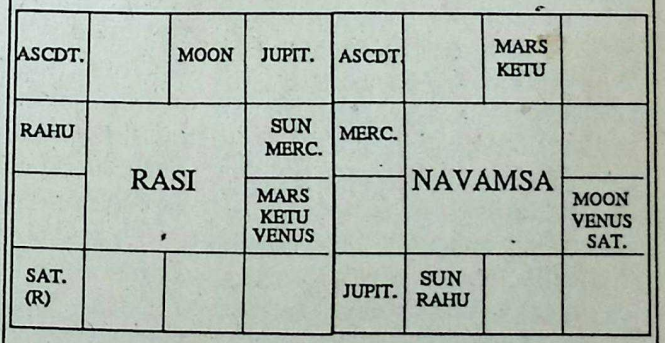

Solution: Next Month

Solution to Our January Teaser:

Birth of animals.

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Death on a Pilgrimage

The matador in which the family was travelling to Nathadwara collided with a truck on 20-7-1985. Wife and son were crushed to death. Daughter escaped unhurt. Husband recovered fully after long treatment. The 9th house and lord are centres of strong affliction.

Husband: Born 20-7-1948. Balance of Sun's Dasa: years 5-9-10. Disaster in Rahu-Venus-Mercury. *Chart 1—Rasi:* Scorpio - Ascendant and Jupiter (R) 27-00; Sagittarius - the Moon 27; Aries - Rahu 17; Gemini - Venus 1 and Mercury 15; Cancer - Sun 4 and Saturn 28; Virgo - Mars 9; and Libra - Ketu 17. The 8th lord Mercury is not connected with 3rd house and its lord; hence escaped death.

Wife: Born 2-10-1949. Balance of Moon's Dasa: years 2-8-22. Disaster and death in Jupiter-Venus-Rahu. *Chart 2—Rasi:* Virgo - Ascendant 23, the Sun 16, Mercury (r) 20 and Ketu 25; Libra - Venus 28; Sagittarius - Jupiter 29; Capricorn - the Moon 19-38; Pisces - Rahu 25; Cancer - Mars 23; and Leo - Saturn 21.

Transit on 20-6-1985 about 11 a.m. *Rasi:* Aries - Rahu and Venus; Gemini - the Sun, the Moon, Mars and Mercury; Libra - Saturn (R) and Ketu; and Capricorn - Jupiter (R).

In the wife's chart, Mars is the lord of the 3rd and 8th houses and is debilitated in a strong *upachaya*, the 11th. Jupiter is in the last degree ready to enter its debility and is aspected by Uranus from Gemini 13. Jupiter is in unusually slow motion (1° 48' per day).

They started when Gemini rising and heavily afflicted by Mars-Sun. Panchaka was 8 (*tithi* 2, Thursday 5, Punarvasu 7 and Lagna 3). Ahmedabad to Nathadwara is eastward and Gemini-Moon is in west. Hence the Moon was behind them. The Moon behind or on the left of a traveller is a taboo. Gemini is the husband's 8th house. The wife's 10th house is occupied by Uranus and its lord is retrograde in Lagna with the Sun and Ketu.

Dasa-Bhukti-Antara lords of both are afflicted by transits. Being a purely religios tour to fulfil a vow, the 9th house and its lord are projected along with 3rd house and its lord.

Fatal Fall from Horse

The native fell off from the back of a running horse and died.

Born 26-10-1959. Balance of Ketu Dasa years 4-1-9. Died 5-7-1972 in Venus-Saturn-Venus (Chart from *A.M.*) *Rasi:* Pisces - Ascendant and Ketu 10; Cancer - Uranus; Leo - the Moon 4 and Venus 25; Virgo - Rahu 10; Libra - Mars 12 and the Sun 11; Scorpio - Jupiter 11 and Mercury 12; and Sagittarius - Saturn 10.

Here, Venus is lord of the 3rd and 8th houses and moved to the 7th house of debilitation joining Rahu. Saturn aspects them. Mars, lord of the 9th, is combust in the 8th and aspects the 3rd house. Mercury and Jupiter in the 9th (Scorpio) are hemmed between Mars-Sun and Saturn and aspect the 3rd house. Saturn and Mars are afflictors.

Transit Venus was retrograde in the 3rd house with Saturn. Mars was in debilitation in the 5th with Mercury and aspected the 8th house Mars-Sun. Jupiter was retrograde over radical Saturn. Ketu was also in the 5th. The Sun was in Gemini and the Moon in Aries.

Lost at Sea

Born 31-8-1957 with balance of Saturn Dasa years 16-1-24. Ship wreck in the Pacific on 6-1-1978 in Mercury-Venus-Moon. *Chart: Rasi:* Aquarius - Ascendant 14; Cancer - Uranus 14; Leo - the Sun 14 and Mars 22; Virgo - Mercury (R) 1, Jupiter 11 and Venus 22; Libra - Rahu 20; and Scorpio - the Moon 5-20 and Saturn 15.

Mars lord of the 3rd is combust in the 7th and in mutual special aspects with Saturn. The Moon is debilitated in the 10th and afflicted by afflicted Saturn. Lord of Lagna also aspects the Sun. Mercury, 8th lord, retrograde in own exalted house is with 9° from Mars and afflicted. Though in different signs, they are conjunct. Lord of 9th Venus is in the 8th in debility. The 8th house and the three occupants suffer Papakartari from Mars, Sun (afflicted) and Rahu.

Transit Mars was retrograde in debility. Saturn was retrograde over radical Mars and the Sun. Jupiter was retrograde in Gemini. The Moon was in Scorpio over her radical position along with Mercury while the Sun and Venus transited the 11th house. Rahu transited in Virgo.

Electric Train Collision

A fateful disaster struck on 14-6-1988 while travelling homewards in Saturn-Mercury-Mercury.

Born 15-4-1958 Tuesday. Balance of Rahu Dasa: years 3-10-3. *Chart: Rasi:* Pisces - Ascendant 12 and Mercury (R); Aries - the Sun and Ketu; Cancer - Uranus; Libra - Rahu and Jupiter (R); Sagittarius-Saturn (R); and Capricorn - Mars; Aquarius - the Moon and Venus.

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Saturn (R) occupies 10th aspecting Venus, lord of the 3rd and the 8th and the Moon. Mars moves into the 12th house, aspects the 3rd house and afflicts 3rd lord and the Moon. Lagna lord Jupiter is retrograde in the 8th house. Jupiter aspects Venus and the Moon and exalted Sun, both afflicted by Nodes. Mercury occupies Lagna, is retrograde in its sign of debilitation.

Transit Mars in Taurus, the Sun, Mercury (R) and Venus in Gemini; Rahu in Cancer; Jupiter and Saturn in Virgo and the Moon in Libra. Mars transiting 3rd house afflicted Dasa lord Saturn (R) in Sagittarius and Saturn in Virgo afflicted Mercury (R) in Lagna, who is Bhukti and Antara lord.

In the event of pedestrians being knocked down by spending vehicles, the personal factor Lagna, mind factor the 5th house, and the comfort factor the 4th house, and/or their lords are involved and afflicted in the birth chart as also the Moon, irrespective of the 3rd and 9th houses, which, if involved, add to the risk in travel.

The native becomes indifferent to the rush of vehicles around, may be engrossed in chit-chatting or haunted by a problem or may misjudge the speed and direction of the vehicles or plunge head-long into a traffic jam due to hurry and haste.

Here again the involvement of the 8th lord or 8th house may prove fatal. Jupiter as in other cases, when unafflicted and strong aspecting affliction by 5/9 aspect, rescues the native if he is not lord of the 8th house. An unafflicted Jupiter when retrograde and occupying the 8th house saves life provided he is not combust or debilitated. Jupiter in the 11th house is also a saviour.

Crushed to Death

A college girl on her way home from college was crushed to death on 19-12-1978 in Rahu-Saturn-Jupiter.

Born on 26-11-1959 with Moon's Dasa: Balance years 4-5-7. *Chart: Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant 2; Virgo - Rahu 9; the Moon 17-25 and Venus 22; Scorpio - Mars 2; Mercury 9, the Sun 11 and Jupiter 19; and Sagittarius - Saturn 15.

The Moon, Rahu and Venus (lord of 1 and 6) occupy the 5th house and are aspected by Saturn from the 8th house. Mars, Mercury (5th lord) and Jupiter (8th lord) are combust in the 7th house, the Sun being lord of the 4th house, they all aspect Lagna. uranus occupies the 3rd house. The 4th house suffers Papakartari, Venus debilitated and afflicted moves to the 6th house and Jupiter to the 8th house aspecting the 4th house.

Transit Mars was on radical Saturn in the 8th house, Saturn and Rahu transited the 4th house, Jupiter was retrograde in Cancer with the Moon, Venus in the 6th house, Sun and Mercury over their radical positions.

Transits as Predictors

Apart from the individual birth charts and leaving aside Uranus, travel disasters occur when:

(a) Mars and Saturn transit over the same sign or aspect each other or one may aspect the other or they are in mutual *kendras* 2/12 or 6/8 positions and at least one of them is retrograde.

(b) Jupiter is retrograde or is afflicted by Mars and/or Saturn and/or a Node or is mutually in 2/12 or 6/8 or *kendra* positions with Mars and/or Saturn.

(c) The Sun and the Moon are together or in mutual *kendra*. or 2/12 or 6/8 and aspected by a retrograde or afflicted Jupiter or are afflicted by Mars or Saturn or a Node.

(d) Mercury and/or Venus are retrograde or are both afflicted by Mars and/or Saturn or by the afflicted or retrograde Jupiter.

In short, Jupiter should be retrograde or afflicted. Mars and/or Saturn may be retrograde or both should be afflicted as also the luminaries in transit. The *kendra* positions, 6/8 positions, 2/12 positions and Papakartari to Jupiter, Mercury, Venus, the luminaries and Mars or Saturn should not be overlooked.

The above combinations cause a colossal loss of human lives when the individual birth charts have positive indications of death. These days, when astrological taboos for travel are ignored, these combinations provide sufficient forewarning.

I have described that in transit, if Jupiter is strong, unafflicted, direct in motion and casts his trinal aspect (not 7th aspect) on the affliction, no human loss of life is to be feared even though the disaster is serious.

Air Disaster But No Death

A Boeing 737 exploded in the air and crushed near Madras on 26-4-1979 but no life was lost.

Transits: Rasi: Aries - the Sun and the Moon; Cancer - Jupiter; Leo - Saturn (R) and Rahu; and Pisces - Mars, Mercury and Venus; Jupiter is direct, unafflicted and exalted and aspects Mars, Mercury, Venus in 6/8 relations with Saturn(R).

On 19-6-1988 another plane crashed while landing and was

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reduced to scrap but no loss of life occurred.

Transits: Rasi: Aries - Jupiter; Taurus - Mercury (R) and Venus (R) Gemini - the Sun; Cancer - the Moon; Leo - Ketu; Sagittarius - Saturn (R); and Aquarius - Mars and Rahu. Saturn (R) aspected Mars, Rahu and the Sun, but unafflicted Jupiter's 9th aspect on Saturn removed the string from Saturn.

Death (Kalamrityu) is inevitable. But premature death (Akalamrityu) can be avoided by astrological precautions. Disasters resulting in deaths *en-masse* have revealed that the individual charts have positive indications of such events during appropriate Dasa-Bhuktis. During adverse periods coinciding with adverse transits, if the astrological injunctions regarding travel are ignored, one has to pay the price of life.

Some Injunctions

Direction of the Moon

Travelling should be avoided when the Moon stays in the opposite direction or on the left. The Moon transiting a fiery sign stays in the East, in an earthy sign stays in the South; in an airy sign, stays in the West; in a watery sign stays in the North.

Yogini

Travelling is forbidden in the direction occupied by *yogini*. The 8th lunar day gives agony and 9th lunar day gives death. The rising sign and the star afflicted by malefics or retrograde planets must be avoided even if *panchaka* is favourable. Eclipse time should be avoided. There are also other injunctions regarding personal factors like birth star, birth Moon, birth Lagna etc.

Fateful Flights

On 19-10-1988, when flights from Bombay to Ahmedabad and Silchar to Gauhati took off it was the 9th lunar day. Yogini stayed in the sky. Capricorn Moon was in the South while the journey was northward. The rising sign Virgo was transited by retrograde Mercury aspected by Mars and Saturn.

The Pan American Jet 747 took off from Harbour London on 21-12-1988 Wednesday at 18.25 for New York and within 55 minutes crashed in Southern Scotland.

It was the 14th lunar day (tabooed). Yogini was in Southwest, Taurus Moon, exalted stayed in South while the flight was west-bound hence the Moon was on the left (tabooed). Lagna was Cancer, its lord exalted with retrograde Jupiter. Rahu was in the 8th house aspected by combust Saturn, lord of the 8th. Mars in Pisces and Saturn aspected the 3rd house Virgo, whose lord Mercury stayed with Saturn. Lunar day 14th, the week-day Wednesday, star Rohini and rising sign Cancer give *panchaka* 8 (disease).

Emperor Asoka bound for Dubai took off at 8.12 p.m. from Bombay on 1-1-1978 Sunday and within 3 minutes exploded and fell into the sea near Bandra.

Cancer was rising with retrograde Mars. Saturn was retrograde in Leo, Rahu and Moon in Virgo, Mercury retrograde in Gemini, the lunar day was 22nd, star was Uttaraphalguni. *Panchaka* was 6 (agony), Moon stayed on the left, Yogini stayed in the north. Aquarius the 8th house is aspected by Mars, Saturn and Jupiter all retrograde.

Mercury or Gemini are both afflicted in the chart.

Afflicted Human Sign

Gemini is a human sign a also the 3rd house in a nation horoscope. If it is afflicted the individual birth chart, could be on the look out afflictions to houses 3-9 a their lords.

Again, when in transit, t human signs Gemini, Virg Libra, Sagittarius (fore-pa and Aquarius are afflicted when one or more signs a doubly afflicted by malefics, t Nodes, a retrograde planet an afflicted planet or a debi tated planet, many human liv will be lost in travel disaster if a strong, unafflicted and d rect Jupiter's trinal aspect do not fall on the afflicting body

The Moon in Lagna

Electional Astrology has r erence at the time of comme ing a work, project or journ Many a time, the time of dep ture of a train, plane or b cannot be known immediat by the astrologer sufficiently advance.

In such a situation, the p sition of the transit Moon's s is to be taken as Lagna (Mo sign as Lagna). Examine Moon-Lagna, the 3rd and 6 and 9th houses and their lor Also ascertain the lordship the Moon. With reference the Moon-sign, *e.g.*, when Mo sign is Taurus, the Moon o the 3rd house, for Sagitta Moon, the Moon owns the house. If the Moon, the 3rd 9th or 8th houses or lords afflicted by malefics, the No or a retrograde, afflicted debilitated planet or a Papa tari occurs to the Moon, dispositor, 3, 8, 9 houses or lo the journey must be postpo till the Moon changes si This is verified in every ev of a mishap and easy to gr for those, who would care know.—75.89.

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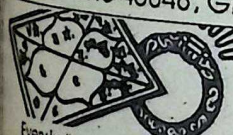

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Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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MY EARLY EXPERIENCES IN ASTROLOGY—XXIX*

ONE fine morning in November 1941, as I was getting ready to start writing the editorial article in my small office room, sparsely furnished with a table, two chairs and reference books scattered on my table, a well-built middle-aged man dressed in spotless white khadi *dhoti* and long coat entered my room.

"Hello my friend, so you are the astrologer who has been making astounding predictions about the war, which I have followed with great interest and which have become the subject of discussion amongst many people", he said greeting me with a *namasthe*. I smiled but kept silent. Continuing he said "I am also a student of Astrology and have my readings done by many astrologers".

Taking out from his brief-case a scroll of paper, he laid a Rasi chart on my table with the request that I must "tell something about the chart so that I can get convinced". This offended me a little and I retorted: "If you want to test my astrological abilities I would politely ask you to withdraw from the room". He was patience incarnate and was not upset by my somewhat brusque manner. No, Mr. Raman, I know your abilities. That is why I wanted you to say something about the chart".

As I have mentioned earlier in this series, in those days, to satisfy my ego I would generally try to demonstrate my "abilities" by giving some predictions about the past of the consultor. Examining the Rasi chart, I said: "Sagittarius rising and the lord of Lagna exalted in the 8th makes the person inclined towards corpuence and gives an inclination for philosophical and occult studies. Somewhat impulsive the native is generally enterprising". The gentleman who had yet to reveal his identity, lifted his hand as if to indicate "You are correct so far. Proceed further, please".

I continued, "Fullness of figure characterises the native. Lagna is occupied by Mars and Venus. This is not an altogether favourable combination for domestic happiness as it highlights differences between the native and his wife. Moreover Venus in a common sign afflicted, denotes more than one marriage especially at the fag end of Venus Dasa. The Moon-Jupiter conjunction in Cancer is an asset in the horoscope. Mental disposition will be of a high order. The native is not moved by harshness, jealousy or vengance. This combination also stengthens the vitality, inclines the native to benevolence and to spiritual and occult studies and gives a jovial disposition. The affliction of Lagna by Saturn and Mars has its unfortunate

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being occupied by the lord of the 9th and aspected by Dhanakaraka Jupiter indicates powerful Dhana yogas. Lord of the 10th Mercury in the 3rd with Rahu denotes a business which involves dealing with metals like aluminium etc. Ketu in the 9th and lord of the 9th subject to Papakartari Yoga and the lord of the 10th from the 9th Venus afflicted suggests humble beginnings in career".

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At this stage, I stopped my delineation and awaited his reaction. Beaming with a smile, the gentleman said, "Your analysis is brilliant. The horoscope belongs to me. I am Himchand K. Shah, an industrialist manufacturing aluminium and stainless steel utensils. I have a number of friends who are eager to consult you". With these words Mr. Shah immediately became a patron to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

Mr. Shah said that he had lost his first wife in 1926 and married again in 1927. Joining Jeewanlal in 1921 as an ordinary employee, he had organised an independent branch in Madras in 1923, stayed in Calcutta as Secretary till 1934, purchased a small factory in Bangalore in 1936, shifted the factory to Madras in 1939 and became the Managing Director of Jeewanlal in 1940.

In due course Mr. Shah became my staunch admirer and our friendship lasted until he passed away in 1966.

What to me was most annoying was his 'addiction' to astrological consultations. He would consult every astrologer that he came across and then would send the interpretation to me for my opinion. I did not wish to sit in judgement over the findings of other astrologers. I told Mr. Shah bluntly that it would be unethical on my part to sit in judgement over what others said. From then on he would seek my astrological advice in all his personal and business matters and he did in his own way much good for the cause of Astrology.

Of the several astrologers he had introduced was V. S. N. Sastry, an astro-palmist hailing from Rajahmundry. He had given a reading of Mr. Shah's horoscope from 'Bhrigu Nadi' which he claimed to have in his possession. As usual the past was correct in many ways. The Nadi's analysis of the horoscope was in simple Sanskrit verses. Mr. Shah said that the reading was accurate upto the time of consultation. When we met in 1965, a year before Mr. Shah died, he was of the opinion that the reading in general was fairly accurate but failed miserably in timing events.

My interest in Nadi Astrology continued unabated until the sixties, when I decided not to waste time or money on hunting after the Nadis. As I continue this series I shall be able to disclose at the appropriate places what the Nadis are and how far they are astrological.

Surprisingly within a month from Mr. Shah's first meeting with me Sarma asked for my birth details and sent to me what he called my "test reading".

After giving the birth details and a description of the mental disposition, etc., the reading (as translated by Mr. Sarma's English knowing friend) said "close to famous leaders after 35th year (प्रसिद्ध प्रभुखात्मीयं पंचत्रिंश वयोगते । learned, a man of principles, earns money by trade (विद्यवान् गुणशाली च व्यापारे धन संचयः । endowed with riches (these predictions were said to apply only after my 35th year), thick hair and capable (ऐश्वर्य धन संपन्नो लंबकेशी समर्थयः । good natured, wavering, and religious (सुशीलश्चंलान्वितः। धर्माचारादि संयुतः । scholar, capable of grasping other's minds polite and good natured (विद्धान् सर्वगुणग्राही विनीतश्च गुणाप्रियः । respect from rulers and influx of money through them (राजद्धारेतिमानंच नवद्धारा धनाप्तयः । he will visit foreign countries and has a beautiful wife of character (विदेशे गमनं भूयात् भार्याप्ति सुन्दरी शीला । allegations from relatives, and the family a little bit afflicted (बन्धुवर्गापवादीच कुटुंबं पीडितं खलु । fearless and truthful, proportionate body and attractive (निर्भयो सत्यवादीच सुगात्रो सुमुखोसिद्धः । good friends amongst other castes (अन्यजाति सुमित्रता । helpful to others, learned and respected by rulers (परोपकारकर्ताच विद्यावान् नृप पूजितः । talking well in assemblies and pleasant towards

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before the end of Mars Dasa bodily affliction, sorrow due to mother's passing, chance of getting a step mother (भौमशेष दशापूर्वे स्वीयदेहे प्रपीडनं । मातृ खेदममेकत्वं सपत्नी मातृसंभवम् ।);

Rahu Dasa important for education, blamed by relatives (राहुर्विद्या प्रधानत्वं ज्ञातिवर्ग प्रनिन्दितं ।);

in the 3rd year suffers a lot (जन्मादौच तृतीयाब्धे पूज्य कष्टं विधीयते);

when 18, he gets married (अष्टादश वयोकाले पत्नीभाग्यस्य लब्धवान् ।);

at 21, break in education (एकविंशद्वयोकाले विद्या विघ्न प्रतप्तत्वं ।);

becomes a family man at 24 and starts earning (चातुर्विंशादि गार्हस्थ्यं स्वयंभाग्यमुपार्जितम् ।);

probes into the effects of planets and leads a happy life (खगप्रज्ञ स्वशास्त्रांगम् शोधयेत् सुखजीवनम् ।);

at 27, probes into the meaning of *sastras* (सप्तविंशद्वयोकाले दिव्यशास्त्रार्थ शोधनम् ।);

earns two to three thousands when he is 32 and in Jupiter Dasa children will be born (द्वित्रिसाहस्त्रमादायं जीवे सन्तान सौभाग्यम् ।);

in Saturn in Jupiter Dasa earnings will be expanded (जीवस्सौरि समारभे स्वार्जितार्थ प्रयोजनम् ।).

In Jupiter-Venus benefic results will happen (जीवश्शौक्री शुभोदयम् ।);

in Sun in Jupiter enemies will be destroyed and good results will happen. (जीवस्यांतर्दशासूर्ये सर्वदा शुभदायकम् ।).

The above was supposed to be the preliminary reading. The general analysis was fairly correct. Later on Sarma sent me another reading analysing the various Bhavas and giving the results of Dasas. The delineation of all the Bhavas was general, sometimes capable of more than one interpretation and often wrong in respect of age at which the Bhava indications would manifest.

As I do not wish to burden my readers with a delineation of my horoscope I shall give brief extracts regarding the 8th and 10th Bhava analysis so that readers can have an idea of this Nadi's approach and performance.

Regarding the Ayur Bhava "At the end of the Sun's sub-period in Mercury's Dasa the native suffers from dysentry and weakness of the heart (रक्तातिसारव्याजेन हृद्बले दुर्बलान्वितं ।).

In the same sub-period his death is certain (सौम्ये सूर्यान्तरे काले निर्याणं ध्रुवमेवच ।);

before he is 67, the native is to contemplate on the Divine (सप्तषष्टि तमो पूर्वे देवतत्वार्थ चिन्तनम् ।).

The Nadi said that according to Satyacharya longevity can be earned till Rahu in Mercury by daily recitation of Sivamantra (शिवमन्त्र जपेन्नित्यं पुष्कलायुर्नसंशयः ।).

Again quoting what it calls the view of Satyacharya, the Nadi concludes: The maximum span of life is 76 (षट सप्ताशत् परमायुष्यं ।).

It will be seen that the Nadi anticipated my death in the Sun's sub-period in Mercury's Dasa. Theoretically this is feasible because as posited in the 7th Mercury could be considered a *maraka* and the Sun is of course the lord of the 7th house, a *maraka* place. Again the next fatal period given in the Nadi was Rahu Bhukti in the same Dasa. Mercury is no doubt a *maraka* and Rahu occupying the 2nd is also a *maraka*. The major and sub-lords are *shashtashtaka* and the period could be considered critical.

In fact just about the end of Rahu, all of a sudden, I took ill for 48 hours, which the doctors said was critical. But I did survive the crisis. The Nadi then extended my life upto 76. Of course that period is also over and Budha Dasa has also ended.

In longevity determination certain special combinations peculiar to *alpa, madhya* and *poorna* terms of life are to be considered.

In my twenties when I used to suffer from the obsession that I might die at the end of my Rahu Dasa, grand father had assured that I would live long because of *Chatussagara* Yoga etc.

I also visited Pandit Siva Sankara Sastry, to whom I have referred in the earlier articles of this series to get further confirmation. He gave me the following combination for long life which he said "was generally applicable to me". I have found this combination fairly correct in a large number of persons who have lived over and above 75.

केन्द्र त्रिकोण निधनेषु न यस्य पापाः ।
लग्नाधिपः सुरगुरुश्च चतुष्टयस्थः ॥
भुंक्ते शुभानि विविधानि सुपुण्यकर्म ।
जीवेच्च वत्सर शतंस सविमुक्त रोगः ॥

The Bhrigu Nadi, inspite of the generalised nature of predictions can be considered in accuracy next to Markandeya Nadi about which I have written in the earlier articles. Bhrigu Nadi's forecast about my longevity can be considered approximately correct though I have survived the maximum longevity indicated by it.

Mr. Shah's friendship enabled me to meet a large number of professional astrologers, most of whom were found to be wanting in their knowledge of Astrology and astrological

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News and Views

EKALAVYA

Bhishma the Great

THE dawn of Uttarayana reminds me of the great Bhishma who awaited it breathing his last at the feet of the Lord.

Of all *puranic* characters **Bhishma strikes me as the most ennobling particularly in the context of the present day world and our country.**

He was a first class soldier, a statesman of the highest order, a great man of character, wise as a sage, a *bhakta* of the superlative kind, dutifulness personified, and above all incorruptible to the *nth* degree.

Bhishma literally means frightful to the opponent.

Born of king Santanu and Ganga, his life was a saga of sacrifice.

Santanu took a fancy for Satyavati who would not marry him if her sons could not succeed the king on the throne.

When Bhishma heard this, he abjured his claim by vowing not to ascend the throne himself and never to marry so that there would be no further claimants to the throne from his side.

His original name Deva-Vrata stands witness to this holy vow.

Greatly pleased with his son's sacrifice, Santanu blessed Bhishma with the power to die at his own free will.

Bhishma's dutifulness to his father did not stop there. He saw to it that his half-brothers were installed on the throne one by one. He won the hands of the three daughters of the king of Kasi for his brother in a *swayamvara*, but one of them Amba, revealed that she had set her heart on the king of Salva whereupon Bhishma released her.

But Salva, piqued at his own defeat at the Swayamvara refused to accept her.

Amba came back to Bhishma who rejected her for his brother. Vexed at this double rejection, Amba made an appeal to Parasurama, Bhishma's preceptor, to avenge her wrong upon the latter who was in the main responsible for her predicament.

Parasurama was over-confident about his ability to persuade his *chela* to accept her.

Persuasion having failed, Parasurama threatened Bhishma with dire consequences at which Bhishma did not wince.

Said he in effect sternly but with humility: "I am sorry I have to disregard my Guru's orders in this instance. Who will agree to marry a woman who has set her heart elsewhere? Your insistence goes against all canons of *dharma*. I shall therefore not become a sinner if I disregard your advice. Neither threat nor persuasion will avail against my resolve and duty."

Caught between the horns of a dilemma, Bhishma's mother, Ganga, tried her level best to avert the combat but to no purpose.

For twentyfour days the two fought with no prospect of victory to either.

At the intervention of Narada and other Brahma Rishis, the war was stopped at the end of which Parasurama commended, *"Bhishma, you have won; I am proud of you, my disciple!"*

A soldier is generally considered to be a nincompoop in statesmanship; but Bhishma was a statesman of the highest order. **His advice to Yudhisthira on statecraft at his death-bed constitutes a model lesson on the subject worthy of being followed by all modern rulers."**

Again, a warrior is considered anything but godly. But Bhishma was a super *bhakta*

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His recognition of god-head in Sri Krishna is testified by the Lord Himself when he said:

शरतल्पगतो भीष्मः शाम्यन्निव हुताशानः
मां ध्याति पुरुषव्याघ्र । तेन मे तद्गतं मनः ॥

"Lying on the bed of arrows like the dying embers of a fire, Bhishma thinks of Me in deep meditation; hence for a time My mind lingered on him."

An even grander scene awaits us at the battlefield of Kurukshetra.

Krishna had promised to help Partha without taking up arms. But Bhishma vowed to make Krishna take up arms.

Unmindful of Sri Krishna, Bhishma showered on Arjuna a fusillade of arms and Krishna felt that unless he covered Bhishma, Arjuna stood in mortal danger.

Krishna thought quickly.

Bhishma could be killed only at his own will; so, even in disregard of his own position and promise, Krishna ran against Bhishma thundering with his discuss (so beautifully described by Bhattadiri in *Narayaneeyam* (86-71) thus fulfilling the wishes of both his *bhaktas* — Bhishma's and Arjuna's.

Such a great man Bhishma, awaited the dawn of Uttarayana for shuffling off his mortal coil at his own sweet will, supremely satisfied with the meaningful life he had lived.

When will we have another Bhishma, O God?

Incidentally, while our modern governments preen themselves on *sade-theen* missiles, Parasurama weilded as many as 41 missiles according to *Brahmanda Purana*. They are alphabetically listed as follows.

(1) अक्षिसंतर्जन (2) अस्त्रशेधन (3) आग्नेय (4) आदित्य (5) ऐशीक (6) काल (7) कौबेर (8) गांधर्व (9) चक्र (10) जुंभण (11) तर्जन (12) दानव (13) नर्तन (14) नैऋत (15) पर्जन्य (16) पार्वत (17) पाश (18) पाशुपत (19) प्रास (20) ब्रह्म (21) ब्रह्मशिरसू (22) भारुड (23) भीम (24) भौत (25) मानव

(26) मोहन (27) थम्य (28) राक्षस (29) रैवत (30) सोधन (31) रौद्र (32) वज्र (33) वायव्य (34) वारुण (35) वासव (36) वैष्णव (37) सर्व (38) सौपर्ण (39) सौम्य (40) सौर (41) स्वापन

A Clarification

A valued friend has been asking me for a clarification of the last verse of chapter 26 of *Phaladeepika*: for, he felt it was out of place in a chapter on Gochara. The verse runs thus:

चन्द्राष्टमे च धरणीतनयः कळत्रे
राहुः शुभे कविररीच गुरुस्तुतीये ।
अर्कः सुतेर्किरुदये च बुधस्तूतीचे
मानार्भहानिमरणानि वदेत्विशेषात् ॥

Its traditional translation represented by Sri Kadalangudi Sastri has it that the following planetary transits from the radical Moon are adverse: Moon in the 8th, Mars in 7th, Rahu in 9th, Sun in 5th, Saturn in 1st and Mercury in 4th, particularly when one or more of them are present.

Sri Subramanya Sastri has left us guessing, while my friend felt they should be each to each *i.e.*, transit Moon in 8th from the radical Moon; transit Mars in 7th from radical Mars etc.

In this context I have just come across a slightly variant version of the same verse in a *Muhurta grantha* which runs as follows:

चन्द्रष्टमं च धरणीसुतसप्तमं च
राहुर्नवं च शनिजन्म गुरुस्तुतीये ।
षट्कं च शुक्रबुधसप्तम जन्मकेतुः
द्वादश्य भानुसुतः निश्चित कालमृत्युः ॥

The following dispositions consititute Kala Mrityu Yoga (for a new born child): Moon in 8th, Mars in 7th, Rahu in 9th, Saturn in 1, Jupiter in 3rd, Venus in 6th, Mercury in 7th, Ketu in 1st and Sun in 12th.

It will be evident that the formula contained in the verse in question is and has been applied to the radical chart and the two variations — those of the Sun and Mercury in the latter verse are more appropriate for the issue.

Following the general rule, what is reckoned from the Ascendant equally applies to the lunar Ascendant, but certainly not each to each as in both cases the Ascendant is mentioned.

It is worthwhile remembering here that the above statement is absolute in character and does not take into account other extenuating factors. There is however a strong case for transfer of this verse to the Balarishta chapter.

"Yama Ganda"

The other day my neighbour came to me asking for the "Yama Ganda" period on that day, as he would like to avoid it for laying the foundation stone for his new home. That set me thinking on how this 4 *ghati* interval came to be dreaded in the South as I have seen many treating it so.

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To my knowledge, it has not been cited as bad in classical texts. Before detailing its track record, I suspect that the real culprit in the case is the wrong pronunciation of the word which has had a sublimal effect in belying its true character; for, its correct name is "Yama Kantaka", a thorn unto Yama and therefore anti-Yama or anti-inauspiciousness or that which is fully auspicious as against the wrong pronunciation of Yama with Ganda which throws up the image of inauspiciousness, its antithesis. It is like calling Vishnu as Vish and getting poisoned!

Is not Siva called Kala Kala or Yama unto Yama, but really the most auspicious?

This is how ancients like Parasara describe Yama Kantaka:

जीवजो यमकण्टक:
he is the son of Jupiter;

गुर्वशोयमकण्टक:
the partaker of Jupiter;

गुरुवद्यमकण्टक:
he is like Guru in his gifts, and

शुभ प्रदाने यमकण्टकस्यात्
look to his for auspicious results.

What is even more important, it is called in to solve problem relating to progeny through *prasna*. It is worked out thus: To five times the longitude of the Prasna Lagna, add the longitude of Yama Kantaka on that day, it gives Santana Jiva. The Rasi and Navamsa indicated by this entity is known as Santana Jiva, which when unafflicted ensures birth of children.

Incidentally Yama Kantaka which becomes a sensitive point is labelled and treated as Upagraha, and is calculated in the same manner as Gulika/Mandi. Its incidence on weekdays is as follows: at *ghatis* 18, 14, 10, 6, 2, 26, 22 respectively during day time and at *ghatis* 2, 26, 22 etc. at nights.

What is sought to be conveyed in this dissertation is that far from being evil, Yama Kantaka is the harbinger of good fortune, and hence an auspicious patch of time when creative activities can and must be started; to dread it is unreasonable if not foolish. He is more benefic than his father Jupiter, even as Gulika is more evil than his father Saturn. Perhaps by pronouncing his name correctly hereafter as Yama Kantaka, people can overcome the anathema developed against him in their psyche over the years.

The Big-Bang Theory and After

Two of the greatest achievements of the 20th century are said to be relativity and quantum mechanics. A theory of linking the two is known as the "grand unification."

A number of scientists have been working on it. Foremost among them is the British scientist Hawkins, Professor of Mathematics, Cambridge. They say he is the most brilliant theoretical physicist after Einstein.

The interesting part of it is that he is physically so handicapped by what is known as motor neutron disease that he cannot tie his shoe-string and has to use a pre-programmed computer to speak!

As a result of his relentless search for the true nature of the universe, he feels he is as close as men have come nearer the truth but which, does not mean that it is not as far again, considering the nature of the problem.

Modern cosmology of the west dates just from the early twenties of this century when it recognised that the Milky Way is not the only galaxy but there are millions of them.

And from the mid-sixties, the Big-Bang theory rules the roost. It holds that the universe began as an infinitely dense hot spot called a "singularity" exploding ten to twenty billion years ago. This explosion was of space which continues, as infinite galaxies fly apart creating space.

Yet *scientists are unable to explain why this expansion should be uniform and regular. One scientist at least admits pro- them that these are God-given conditions!*

Hawkins, the most famous exponent of the black-holes theory gives us a key-hole view of his mind on this subject in his book "A Brief History of Time".

Black holes are caused by burnt-out star collapses of extremely dense matter which even light cannot penetrate. These black holes emit radiation, labelled by Hawkins' name.

Considered as a successor to Einstein, his views on modern science with which we are concerned presently, crystallised from his knowledge, experiments and experience deserve wide notice. According to him, **the laws of physics in their mathematical expression no longer apply to "singularity" and literally, anything can happen.**

So much so, he has deviated from stark prediction of relativity through quantum mechanics and adopts a totally abstract and mathematical form by postulating "imaginary" time, differing from real time—just like the square-root of a negative number — contributing technically different days, years etc.

There are no "Singularities" in this imaginary time and the universe becomes finite without boundaries! He calls this "no-boundary proposal" which he claims is the real basis of science on which the laws of science will have universal application and this could provide the key to unlock the mystery of the universe.

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Astrological Miscellany

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(In this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed astrologically. They may be about anything - birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, weather, animals and the list is endless - so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are invited to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa to ***Astrological Miscellany,*** *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)*

Purifying Baths Prove Dictum

IN the *Bhavartha Ratnakara* as translated by DR. B. V. RAMAN, under Taurus Lagna, Stanza 11, it says *A person born in Vrishabha will have dips in Ganga during the Dasas of Kuja and Rahu if Saturn, Mercury and Mars are in the 9th and Rahu is situated in Kumbha".*

"I have furnished my chart below. I have travelled twice to Rishikesh, Haridwar and bathed in the Ganga. I have also had baths in many places in Karnataka and in even Rameswaram twice. The chart shows and proves the stanza correct.

"Born 6-1-1936. *Rasi:* Virgo - Lagna; Scorpio - Jupiter and Venus; Sagittarius - Rahu and the Sun; Capricorn - Mercury; Aquarius - Mars and Saturn; Taurus - the Moon; and Gemini - Ketu" says reader B. R. Narayanan of Madras.

Murderous Melee

"On 12th of May 1989 around 1.45 p.m., I was bathing in river Sarayu at Ayodhya alongwith my daughter and two sons. In an inexplicable accident, my son Rajiv Kumar, my daughter as well as myself found ourselves in the water and were about to drown. However, my daughter and myself were saved and in the melee created, my son was swept away. We have searched the places again and again and contacted many astrologers, soothsayers and saints. The general feeling is that he is alive somewhere but may have amnesia" writes a grief-striken young mother from Allahabad.

Son: Born 21-7-1981 at 5.17 p.m. *Rasi:* Scorpio - Ascendant; Capricorn - Ketu; Aquarius - Moon; Gemini - Mercury and Mars; Cancer - Sun and Rahu; Leo - Venus; Virgo - Jupiter and Saturn. *Navamsa:* Libra - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Mars; Aquarius - Mercury; Pisces - Ketu; Aries - Venus, Jupiter and Saturn; Gemini - Moon; Leo - Sun; Virgo - Rahu with a balance of 4 years, 1 month and 23 days of Jupiter Dasa at birth.

The Ascendant Scorpio has no benefic planets aspecting it and its ruler Mars is in the 8th, a *dustana*. The 8th lord Mercury is in his own sign in the 8th. Mercury, as 8th lord, is stronger than Mars and this is rather adverse for longevity.

The accident occurred in Saturn Dasa, Mercury Bhukti. Saturn conjoins a strong *maraka* Jupiter. Mercury is in the 8th. He is 8th lord both from Lagna and Moon-sign. While this is not a confirmatory position for a fatal accident, it does not however imply the contrary either. The mother's chart should be more conclusive.

More Conclusive

Mother: Born 9-5-1955 at 20.30 hrs. *Rasi:* Scorpio - Ascendant and Moon; Capricorn - Rahu; Pisces - Venus; Aries - Sun; Taurus - Mars and Mercury; Gemini - Ketu; Cancer - Jupiter; and Libra - Saturn. *Navamsa:* Aquarius - Ascendant, Venus and Moon; Aries - Mercury; Taurus - Saturn and Rahu; Cancer - Jupiter; Leo - Mars; and

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Scorpio - Sun and Ketu with a balance of 7 years, 2 months and 28 days of Mercury Dasa at birth.

The Ascendant Scorpio is also occupied by the Moon. The Moon is currently under affliction from transit Saturn. The Dasa and Bhukti were respectively of Venus and Ketu. Venus as 12th lord in the 5th is unhelpful there while Ketu afflicts 5th lord Jupiter. Jupiter aspects the 5th house and this should be an overall shield on 5th house matters but has acted quite differently. Specific combinations for events if supported by Dasas squeeze through a chart, benefic influences notwithstanding. In this particular case what has happened is that Mars aspects the 5th from Jupiter and this is a combination for *putrasoka*. Venus in the 5th as 12th lord is not welcome either and must snatch away progeny during his tenure. Being exalted and in turn aspected by exalted sign-dispositer Jupiter, Venus helped protect the son till the last part of his Dasa.

In the boy's own chart, both Mars and Saturn afflict both the 8th house and the 8th lord Mercury. Mercury is in a Rahu-ruled constellation and Rahu is in a watery sign in Cancer in the 9th house showing the site of death as a pilgrim spot, a centre of religiousness. Saturn, the Dasa lord, is in Hasta, ruled by the watery Moon. These hardly rule out the hopelessness of the case.

Helicopter Crash

"You might have read about the recent crash of a helicopter in Bihar reported last week" says a reader in his letter of 28-12-1989.

"All dead bodies have been recovered except that of the pilot and all further search about him has been given up. The pilot's cousin come to me yesterday evening at 7.45 p.m. to find out astrologically the fate of this young man who was steering the ill-fated helicopter. The relatives have not given up hope. They say he was very intelligent and must have baled out. Being a good swimmer he could have swum to safety. They still see him in dreams smiling. He was stated to be born on 26-8-1946 between 7 and 7.30 a.m. in West Pakistan, but no horoscope was produced. So the only thing I could do was to draw a horary chart and after some thought, I declared that he was already dead. The Moon in Sagittarius was no doubt in a semi-fruitful sign. So there could be some hope. Being Amavasya the Moon had no entity. As Lagna lord he was in the company of the Sun (lord of the 2nd *maraka*) and Saturn (lord of the 7th and 8th *maraka* and end of longevity) in the 6th house (accident).

"*Prasna:* On 27-12-1989 at 7.45 p.m. *Rasi:* Cancer - Lagna 3.00 and Ketu 25.00; Scorpio - Mars 12; Sagittarius - Saturn 21, Sun 11 and Moon 6; Capricorn - Rahu 25, Venus 12 and Mercury 10; Aries M.C.; and Gemini - Jupiter (R) 12. *Navamsa:* Cancer - Lagna and the Sun; Leo - Rahu; Libra - Mars and Saturn; Capricorn - Jupiter and Mercury; Aquarius - Ketu; Aries - Venus; and Taurus - the Moon.

"In the 7th house we have Mercury, lord of the 12th and lord of the 11th (*badhaka* for Cancer Lagna) 'Jupiter as lord of 6th is in 12th. Being retrograde, he is evil. Lagna and 7th have Ketu and Rahu. So there was hardly any redeeming feature. Both Mars and Saturn are also aspecting the 8th house. Even if we treat the Lagna of the *prasna chart* as 9th, the cusp falls in Jupiter's sign and constellation of Saturn. Now Jupiter (R) is placed in the 4th badly aspected by the Sun, Moon, Saturn and Mars. If that is the position at the end of life, escape can be only miraculous. Why no information could be got is perhaps because Jupiter is retrograde and aspecting the 6th and 8th. May be the mystery will be cleared when Jupiter turns direct on 25-2-1990."

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He refers to the phenomenon of dilatation in relativity **when time appears to slow down which he admits to have experienced in his own life and expects as a result to extend his own life-time by a couple of decades. Doesn't it sound yogic?**

To the Indian ear Hawkins' theory has a familiar ring. Vedic cosmogony which is pre-historic runs on similar lines. *Rig Veda* X 190 states that from heat (*tapas*) were produced *rita* and *satya*; then night, the ocean and *samvatsara* or the year. *R.V.* X 72.2 says that *Sat* was produced from *Asat* (negative time?). The famous *Nasadiya Sukta* (*R.V.* X 129) says: "in the beginning there was no *non-existent*" because of the manifestation of the firmament. The one breathed by itself, breathless, and there were nothing beyond it. There was no death; how could there be anything immortal? There was no light which could give us distinctions like night or day". Echo of black-hole?

Inferentially, the universe was developed from the Absolute whom we cannot characterise because of the inadequacy of our categories.

Hawkins must be something more than a brilliant astro-physicist, a yogi, to unravel the mysteries of the universe!

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Malefics as Benefics

GOMATHI ANNAPOORNI

IT is well established, that Kuja or Mars, and Sani or Saturn, are the worst malefics, just as Guru (Jupiter) and Sukra (Venus) are the best benefics, by *nature*. Only, the evil of Mars is quick and even sudden, and a person is not reformed by the evil inflicted by Mars, whereas the evil caused by Sani is slow and sure and so torturing, so that Saturn is the most dreaded planet, in common parlance. But, as has been amply and aptly said, Sani purifies a person, though he might take one through fire. This is because, he is a philosophical planet; and, the four signs from Sagittarius to Pisces are considered to be philosophical planet; and, the four signs from Sagittarius to Pisces are considered to be philosophical signs; so that Jupiter and Saturn are considered to be philosophical planets. When Saturn enjoys the *wholesome aspect of a benign and powerful Jupiter*, he makes a man God-fearing, and philosophical, in the real sense. Sri Ramana Bhagwan at Tirruvannamalai has Sani in Meena and Guru in Kumbha. Sani has come to mean, a by-word for all misery; for, is he not the Karaka for *daridra* (poverty), which is worse than death, and for dukkha or grief and misery?

Yet, it is wrong to suppose, that these are *never* good. The purpose of this article is, to show, that the *arrogant Mars*, and the *cynical Saturn*, may and do become splendid benefics, at times, and give good results, and even shower beneficial effects. The good and powerful Kuja makes one successful, and generous to friends and flatterers. A good and strong Saturn makes one a hard worker, who never spares himself, and therefore, may not spare his subordinates, and so, will make one an exacting and hard disciplinarian and and task-master.

Kuja, son of the earth, is "of the earth, earthy". So far as marital felicity is concerned, Kuja is much more baneful and harmful than Saturn. Kuja in 7 mars one's marital life, by leading to either quarrels and divorce, or death of one's partner-in-life, unless he is in his own house or exaltation-sign, or is well-relieved by benefic conjunction or aspect of Jupiter, owning good houses, when the evil should not be predicted. Kuja in 8, for a female, is very baneful, for according to Mahadeva, the learned author of the *Jathaka Thathwa*, Kuja in 8 would make a woman, either a widow or one who brings discredit to her family, here again the evil effects may not be attributable, when Kuja is dignified. Kuja will cause unexpected and sudden evil, like deaths by motor-accident, especially when he is the baneful lord of bad houses, like 3 and 8, for Virgo or Kanya Lagna. Kuja for Kanya Lagna should *not* be in 10, and should be weak, as in 12 from Lagna.

This Kuja is a splendid benefic and brilliant Yogakaraka for Cancer or Kataka Lagna, as the lord of 5 and 10. Mars, with or in opposition to Moon causes Chandra-Mangala-Yoga, though he gives an over-active and fretful mind. Mars and Jupiter, in conjunction or opposition cause Guru-Mangala-Yoga, which is very good, as it is said to make a man, the head of a city or town, or a wealthy person, and one who is a Dwija, *i.e.*, a Brahmin, a Kshatriya or a Vysya. The Guru-Mangala-Yoga will, however, cause extravagance, and persons will be often, liberal, and generous to a fault. For Cancer subject, Kuja is, literally, Mangala or the auspicious planet. If he is strong and his Dasa transpires, he will raise a native to enviable heights. I give the horoscope (Chart I) of a great ex-Judge of the Madras High Court, Sri M. Venkatasubba Rao:

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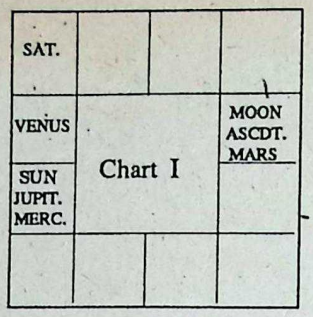
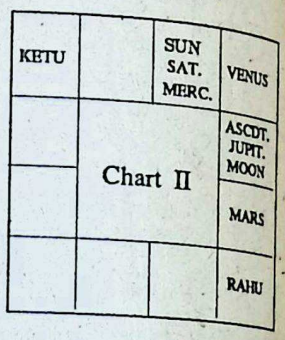
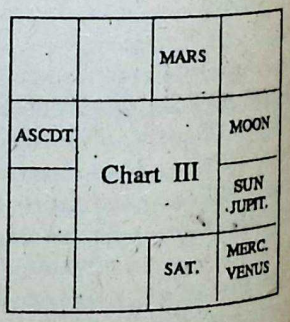


I am sure, very few astrologers of the *Panditic type*, could say that this horoscope is that of one who was an eminent judge of the Madras High Court, known for his *sturdy independence*, for nearly 16 or 17 years! Please mark (1) Mars the Yogakaraka for Kataka Lagna, in Lagna, with *Full-Moon, Lord of Lagna*, getting Neechabhanga Rajayoga, and aspected by Guru lord of 9. So there is the association of the lords of 1, 5, 9 and 10, causing Yoga; despite feeble Budha lord of 3 and 12. (2) Lord of 7 in 9, with the lord of 9 in 7, a good *Parivarthana*; and (3) mark Guru and Budha in 7 and Sukra in 8, from Lagna, as well as from Chandra, forming *Adhiyoga*, as well. My opinion is, the great success in life, and good longevity are due to Nos. (1) and (3) above, *taken together*. Neither the association of 1, 5, 9 and 10 lords, when 9 and 10 lords are, after all, in Neecha, with clear Neechabhanga, only for one of them, nor Adhiyoga, could, *singlehandedly*, account for the longevity and eminence of the native. My point is, to stress the importance of Adhipathya or *lordship, furnishing the clue and key to the benefic nature of Mars*. The lord of 5 and 10, especially when the lord of 10 is a natural malefic, is a brilliant benefic. And, when such good Mars is in 10, the native can achieve the "impossible", even. And, however weak he may be, he must confer good on the native and lift him, especially when he is associated with the Ascendant, and the lord of the Ascendant, who is the ruler of the Chart, according to western astrologers. There is a *sloka* in the *Jathaka Parijata*, Chapter VII which says that if Mars is in Oocha and strong, and is aspected by (or) associated with Sun, Moon and Jupiter, even a low-born person becomes a king, of protecting the whole earth. In the horoscope referred to, Mars, though in his debilitation sign, is strong, in Shadvargas and is with Moon (Full) and is aspected by Sun and Jupiter. *Kataka Lagna* people, if lucky, should have Mars with Moon, lord of Lagna, and should get the Dasas of Moon and Mars. In God Vishnu's Avatar Sri Ramachandra's horoscope, Moon and Jupiter were in Cancer and Mars was in exaltation in 7; how splendid! In the late justice T. V. Seshagiri Iyer's chart, for Cancer, Mars and Jupiter were both in exaltation, and his wife served him, though Mars was in 7! The following is the horoscope of an eminent lawyer and a knight who earned well in Surya Dasa, and earned a "Fortune" *in lakhs*, in Moon's Dasa (Mark first-rate *Lakshmi* (1 and 9) and *Gajakesari* (Jupiter and Moon Yogas), and became an Advocate-General and got Knighthood, or "Sir"—title, in the Dasa of Mars, but missed a Judgeship of the Federal Court of India, for which he tried, though he had declined a High Court Judgeship. Mark, Mars lord of 5 and 10 in 2, the house of speech, but not in 10, or in 7 aspecting 10 or with the lord of Lagna or aspected by the 9th lord, Jupiter.



Next to Kataka Lagna, Mars is a benefic for Simha Lagna or Leo. Mr. Justice Sundaram Chetty, an Ex-Judge of the Madras High Court, who rose from the post of a District Munsif to a place, on the High Court Bench, was born in Leo, and had Mars in 10 (Meridian) and in 11 from Moon in Cancer. By the way, Mars is very good in 3, 10 and 11, except where 11 is *badhakasthana*, when he is good by lordship. For Simha Lagna, Mars is a better benefic than for Kumbha Lagna (for which he is lord of 3 and 10); but, for Leo, Kuja is *less* of a benefic than for Cancer, the reason being that the lordship of 9, for a fixed sign is also slightly evil, on account of *badhakadhipathyam*. However, as lordship of 9 is always auspicious, I would attribute badhakathipathyam, more to the lord of 11 for a Chara Lagna or cardinal sign, and to the lord of 7 for a dual sign or Ubhaya Rasi only.

I shall illustrate myself with these: Sri Vepa Ramesam an ex-Judge (for 14 or 15 years Judge) had Mars in 4, in his own house, for Leo. Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyengar, Advocate-General and a great lawyer had Mars and Sun in Lagna for Leo; he was a very assertive and powerful personality.



This is the horoscope of a person who was practising as an Advocate and then was appointed to an official position carrying more than Rs. 1000 a month as pay. The person was also appointed as an acting High Court Judge. But, he was not re-appointed, after reversion, as a Judge. And, so, his tenure as High Court Judge, in a very

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high position, was a very short one, for about three months. Why was the disappointment? If lord of 9 for Kumbha Lagna is evil, on account of *badhakadhipathyam*, his being relegated to 8, where he is in debility, should be good. There is also Lagnadhi Yoga due to (uncombust) Guru in 7 and Budha and Sukra in 8 from Lagna. Perhaps, this was responsible for his being lifted as a Judge; *but the lift was not permanent*. So, there was disappointment and misfortune. I was asked about the chart. I said, Sani, though exalted in 9 as lord of Lagna, is debilitated in Navamsa. Kuja lord of 3 and 10 is not in 10, but in 4, aspecting 10, no doubt, but in 6 from the lord of Lagna. Above all, the lord of Bhagyasthana (9th) and lord of Lagna are in Dwirdwadasa (2 and 12) positions. And, therefore, I am of opinion that the *badhakadhipathyam*-theory should be applied to fixed signs, only with very great caution.

In the horoscope of an I.M.S. Officer, Guru and Sukra, lords of 2 and 11, 4 and 9 are in Lagna and Mars in 10 well placed in his own house. If Sukra were evil, because he is lord of Bhagya, he should not be in Lagna. But here, the two benefics are in Lagna; and Mars, lord of 10, is strong in his own house, in 10, with directional strength, and forming Ruchaka-Yoga, a Pancha-Maha-Purusha-Yoga and he aspects Venus, lord of 9. The native was an I.M.S. officer getting more than Rs. 2000/- per month.

Now, I come to Sani. According to me and my humble experience, Sani is the best benefic for Libra or Thula Lagna. He is an intimate friend of Venus, the lord of the Ascendant, and is the auspicious lord of 4 (a quadrant) and 5 (a trine). Sani in 4 in Capricorn, or in Lagna in Libra, for Libra-natives is excellent, especially if he is with Sukra or Venus, the lord of Lagna. Akbar the Great had Venus and Saturn in Lagna in Libra. For Libra, Napoleon had Sani in 10 and 10th lord Moon in 4. I am aware that, for Taurus, Sani is the Yogakaraka, as the lord of 9 and 10; but, I advisedly, say that he is a better benefic for Libra-natives. For, for Taurus or Vrishabha Lagna, Sani is also *badakhadhipati*, as the lord of 9 for a fixed sign. The learned author of the *Bhavartha Ratnakara* (*vide* B. V. RAMAN's English Translation) says "Sani *alone* cannot give Rajayoga, for Taurus"; and some Telugu writers swear, by that Rule, and say, Sani should be actuated by conjunction with Venus, or by the aspect of Jupiter, to do good. A Telugu verse even says that Sani in a Kendra from Venus is as *benefic as* Jupiter in a Kendra from Moon who gives Gaja-Kesari Yoga, and gives *Kirthi, Sukha and Bhoga-Bhagyam*, despite, even the evil of planets in debility or in inimical houses. Of course, I would apply it, *fully only* when good Sukra is with good Sani, or in 7 from good Sani. Of course, Sani should *not* combine with or aspect his bitter enemy, the Sun, for Taurus, though the Sun is a lord of a Kendra (4) and Sani is lord of a Kona (9). *The Sun-Saturn conjunction like Mars-Saturn is one of the worst*; and if in 10 will spoil one's reputation, and work a "fall". Sun and Saturn in 3 or 8 affect longevity and so on. Sani in 3 or 11 seems to be very good for Taurus. See the alongside chart of a Justice of the Madras High Court, who was first appointed as a District Judge and rose to the High Court. He had a strong physique, stout common-sense, and was a perfect gentleman and a great sportsman.

		ASCDT.	
	Chart IV		SAT. RAHU
KETU			
SUN MOON	JUPIT. MERC.	VENUS	

Noteworthy Features: (1) Adhiyoga, from Lagna, a *pure* Adhiyoga, due to Venus in 6 and Guru and Budha in 7 from Lagna, *unassociated with any malefics*. According to the *Saravali*, such Adhiyoga makes one a Mantri, or a *"Dhandapathi"* or *"Judge"* or a King, and also long-lived and free from diseases and fear.

(2) Sani in 3 from Lagna, aspected by Guru;

(3) Guru and Budha in a Kendra, as the lords of 2 and 11, such "Somasutha-Guru" yoga is deemed a *Dhanyayoga* for Taurus. Sani for Vrishabha Lagna is good in 7, though in Scorpio; for Taurus-natives, as Sani has got Digbala or directional strength, in the west or the setting sign. It is very good for success; and does not affect even one's partner-in-life, unless there are other features, to cause *Kalathradosha*.

Next to Libra and Taurus the sign for which Saturn is really benefic, is Capricorn or Makara, for which he is the lord of Lagna (and Dhana 2). Sani is *Oocha* in Libra, for natives whose Janma Lagna or Chandra Lagna is Makara or Capricorn is a very good feature for elevation in life; and in such a case, the general rule, that Sani in 10 will cause rise but also a sudden or great fall, should not be predicted. I give below the horoscope of a gentleman who has gradually risen to Governmental pay, in 4 digits, and is bound to rise still higher, in Sani Dasa, Sukra bhukthi, after the present *gochara ceases:*

The native is a good gentleman. Mark Guru lord of Lagna in 9, in Leo, where, according to Kerala astrologers, Jupiter is even more powerful than Oocha-Guru or Jupiter in exaltation, aspecting Lagna. He married the daughter of a very leading lawyer, and got into Government service, thanks to his merits and his father-in-law's influ-

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MY EARLY EXPERIENCES IN ASTROLOGY—XXIX

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A year or so after Mr. Shah met me, he came with a then well known ICS officer "who is anxious to consult you about his 5th house".

I cast the horoscope and after a casual study applying a simple method which in later years I have explained in my *How to Judge a Horoscope*, I said, "The native has five children". Mr. Shah being a keen student of Astrology, wanted to know how I gave the number. I said "Jupiter, *putrakaraka*, is in the 5th house. Mars, lord of the 5th has Neechabhanga and has covered 8 Navamsas which means 8 issues. Three malefics are situated between the first and the eighth Navamsa. Deducting this the remainder *viz.*, 5 represents the number of issues." Mr. Shah and his friend nodded their heads in approval. My reasoning, as I look at the horoscope now was somewhat elementary. "How many sons and how many daughters," queried the friend. This was a tough question. I pondered thus,

	JUPIT.			MERC. VENUS			JUPIT. KETU
KETU	Chart 2 RASI		MOON MARS	MARS	NAVAMSA		
SAT.			RAHU SUN VENUS				ASCDT. SAT.
ASCDT.	MANDI		MERC.	MOON RAHU		SUN MANDI	

"Lord of the 5th Mars is in a feminine sign in association with a feminine planet Moon. Mars is aspected by Saturn, a feminine planet. In the Navamsa also, though Mars is in a male sign he is aspected by a female planet Saturn. The 5th from Lagna is also occupied by the Moon and Rahu. Therefore, he should have more daughters. But how many? Putrakaraka Jupiter is in the 5th. What is the significance of this?" After a lot of cogitation, the following verse came to my mind.

मन्देकर्किणि बहुसुतः । सौम्ये तथाऽल्पात्मजः ।
शीतांशौ बहुकन्यकाल्पतनयो । जीवेतु कन्याप्रजः ॥
शुक्रेऽर्केऽ सृजचद्वितीयदचितलब्धात्मजः स्यान्न ।
व्यस्थः मंदगृहे फलं सदसतं मिश्रेलाऽयाद्वेत् ॥

"If Cancer happening to be the 5th house is occupied by Saturn one will have many children; if Mercury few children; if the Moon - more daughters and few sons; if Jupiter - only daughters; if Venus - the Sun or Mars - issue through second wife; if the 5th house belongs to Saturn the results are reversed. Benefic and malefic influences should be balanced and result given."

In some texts instead of *manda gruha*, the words used are *indugruha*, which means the Moon's sign. Obviously *indugruha* is a contradiction in terms because the first line itself is clear meaning *Karaka* or Cancer which of course is the Moon's sign. Therefore when years later this was brought to the notice of the revered Pandit Sivasankara Sastri, he at once said *mandagruha*.

In applying this stanza to the chart concerned I found that the 5th house did not fall in Cancer or Capricorn. However I felt that a literal interpretation of classical dicta was not called for and banked on *jeeva kanya prajaha*. Jupiter in the 5th indicates only daughters and accordingly said that the native has only five daughters. He was anxious to know whether he would get a son in the near future. The native was only 40 years old and his wife 37.

I continued my interpretation thus: "At the moment your friend has Venus Dasa and Saturn Bhukti. Venus extends upto October 1946. Then commences the Sun's Dasa. Venus as lord of the 6th and 11th, a functional malefic, in association with Rahu and the Sun denies male issues."

I felt Mr. Shah and his friend were satisfied with my prediction and before taking leave of me Mr. Shah said, "My friend whose chart you have seen is Mr. H. M. Patel, Secretary to Government".

The two charts discussed above were according to the evolution of my astrological thinking nearly fifty years ago. Since then much water has flown in the Ganga. Disappointments, failures, bouquets and brick-bats hurled at me have all mellowed me to an extent that I sometimes wonder as to how I could make such correct forecasts then.

I have often reflected why the predictions of an astrologer however experienced do not click at certain times while at some other times they just work. Is this phenomenon due to incomplete knowledge of Astrology, want of a spiritual base, or just accidental? I now feel - many may not agree with my views - that the correctness of astrological predictions could rest on (a) the astrologer's experience, (b) a disciplined life, (c)

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The Astrologer and A Modern Client — I

MANDANA MISRA

(This skit has been written to indicate the patronizing and brash attitude of some people towards traditional Indian culture such as Astrology and astrologers. The two characters in the story are fictional. However, the attitudes and situations depicted do reflect to an extent the realities of today.)

SRIRAM is an educated and a wealthy businessman living in a metropolitan city. Trivedi comes from a well-known family involved for generations in the study of Vedas, Astrology and other aspects of traditional Indian culture. It is a pleasant Saturday, around nine in the morning. Sriram arrives at the door of a modern and compact home. His ring on the door bell is answered by a middle aged lady. He steps through a veranda into a room.....

Sriram: Namaskar! My name is Sriram. I do not have an appointment, but I must see Panditji now. Is he available?

The lady shows Sriram a chair, and motions him to sit down. Anxiety is writ all over the visitor's face. The visitor looks around the room, as he sits down. It is a neat room with about five chairs, and a big coffee-table with a couple of current newspapers and magazines. On the walls, there are pictures of Vishnu, Siva and Sri Rama. A well-framed degree certificate shows one Mr. Trivedi has a Master of Arts degree in English from Madras University. Conspicuous signs on the wall say "Please leave your footwear outside" and "Quiet". Sriram looks at the shoes on his feet, and disregards the instructions. He goes through the publications on the table, and finally picks up the latest issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, and is immersed in reading it when the silence is broken by the entry of a bespectacled and well-groomed man in his mid-forties. He is Trivedi.

Trivedi greets Sriram with a well-folded *namaskar*: Sriram lazily returns the *namaskar* without getting up from the chair. Trivedi is wearing a well-ironed white kurta over a light blue polyester pant. A dash of *vibhuti* on his forehead indicates he has finished the morning worship. As soon as Sriram observes that Trivedi has glanced at his foot, he quickly dashes out into the front veranda and returns without his shoes. Trivedi quietly observes that anxiety is well written all over Sriram's pleasant face. The calm in the room is quickly broken when Sriram initiates the dialogue.

S: Is Panditji available? I am Mr. Sriram (he hands to Trivedi his business card). I telephoned yesterday to get an immediate appointment regarding my horoscope, but was unable to reach Panditji. You know, I am a busy businessman, and my time is very precious. I do not usually visit astrologers. Some of my well-acquainted friends have recommended I consult Panditji... Are you Panditji's son or some relative...?

T: I think there is some confusion... My father Pandit Laxminarain Trivedi Ji passed away about ten years back. I am his son Ramnarain Trivedi.....

Sriram interrupts, just as Trivedi is completing his sentence.

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S: I do not think there is any confusion or misunderstanding. My family friend Arora consulted Panditji only last month. He is well satisfied with the professional advice. In fact, it is he who strongly suggested that I see Panditji...

Just as Sriram completes his sentence, a small smile crosses Trivedi's face.

T: Yes....Yes.....Yes..... I remember Mr. Arora's visit. How is he? Did he get the transfer that he was eagerly and anxiously looking forward to...

S: Yes! Not only did he get the transfer, but also an unexpected promotion just as Panditji.....I believe you.....astrologically indicated to him. Your appearance is different. I was expecting to see a traditionally dressed — *kurta* and *dhoti* - Panditji. In fact, you do not look like an astrologer! I hope you understand if my face shows a little confusion or some disappointment. I never expected to see an astrologer to be modern-dressed.... I mean, in non-traditional dress.

A smile crosses Trivedi's face.

T: My father was a Pandit. My father, just as his father and the earlier generations, were scholars in the *Vedas*. The family name Trivedi signifies proficiency of the highest order in the *Rigveda*, the *Yajurveda* and the *Samaveda*. He was a well-versed scholar in Astrology. Naturally, he was also a scholar in Sanskrit. One could refer to him as a "traditional" astrologer in the sense that he continued the well-established family tradition of scholarly pursuit in Astrology and the *Vedas*. Even during the twenties, thirties and the forties, our society continued the age-old tradition of acknowledging and honouring learned scholars, especially those who devoted their life to *Jyothisha, Ayurveda, Vedas* and other disciplines bequeathed to us from times immemorial by our seers and sages, the *rishis*.

During pre-independence days, Panditji was consulted by all sections of our society, including Maharajas and the senior members of the ruling British administration. In those days, his contribution to society-at-large was well acknowledged. This acknowledgment was reflected by the generous monetary compensation offered by those who sought astrological advice in troubled and other times in their lives. Well....those days have changed.....not necessarily for the better.....

Our post-independent governments, in their twisted eagerness to show what they considered or defined as secular-character neglected and discarded traditional Indian culture, including astrological science. There was great hypocrisy. Many well-known politicians, such as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other leaders, while consulting astrologers and conducting Hindu religious ceremonies in private, often decried and denigrated Astrology and Hindu religious practices in public. Today many of our educated people meekly surrender their intellectual abilities to politicians and accept a slavish or subservient role of a second fiddle to them in all matters. The intellectuals seem to be just living robots. Our brand of secularism is such that today many Hindus are ashamed of even acknowledging or identifying themselves as Hindus. It is India's misfortune that today the past physical colonialism is replaced by a mental enslavement that encourages and dictates neglecting as well as suppressing any and all of her ancient learning and culture... Of course, you are not here to listen to me..... on these matters.

S: I note that you not only have an M.A. in English language from the prestigious Madras University, but you are also a gold medal winner. Your credentials would have easily helped you to enter IAS, IFS, IPS..... Today a bureaucratic position is the way to go. It provides a life-long opportunity to be not only the master of your own destiny, but to be a master to the masses. You missed a golden opportunity.....

T: Yes.....I was coming to my education and interests. My father quickly recognized the rapid and undesirable change in post-independent India's socio-political fabric. He was saddened that ironically India's traditional culture was better served by British Raj than by the opportunistic politicians of independent India. He knew India's traditional culture was not of real interest to the politicans. Therefore, he felt that for India's traditional culture and learning to survive in the troubled times, it was necessary to interface traditional knowledge with modern education. Not only did I get university education, but obtained *gurukul* training in Astrology and Vedic sciences from my father. After graduation, it was my choice to

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take Astrology as a profession. I did not want to become one of those vast majority of paper-pushing bureaucrats always looking for novel ways to control or harass the public. I wanted to help the public by using my knowledge in astrological sciences. I know our generation, and the future generations may not have the vast abilities of our forefathers in the fields of Vedic or Astrology sciences.

Today dress or appearance of a person alone may not fit the traditional criteria for identifying a person as a scholar or Pandit. The person's achievement and accomplishments are more important. After all, one can wear a *kurta* and *dhoti* to misrepresent that he is a "Pandit". I am not a scholar of the order of my father. Therefore, I prefer to be called as Trivedi or Mr. Trivedi. The scholars of yester-years, whom one identified in those days as "pandit" are rare today. Many of today's astrologers also have modern education. They are persons of learning, just as in other professions such as law, medicine and engineering. The ethics to which an astrologer has to subscribe even today are rigid. Well..... what brings you here today?

S: Mr. Trivedi..... I have been a very successful businessman, but for the past six months or so, my financial and other matters have deteriorated. It has impacted not only me, but my family members. I have brought my chart (*hands a old and tattered piece of yellowing paper to Trivedi*). I would like to know just a few small things, and nothing major,..... such as whether the project involving collaboration with Germany will be approved soon. The authorities have been sleeping on my application for over a year now. I have tried everything possible.... You know what I mean! Nothing seems to help in getting a quick decision. Then, there is my son's academic performance, especially since his grades seem to be dropping every semester. I want him to go to the best business school in States. I personally think he should go to Harvard, but I will accept even if he gets to Columbia or Northwestern. Another small matter... is my wife's ill-health. And there are few other minor matters like litigations on ancestral property worth on crore or so... I hope you can look into the horoscope I have just given to you, and tell me your astrological advice on all these matters now. I hope we can finish by 10 a.m., so I can meet that attorney whose exclusive specialization covers the modern discipline of litigating ancestral estates and wills. You know, I don't want to be late for that appointment..... he charges a four-figure fee for an hour..... and he still charges even if you miss the appointment..... Now, let us begin without any further waste of time.

T: As an astrologer I would be happy to help you after I review your horoscope. This torn piece of paper has some writing that looks like a horoscopic chart. I need correct birth details, and significant dates covering some of the past events of your life. The information provided by you is needed for me to cast the horoscope according to modern astronomical data, and also to judge whether the cast horoscope complements some of the past events. Then I can study it to evaluate the future trends. All this will take some time. My fees are indicated in the brochure (*hands the brochure to Sriram*). Please provide the details, and pay the advance part-payment. After I finish the review of the horoscope, I will telephone you to set up an appointment for astrological discussion of the various matters that are of concern to you. (*Sriram interrupts..*)

S: As I said before, I need your astrological advice NOW. I have another appointment at eleven. It is only nine-fifteen now, and you have an hour or so to give me all the predictions. I do not see the need for providing past details of my life. If you are a good astrologer, you should be able to tell everything from the chart.

About your fees.... (*hesitating, and in raised tone*) it is too much. I will review, and pay what I feel would be an adequate compensation. I do not want to spend money on astrologers. I do not give advance payments to astrologers. I know what an astrologer is worth. If you provide good service, and if all of your predictions are fulfilled one-hundred per cent, you can count on me to recommend you to my friends who are very influential, powerful and wealthy. You must know my standing in the society. Remember, I know a lot of people..... I will see you in one hour, and I want answers.... complete with dates, etc... All right?

Sriram gets up to leave. Trivedi, though irritated at the

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Einstein's Relativity Theory and Vedanta

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"Time and Space are the modes by which we think and not the conditions in which we live."
—Albert Einstein

Abstract: *The entire structure of science and technology is based on only three basic concepts called space, mass, and time. Einstein's theory or relativity fused space and time to one concept calling it 'space-time'. There is scientific evidence showing the possibility of introducing a single concept called 'space-mass-time', which is shown to fulfil the definition of Brahman or Cosmic Consciousness in Vedanta and thereby opening up the possibility of explaining logically the essential contents of the Upanishads. It is thus possible to make a continuous change over from science to religion.*

IT is well known that Albert Einstein introduced the concept of what is known as space-time into Physics, while working on his theory of relativity during the first half of the century. There are only three basic concepts in all science and technology on which theoretical formalisms are based, while attempting to explain observed phenomena and they are known as SPACE, MASS AND TIME which will be abbreviated as S, M and T respectively in future discussion. Recent advances 1, 2 in sc ence show the apparent possibility of introdu ing a single concept to be called Space-Mas Time (SMT) and it involves the attribution of foam-like structure to Space in dynamical equ librium with itself and consisting of so-call microblackholes and the rest of the space c pable of condensing into matter (or Mass to u scientific terminology). The microblackhol are looked upon as possible candidates to co dense into giant astronomical blackholes co ceived of by the Astro-physicists, such that wh a giant blackhole and an astronomical body co sisting of matter come together, the latter dis pears completely. This could be one of t possible ways of how our material creation co go into a state of non-existence (called Pralaya Hinduism).

In eastern and western philosophies, spa time and mass have been called space, time a causation. The following quotation from Swa Vivekananda clarifies these concepts as follo

"It was Sripada Sankaracharya, who fou the idea of the identity of space, time and causat with Maya and I had the good fortune to find o or two passages in Sankara's commentaries s them to my Prof. Max Muller...Those of you, w are acquainted with western philosophy will f something similar in Kant.."

The identity between space, time, mass a space, time, causation becomes clear, wh causation is understood as bringing into ex tence of energetic processes as a series of caus and effects, where one form of energy is c

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verted into another. According to Einstein's theory, mass and energy are intercovertible and in scientific terms they are said to be equivalent to one another. It is easy to see, therefore, that space, time, mass and space, time, causation are equivalent concepts. Observing that Sankara's work originated in the 7th century A.D. it is easy to see that the basic concepts of Relativity Theory and beyond were already understood in Sankara's time if not earlier.

Since space can condense into mass and since space and time are equivalent, then space, mass and time become a trio of equivalences and the terms space, time, mass become three ways of looking at one and the same reality, which can then be termed as space-mass-time or SMT. The one and only reality, which can be called the Absolute, shows itself, when viewed through our senses and the mind from time to time as space alone, mass alone or time alone or combinations thereof giving rise to different experiences of the physical world. The Absolute Itself, if experienced as it really is, would not show itself as space alone, mass alone or time alone, but as holistic without any attributes.

To go deeper into nature of the Absolute (SMT), let us take an analogous approach from common experience, as for instance, the way sunlight is constituted. Sunlight consists basically of three colours namely red, blue and yellow. So, whiteness may be called red-blue-yellowness, but as whiteness is seen by our eyes as having no colour in it, whiteness may also be looked upon as redless-blueless-yellowlessness. Hence a relationship in equivalence may be written as follows:

red-blue-yellow = white = redless-blueless-yellowless

In the same way, as all our experiences are based on sense perception and as the Absolute has no definable qualities, it can be written that:

Space-Mass-Time (SMT) = Absolute = Spaceless-Massless-Timeless ($S^0M^0T^0$)

The different religions of the world can be shown to follow from the interpretations of the relationships just established. If spaceless-massless-timelessness is understood as something, which does not occupy any space, has no mass and existence in time, when would $S^0M^0T^0$ mean a state of Nothingness or *Nirwana* of Buddhism? On the other hand, if timelessness is understood as of eternal nature (infinite in time-scale), spacelessness as implying formlessness and masslessness as meaning omnipotence or an undefinable amount of mass-energy, then we have in $S^0M^0T^0$ the definition of God as in Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Christianity and so on. In the above relationship, SMT represents the essential content of the universe, where the objects perceived have a limited form and limited mass-content and exist for a limited time but that essential content is the same as that of the One, who is Formless, Eternal, and Omnipotent. SMT is then representative of God-manifest or Apara-Brahman and $S^0M^0T^0$ represents God-unmanifest or Para-Brahman as defined in the Upanishads. Adi Sankaracharya says in his commentary on Brahmasutra, "Two kinds of Brahman are stated in the Upanishads; One having as its adjuncts the diversities of the universe, the modifications of name and form; the other its contrary, completely free from all adjuncts. The first one is called *Apara* (the lower), the other *Para* (the higher). The first One is *Saguna* (immanent), the second is *Nirguna* (transcendent)". Any thing, that is limited in space, time and mass can only be an insignificant part of That, which is the Absolute and the the Unlimited in any way. Therefore, SMT becomes an insignificant part of the infinite $S^0M^0T^0$.

"By what is that pervaded, which is above Heaven and below the earth, which is Heaven and earth as well as between them which they say was, is and will be? It is pervaded by that immutable Brahman, who is neither gross or minute".

—*Brihadaranyaka Upanishad.*

Since SMT represents the phenominological aspect of Brahman, it is comprehended unrealistically by our limited senses as non-spirit, by the discriminative faculty of the mind, blocking our consciousness and recognizing SMT as identical with the ultimate Reality, $S^0M^0T^0$. Therefore, all experiences within the realm of SMT can be described as belonging to the realm of dream-like experiences, having no real existence, being trasitory in nature.

SMT = Maya = realm of the mind = phenominological = transient
$S^0M^0T^0$ = realm of Pure Spirit = The Absolute = non-phenominological

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However, since SMT=$S^oM^oT^o$ is valid, it shows that mind and all its adjuncts is a form of the Absolute as well as all that which belongs to Maya. According to Vedanta, this material world is built up of the atoms of the mind called *Tanmatra*. Therefore, Brahman is mind, Maya and all those called *Panchabhutas* in Hinduism and Buddhism known as earth, water, fire, air and Akasha (sky). Mind and matter are subordinate to the Spirit and so the realm of mind and matter, namely SMT, appears to be subordinate and identical to $S^oM^oT^o$, like the relationship between Lord Hanuman and Ramachandra. The human mind's behaviour is often compared to that of a restless monkey, which keeps jumping from one branch of a tree to another. Lord Hanuman has, therefore, come to be recognized as the Lord over the mind, with Lord Ramachandra representing the Spirit Soul situated in our hearts.

It was said earlier, that the phenomenological world is a product generated out of the mind and experienced through the senses, but the experiencer is the consciousness or *Chit*. In the realm of $S^oM^oT^o$ or the Unmanifest, the non-phenominological, there is no mind. Hence $S^oM^oT^o$ is purely *Chit* or *consciousness*. Swami Vivekananda illustrates this statement by saying:

"The greatest psychologist the world has ever known, Bhagwan Kapila demonstrated years ago that consciousness is one of those elements in the make-up of our perception, internal and external.. it is indeed all the reality, that is possible for the human being to know."

Taittiriya Upanishad says *"Brahman is the Absolute self-luminous Consciousness"*. Swami Vivekananda says again in another context:

"There is only one Existence and that one is Atman, the Self.

When it is perceived through the senses, It is called the body.

When it is perceived through thought, It is called the mind.

When it is perceived through its own nature, It is called Atman, the one and only Existence."

$S^oM^oT^o$ represents the only real Existence, as it is eternal, whereas the pheonominological or the transient is the product, whose existence can only depend on its essential content, namely $S^oM^oT^o$ or the eternal spirit. Therefore, $S^oM^oT^o$ represents what is called *Sat* and *Chit* has to be *Ananda* or pure bliss, since there is no material contamination in the pure Spirit hence no material anxieties. Therefore, it is clear, that $S^oM^oT^o$ is the symbol for *Satchidananda*. Smt, which is symbolic for the created universe, thus becomes *Satchidananda-swarupta* or *Vishwarupa* as represented by Lord Krishna to Arjuna in Kurukshetra. In *Prashnottara Upanishad* we hear again,

"Om primarily signifies Para Brahman and secondarily also Hiranyagarbha or Apara Brahman, because the latter is only a manifestation of the former. Om represents the Manifest by its audible sound and the Unmanifest or Nirguna by its audible form."

The different designations for SMT and $S^oM^oT^o$ as discussed above can be summarized as follows:

SMT = Manifest (Saguna) = Maya = Mind = Matter = Om = Apara Brahman = Vishwarupa

$S^oM^oT^o$ = Unmanifest (Nirguna) = Para Brahman = Consciousness = Satchidananda

Consciousness may therefore be described as the original raw material out of which everything is composed but Consciousness Itself is not of material nature. Since Consciousness is eternal and all of us have it as our most important constituent, it proves that we are all eternal by nature. Therefore, birth and death belong to the realm of the mind as part of Maya. Sri Gaudapada, the Guru of Sankaracharya, defines the active mind or *Manas* as Consciousness in motion and *Manas* at rest as Absolute Consciousness. It is said in the *Amritabindu Upanishad*, that duality represents *Manas* in motion. Since consciousness has become the mind, Brahman is the essential content of thought. Any thought involves movement and hence it is space-time-dependent but Brahman is eternal and hence he is space-time independent. So, He does not in principle participate in any movement. He, however, causes things to move with the help of the universal mind without moving Himself. In this capacity He is the One who moves (everything) and the One, who does not move (Himself). He being of non-material nature cannot be perceived of by thought, because thought involves movement and hence a space-time-dependent function, hence limited. The limited cannot fathom the Unlimited. He cannot be expressed in words either, because words suggest thought. He is, therefore, beyond knowledge. Brahman is said to be different from both knowledge and ignorance, since He is silent Witness of all events in creation in His function as pure Consciousness. He is described in Vedanta as Achintya, the Unthinkable and the

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Indications for Unhappy Marriages: An Integrated Approach—I

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THIS paper has been divided into three sections. Section - I deals with the definition of unhappy marriages and tries to lay down conditions for such marriages. Section - II elaborates those conditions as delineated in Section - I and Section - III is intended to provide factual support to propositions built up in Section - I. The main purpose of this paper is to fit all the available hypotheses on unhappy marriages into a single integrated analytical framework and then to test reliability of these hypotheses with the help of cross-section data. Efforts have been made as far as practicable to analyse the structural breakdown of unhappy marriages and the intensity of unhappiness on the basis of combined interaction of several unfavourable factors within a birth chart.

Section - I:

Definition and Conditions for Unhappy Marriages

Unhappy marriages usually manifest themselves in the following forms:

(i) Abrupt and premature termination of married life due to death of one of the life-partners.

(ii) Post-marital complications assuming various forms leading to legal battle, judicial separation and divorce.

(iii) Barren marriage due to lack of children of the couple.

(iv) Forced separation of prolonged duration usually owing to extraneous circumstances over which the couple has no control.

(v) Constant quarrel between the husband and wife because of mental mismatching, personality clash, etc.

Indications for unhappy marriages are usually obtained by astrologers through critical examination of the following factors in a horoscope:

(a) Placement and strength of the 7th lord — the lord of marriage and its relationship with other planets governing marriage and married life. The condition of the 7th house—the house of marriage — is also concurrently studied.

(b) Position and strength of Venus — the significator of marriage.

(c) Conditions of the 2nd, 5th and 12th houses and their lords.

(d) Location of Mars in the birth chart and lastly

(e) The relationship between the lords of 1st and 7th houses being the crucial determinant of husband-wife relationship.

Section II:

Further Highlights on Conditions in Section I

(a) Condition of the 7th House and the 7th Lord

(i) If the lord of the 7th is posited in any *trika* houses either from the Ascendant or from the house of marriage, it may not ensure a happy married life for the native. Here it is interesting to note that the 6th house from the Ascendant represents the 12th house from the house of marriage and the 6th house from the house of marriage represents the 12th house from the rising sign. Astrologers therefore reasonably presume the situation of 7th lord either in the 6th or 12th house to be a bad sign for a happy married life.

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(ii) A retrograde 7th lord irrespective of its placement does not also produce good results with regard to happy married life. In fact a retrograde planet probably due to its relatively slow motion has often been observed to create unnecessary complications particularly with reference to the house over which it has lordship and fails to act as a trendsetter while a happy marriage presupposes a steady upward trend with assured mutual interaction and dependence. A retrograde Saturn, ill-placed, for the Ascendants Cancer and Leo is not conducive to a happy married life while a retrograde Jupiter for the Ascendant Gemini or Virgo specially in the 12th has often been observed to create complications in married life. Readers may verify these results. The condition of retrogression of the 7th lord will not apply for obvious reasons to the Ascendant Capricorn and Aquarius.

(iii) Thirdly, a severely afflicted 7th lord without the compensatory influence of a natural benefic in the form of association or aspect is also apt to produce bad results with regard to married life.

(iv) Lastly, conditions of the 7th house in addition to those of the 7th lord are concurrently studied by astrologers for arriving at meaningful inferences. A malefic in the 7th house is not a desirable sign unless the house is its own. Saturn in the 7th unnecessarily delays marriages and often makes married life a dull routine affair. Wife of a man with the Sun in the 7th may grow prematurely old. A man with Sun in the 7th may ill-treat his wife. Mars in the 7th kills the life-partner. A malefic in the 7th without other redeeming features may also cause illness to the husband or wife as the case may be.

(b) Placement and Strength of Venus

Venus is the significator of marriage and sex-life. A strong Venus placed in an angle or a trine without being blemished by malefics is an excellent sign for a happy conjugal life. Many people are seen to carry through a smooth and undisturbed married life despite otherwise strong indications for unhappy marriages in their chart. A closer examination however unmistakably identifies strong Venus to play its crucial rule in these typical charts. Like the retrograde 7th lord, retrograde Venus in a birth chart tends to spoil the married life. Divorcees* have often been found to be saddled with retrograde Venus in their horoscope. Venus in the 6th makes the native unattractive to the opposite sex but Venus in the 12th is said to be conducive to bed-pleasure. A strong Venus in the 5th is also likely to give a stable emotional life.

Apart from adverse placement and retrogression, Venus should not be afflicted in a horoscope. Its conjunction with Sun, affliction by natural malefic or it being hemmed between malefics definitely hampers prospects for a happy marriage. For example, Venus with Mars denotes excessive sex while a happy marriage presupposes a balanced sex life. Venus with Saturn or Sun subdues sex life. This is also not very desirably. Its association with Rahu fosters extra-marital relations leading oftentimes to sex-scandal. A man with Venus and Ketu in his chart may also be implicated in sex-scandal.

There is a common saying among astrologers that a planet destroys the potentiality of a house if it is posited in that house for which it is the significator. Thus Mars in the 3rd kills the native's younger brother. Jupiter in the 5th is not helpful for the spouses of the native. A weak Mercury in the 4th or a weak Moon in the house of happiness harms the prospects of native's mother. Similarly Venus in the 6th house is non-productive of good or bad results. Since the 6th house is the 12th from the house of marriage, it indicates the sex-life or measures the intensity of bed-pleasure of the native's life-partner. Some astrologers therefore reasonably presume it to be a sign of extra-marital life of the native's husband or wife. This point may need further probing.

(c) Conditions of the 2nd, 5th and 12th houses and their lords

Marriage proposals often materialise during the period/sub-period of the 2nd lord, planet/s placed in the 2nd house or during the period/sub-period of planets related to the owner of the 2nd house. Since the 2nd house is the 8th from the 7th, a malefic in the 2nd house is not conducive to the long life of the partner. The 5th house denotes

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N.B: *For an exhaustive discussion on this aspect see "Planets and Divorce" -- A.M.- Feb. '89--Gayatri Devi Vasudev

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There Lurks Fear — II*

MEENAKSHI RAUT

TWO conclusions that can be drawn in the application of M.B. are: It affects the signification of the planet concerned and affects the ownership of the house of the planet concerned. These two principles repeat themselves during the Dasa and *Antardasa* of the planet in M.B. When we speak of the Dasa we are applying only the Vimshottari Mahadasa here and no other Dasa.

VENUS	SUN MERC. MARS	MOON (M.B)	KETU
SAT.	Male 23-4-1936 11-11 p.m. Delhi		
ASCDT. JUPIT. RAHU (M.B)			

	JUPIT. MOON	SAT.	ASCDT.
	NAVAMSA		SUN RAHU
VENUS KETU			
	MERC.	MARS	

			SUN
VENUS RAHU	SAPTAMSA		
ASCDT. MOON			KETU SAT.
JUPIT.			MERC. MARS

Now the three charts given above may be seen.

(1) In the birth horoscope the 5th house and the 5th lord from Lagna are badly afflicted.

(2) Jupiter being in Lagna, the same results as from Lagna repeat themselves.

(3) The 5th lord from the Moon is very badly afflicted.

Now the Moon is the 8th lord. This shows conjugal felicity. The Moon, the Antardasa lord, brought in lot of tension in their domestic life.

Who is responsible for the birth of an invalid child? The father alone? The mother alone? Or both parents? What is their fate with this invalid child having become such a serious problem? The quarrel between the husband and wife became unbearable but did not end in divorce.

Jupiter is with Rahu. And the axis of Rahu-Ketu is along the Lagna-seventh house. Rahu, as already mentioned, is in M.B. In Jupiter-Rahu (1983 December to 1984 April) the husband-wife relationship nearly reached a breaking point and the marriage survived somehow because of the aspect of Jupiter on the 7th house and the 7th lord.

A question naturally arises—What about the wife's horoscope?

RAHU	Female 25-8-1933 7-30 a.m. Paris		MERC.
SAT.			ASCDT. SUN (M.B) KETU
		MARS	MOON JUPIT. (M.B) VENUS

	VENUS	KETU	SUN SAT.
JUPIT.	NAVAMSA		
MERC.			
	ASCDT. MARS RAHU		MOON

In Navamsa

(a) The 5th house has Mars though it is aspected by the Moon and Jupiter.

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(b) The 5th lord Venus is with Ketu and is aspected by Mars and the Sun. It is also in the 8th house. So terrible is the affliction.

(c) From Jupiter, the 5th lord of the Navamsa is the Sun conjoined with Rahu.

In Saptamsa

The Saptamsa presents the most depressing picture.

JUPIT. RAHU		VENUS	MERC.
	SAPTAMSA		
ASCDT.			
	MARS SAT.	SUN	MOON KETU

(a) The 5th house from Lagna and the Moon is aspected by Saturn who in turn is conjoined with Ketu.

(b) The 5th lord Venus is with Rahu aspected by Saturn.

(c) The 5th house from Jupiter is aspected by its own lord Mars. So the malefic influence of Mars may be said to be less but then Mars is Mars.

M.B.

Our analysis should not stop here. In this horoscope two planets are in M.B., the Moon who is the 8th lord and Rahu who being in Lagna becomes a second Lagna lord conjoined with the Lagna lord, Jupiter.

What is the effect of it?

Jupiter is a natural *putrakaraka* in Astrology. His close association with Rahu is bad as it is. Then this Rahu is in M.B. The Jupiter-Rahu conjunction has thus become worse. In turn the Rahu-Ketu axis falls along the Lagna-seventh house axis.

This horoscope belongs to a Delhi artist-painter who has settled down in Paris having married a French-woman. He married late and a woman three years senior to him in age. In Jupiter-Moon period when their only daughter was hardly two years old (1981 August to 1982 December) doctors gave the final verdict that their daughter who was partly invalid physically had also become partly invalid mentally also. The agony of the parents increased which was natural. Jupiter being in Lagna and also Lagna-lord the father fell sick also, suffering the agony and his work, output of paintings, fell down steeply.

The horoscope of the wife should be seen keeping in mind the discussion of the horoscope of the husband. First, briefly in Rasi, the 5th house has no malefic aspect and the 5th lord is with two benefics, Venus and the Moon, which is very good. But the 5th house from Jupiter contains Saturn aspected by Mars. Same is the position from the Moon which is conjoined with Jupiter.

In Navamsa, the 5th house is aspected by Saturn from the 8th house while the 5th lord Jupiter is aspected by Mars. From Jupiter, Saturn and Sun are in the 5th house receiving the aspect of Mars. The 5th lord from the Moon is Saturn with the Sun and aspected by Mars.

In Saptamsa, the 5th house and the 5th lord Venus receive the combined aspects of Saturn and Mars. The 5th house from Jupiter is free from any affliction while the 5th lord Moon is with Ketu. From the Moon the 5th lord is Saturn with Mars.

MB

But the most striking point of this horoscope is that Jupiter, here a *putrakaraka* doubly, being a natural *karaka* for children and also the 5th lord here is in M.B. So is the Sun.

Now the Dasa periods of the husband and the wife may be seen together to see why and how their tension increased between 1981-1983.

Husband: Jupiter-Moon 26-8-1981 to 26-12-1982.

Wife: Saturn-Sun 11-4-1982 to 24-3-1983.

It has been already stated that husband's Moon is in M.B. while the wife's Sun is in M.B. These two coincided in 1982 when the doctors declared that the ailment of the child was incurable and the mutual tension between the husband and the wife increased.

The marriage is surviving because in the horoscope of the husband Jupiter is aspecting the 7th house and the 7th lord while in the wife's horoscope Jupiter is aspecting the 7th lord in the 6th house.

Timing the Event

When will the effects of a planet be felt is the primary question. It cannot be and is not a life-long effect but only periodical. To time it, I have learnt three methods from Mr. K. N. Rao.

(a) In the Dasa and Antardasa of the planet in M.B., even in its Pratyantara.

(b) When the transit Saturn, Mars or Rahu aspect a planet in M.B.

(c) When the period, Dasa or Antardasa of the lord of the Rasi in which a planet in M.B. is posited.

All these principles are illustrated in the part horoscope given on the next page.

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			MARS
			SAT. (M.B)
ASCDT.			MERC.

(1) The native was running the period of Sun-Mars in 1985-86 when his child developed a skin disease which appeared frightening as it resembled leprosy. But the child has overcome the ailment.

(2) When the native was running Mars-Mercury (which will last till July 1989) his wife developed a serious problem in the neck. Why in Mercury? For two reasons. Natal Saturn in Cancer is afflicting the 5th house and the 7th lord, Mercury, along with Mars. *But the more important reason is that Mars is posited in the Rasi of Mercury.*

(3) Transit Saturn from Sagittarius is aspecting Mars in Gemini and Mercury in Virgo. In May-June 1989 when Mars in transit was in Gemini the problem got aggravated.

Conclusions

The conclusions that can be drawn are that a planet in M.B.

(a) affects the house in which he is posited;

(b) affects the *karakatwa* of the planet, Sun (father), Moon (mother, mind) Mars (brothers, land) etc.

(c) Passes on its influence to the lord of the house in which it is posited.

What happened if the wife's horoscope is available and the husband's is not there because birth details are not known? Since destinies are interlinked the event can still be traced.

The next question is what happens if a planet in the horoscope is in M.B. but there is neither the Dasa nor the Antardasa nor the Pratyantaradasa of the planet in M.B. running?

The unfailing principle taught to me is - observe two points:

(a) Is the sub-period (Pratyantaradasa) con— joined or aspected by a planet in M.B.?

(b) Are two malefics in transit aspecting a planet in M.B.?

If the above two conditions are fulfilled some mishap takes place which looks like a big tragedy. But one need not be alarmed.

Given here is the horoscope of housewife. This case had become very sensational in the last week of December 1988 in Delhi.

JUPIT.			
ASCDT. RAHU	A house-wife		
			MARS VENUS KETU
	MOON	SUN MERC.	SAT. 16° 17

I had returned from the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan with Mr. K. N. Rao where, he, after taking his classes in Jaimini Astrology, had just returned home, when outside his house two ladies met him and one of them told, him that, her husband, the proprietor of a cinema in Delhi had been kidnapped at gunpoint on December 24th. Mentally Mr. Rao made the horoscope for the *prasna* of 25th December 1988 evening around perhaps 5 p.m. and told her that her husband was safe, alive and would be brought back home by police in a fortnight.

On 5.1.1989 the husband was rescued by a police party from the clutches of dacoits of the notorious Chambal valley in Madhya Pradesh.

As usual the horoscope of the kidnapped proprietor of the cinema was demanded but there was no horoscope. Then the wife's horoscope was given which is given already.

Here two points are noticeable. On 24th December 1988 when her husband was kidnapped, transit Mars was in Pisces aspecting the housewife's Saturn in M.B. in the 8th house. Saturn from Sagittarius was also aspecting natal Saturn in Virgo.

The lady was running Venus-Venus-Jupiter. Here Jupiter is aspected by Saturn, who is in Virgo and in M.B.

Thus two conditions given here are fulfilled. Now the 8th house represents conjugal happiness and here there is exchange between the 7th and 9th lords. In that sense she is lucky to have a prosperous husband. But the 7th house has two malefics, the 7th lord, debilitated, is with the 8th lord. It is generally seen that in a girl's horoscope if the 9th lord is in the 8th house her marriage becomes unfortunate. Here the 9th lord is well placed, but the presence of Saturn in M.B. in the 8th house is a factor which cannot and should not be overlooked.—128.89.

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issue. A malefic in the 5th house, afflictions to the 5th lord etc.—all these tend to produce bad results with regard to the children of the native. The results might be lack of children, prolonged illness or even death of child etc., depending on the extent of damage done to that house by different factors. Needless to say misfortunes in various forms relating to the 5th house make married life barren and meaningless. Lastly the 12th house, Saturn, Sun, Rahu and Ketu in the 12th lead to sex-starvation. Mars in the 12th might even kill the life-partner.

(d) Location of Mars in the Birth Chart

Mars is said to cause death to the husband or wife as the case may be, if it is placed in any one of the houses *viz.*, the 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th and 12th in a chart. There was a time when this proposition was discussed threadbare by distinguished writers in different issues of the *A.M.* While there was a consensus of opinion among these writers on Mars' killer instinct in the form of inflicting premature death on native's life-partner *via* its placement in specific houses, they essentially differed on effectiveness of compensatory indications in the horoscope of the native's partner for counteracting this evil result. According to me, Mars will be as evil for the Ascendant Cancer as for the Ascendant Gemini in so far as the operation of Kuja Dosha is concerned *via* its placement in strategic houses though other results of Mars might differ depending upon its ownership, strength and relationship and secondly this unfavourable positioning can alone be counteracted if similar Dosha exists in the horoscope of the native's husband or wife. Herein lies the rationale for horoscope matching. Other signs of widowhood in the horoscope of the partner such as Saturn-Rahu in the 12th or malefics in the 2nd are not able to make Mars non-functional. Of course it is to be admitted that in modern backdrop permanent separation of wife from the husband does not always take the form of death. It may result in divorce. So, to sum up, Mars causes death to the husband or wife or permanent break-down of conjugal relationship if it is situated in any one of the five sensitive houses mentioned above unless compensatory signs in the form of similar placement of Mars are present in the horoscope of the opposite sex.

(e) Relationship between the lords of 1st and 7th houses in a birth chart

As this relationship is a crucial determinant of the relationship between the husband and wife, it deserves close and meticulous study by an astrologer. If the native's Ascendant lord is found placed in his house of marriage, he remains attached to his wife. Conversely, if the lord of his 7th house is posited in the birth sign, his wife remains attached to him. Combining these two statements, the 1st lord in the 7th and the 7th lord in the 1st in a horoscope may be treated as a sign of mutual attraction between the husband and wife. An adverse relationship between the 1st and 7th lords in the form of one being placed either in the 6th, 8th or 12th from the other is likely to destroy the mental rapport between the husband and wife which with other adverse indications may create difficulties in married life. To conclude, the 1st lord in unison with the 7th lord is also an extremely helpful sign.

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crude, rude and patronizing behaviour of Sriram, remains calm. He looks straight into Sriram's eyes.

T: Sir, please be calm and sit down. We are not finished with each other. You are here to seek my help on matters that are affecting you. I do not need your lecturing on how to run my profession. As a professional, I have provided my terms and conditions to you if you want my services. Now if my terms are not satisfactory to you, please leave. That way it is good for both of us. Nobody is forcing you to consult me. I am curious to know what your attitude is towards professionals like lawyers, accountants and medical doctors....

Sriram is taken aback by the assertive response of Trivedi. His patronising look peters out. He sits down.

S: I..... I..... I did not mean to offend you. I hope you understand my predicament with the problems that have engulfed me. Let me share in more detail my problems with you.... and that will give you a better perspective of my touchy attitude this morning.....—263.89.

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Planets and the V.P. Singh Government

DR. M. V. MEHTA

OUR new prime minister Mr. V. P. Singh was sworn in at 12.15 p.m. on 2nd December 1989 at Delhi. This post is for 5 years; so we will concentrate our attention on this point mainly.

Aquarius is rising. The Lagna and the Lagna lord are aspected by Jupiter. The Lagna lord also aspects Lagna; so this gives Poornayu Yoga. Aspect of Saturn on 8th Bhava also gives Poornayu Yoga. Conjunction of the Sun and Mercury (lord of the 5th) in the 10th is also good. Yogakaraka Moon-Venus *vargottama* in the 12th are the additional plus points. These all point to a Poornayu Yoga *i.e.*, the ministry will last full term.

We can make use of Vimshottari Dasa system reducing it to 5 years

OMKAR LAL SHARMA

MR. V. P. Singh took oath as Prime Minister of India on 2nd December 1989 at 12.15 p.m. at Delhi in Aquarius Ascendant. The lord of the Ascendant Saturn is in the 11th house in Sagittarius fully aspecting the Ascendant. The Moon is in Capricorn in the 12th house with Rahu. The Sun and Mercury are in the 10th house in Scorpio. Mars is in the 9th house in Libra. Jupiter is in the 5th house in Gemini aspecting the Ascendant and its lord Saturn. Ketu is in Cancer in the 6th house.

Mars and Saturn transit Capricorn in March 1990. Mars—Saturn combination in the 12th house may produce some typical problems in the way of Mr. Singh. Jupiter, the 2nd lord, will be transiting Cancer in exaltation in July 1990.

G. C. SRIVASTAVA

OVERWHELMED by the election of Mr. V. P. Singh as our Prime Minister (with 83% opinion poll) I tried to look into the horoscope drawn up for the swearing-in-ceremony [12.15 p.m. on Saturday, the 2nd December 1989 at New Delhi (28 N 38; 77 E 13)].

Rasi: Aquarius - Ascendant 8; Gemini - Jupiter (R) 15.22; Cancer - Ketu 26-26; Libra - Mars 25-25; Scorpio - Mercury 28-19 and the Sun 16-28; Sagittarius - Saturn 18-36; and Capricorn - Rahu 26-26, Venus 0-57 and the Moon 0-36.

Navamsa: Sagittarius - Ascendant; Capricorn - Venus and the Moon; Aquarius - Jupiter and Ketu; Pisces - Mercury; Taurus - Mars; Leo - Rahu; Virgo - Saturn; and Scorpio - the Sun.

Whoever chose this time appears to

ARVIND KUMAR JHAWAR

MR.. V. P. Singh's horoscope can be better analysed using Raman's Ayanamsa value. The balance of Dasa at birth comes to 16 years, 2 months and 12 days of Rahu.

From 7-10-1989 he is having the sub-period of the Moon in Mercury Dasa. The Moon is the lord of the 10th house from Chandra Lagna and forms a Gajakesari Yoga. Mercury and the Moon are mutually well-placed. So both the planets give good results. From March 1990, Saturn will be transiting the exact degree of his natal Saturn. Let us see how he faces the curse of Saturn?

At the same time Mr. Rajiv Gandhi the ex-prime minister, will be having Saturn's 6th

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only. Thus at the time of ceremony the balance of Sun Dasa will be about 2 months and 14 days. The Sun is the 7th lord and hence *maraka* and in Navams he goes to the 12th house aspected by 3 powerful malefics, Mars, Rahu and Saturn. So the Sun Dasa will be very critical and will create many problems but being Rajayogakaraka and posited in the 10th house with Mercury, lord of *kona*, will reduce its tendency to do evil and hence the ministry will not be in any adverse position.

After 6-2-1990, the Moon Dasa starts. The Moon is *vargottama*. There are no malefic aspects. The Moon is lord of the 6th house, aspecting its own house and thus gives good results of the 6th house or loss of enemies. This period will be stable and very eventful decisions as regards national and inter-national relations and policies will be taken. All the results accuring from these decisions will be in the national interest.

From 6-7-1990 Mars Dasa will start. Mars is in the 9th house being aspected by Jupiter from the 5th. In Navamsa also it is in the 6th house with Rahu, thus very powerful. Hence during this period the ministry will annihilate its enemies powerfully. From 21-10-1990 Rahu Dasa will start. Rahu is in the 12th house but in Bhava it comes to Ascendant. Rahu is in the house of Saturn and Saturn is lord of Ascendant here; so Rahu also will not cause any problems.

From 21-7-1991 Jupiter Dasa starts. Jupiter is lord of 2nd and 11th and posited in a *kona*, so during this period national income will rise predominantly. Ministry will take such steps as will increase national prosperity.

From 21-3-1992 Saturn Dasa will start. Saturn being Lagna lord is a pure benefic for this Lagna. In Navamsa also Saturn is in the 10th house. Thus Saturn Dasa will increase the Centre's power in world politics.

From 6-1-1993 Mercury Dasa starts. Mercury is Yogakaraka and hence this period also will prove beneficial and national business will prosper.

From 21-9-1993 Ketu Dasa starts. Ketu is in the 7th Bhava and in the 12th in Navamsa with the Sun. So this period will be a trying one for the ministry.

» **G. C. Srivastava**

have done yeomen service to Mr. V. P. Singh a the country. Lagna is Aquarius. Its lord Satu (for democracy) is placed in the 11th. Jupiter aspects the 9th house (where 10th lord Mars placed) Lagna lord Saturn and the Lagna al Nothing better could be expected. Mercury (6 and 8th lord) and the Sun (7th lord) are placed the 10th. Venus in the 12th is quite desiral According to westerners the Moon in Capricor is treated as authoritative. Ketu in the 6th beautifully placed to overcome opposition. Pla ment of Rahu in the 12th may not look desira but Rahu in the constellation of Dhanishta rul by Mars (lord of the 3rd and the 10th) will gi quick results because Mars is in the constell tion of Jupiter (R) who is lord of the 2nd and th 11th placed in the 5th.

In Navamsa, the Sun, the Moon (luminaries) and Venus (benefic) are *vargottama*. Accordi to Vimshottari Dasa, the Sun placed the 10th will make Mr. Singh a succes ful ruler.

From 6-1-1994 Venus period will the best period of the regime. Prosperi and popularity of the ministry will i crease significantly.

From 6-11-1994 Sun Dasa for 24 days only last days before elections - the basic ground f winning elections will be prepared and will aga easily get full majority in the ensuing ele tions.—270.89.

» **Omkar Lal Sharma**

Jupiter will be with Ketu though aspecting t lord of Ascendant. Nevertheless March 19 and July 1990 may prove the most troublesom periods to Mr. V. P. Singh.

» **Arvind Kumar Jhawar**

house transit and Jupiter's 11th house tra from his natal Moon. These transits be favourable may cause a lot of hardships to V. P. Singh.

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Darpana Dasa — An Exposition — I

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IN this article, I would like to make a critical and practicable exposition of an Ayurdasa, *viz.*, Darpana Dasa, not usually dealt with by any one or in books on Jaimini. In fact, most of my Jaimini items are of the same ilk. I suggest to the readers to ascertain the term of life and the span of life by the methods shown in my previous articles, before the application of the Darpana Dasa in a horoscopic chart.

Darpana Dasa is deduced from the first two *sutras* in the 3rd pada of the 2nd chapter of *Jaimini Sutras*.

Sutra 1: *Vishame tadadirnavamsaha.*

Sutra 2: *Anyadha adarsadihi.*

Sutra 1 means that the Dasa begins from the Janma Lagna if it is an odd sign. Navamsa means that every Dasa sign gets 9 years. *Sutra 2* means that the Dasa commences from the *adarsa* sign of Janma Lagna, if it is an even sign. The popular commentator, Neelakanta, called this as the Navamsa Dasa, probably because of the word, 'Navamsa' in the *sutra*, meaning 9 years. It is not clear whether he based his deduction of 9 years on the use of *nava*. If it were so, it may not be acceptable to scholars of Sanskrit, to impose the meaning of years on the word 'amsa' in the Navamsa. Hence I have deduced the Katapayadi pneumonic value of the entire word, 'Navamsa'. *Na* (न)=0; *Va* (व)=4; *Sa* (स)=5. By the principle of *ankanam vamato gatihi*, the value comes to 540. This, when divided by 12, gives the remainder 45. Now expunge three multiples of 12 from 45 since the number of years of any Dasa sign does not exceed 12. Now we get the remainder, 9, which is the number of years of any Dasa sign in the Darpana Dasa.

Neelakanta has introduced a verse of Prem Nidhi Pandit in this context and rejects it saying that the verse was intended to authenticate the sign aspects. The verse is as follows:

Sthira rasehe shashtta rasíhi
Charasyashtama eva saha
Dwiswabhavasya rasestu
Saptamassammukho mataha

The verse means that the 8th of a movable sign, the 6th of a fixed sign and the 7th of a dual sign are the *sammukha* signs. Here Neelakanta meant *adarsa* sign as the 7th house of the Janma Lagna. But Jaimini Maharshi uses the word, 'Labha' (43/12 = 7) wherever he intends the 7th house. Actually the Katapayadi pneumonic value of *adarsa* is 4. (*Aa*=0; *da* =8; *rsa*=5; 580/12 = 4). I have sufficiently proved that the 4th house of a dual sign is the *summukha* sign but not the 7th house, in my article, "Trikona Dasa - A Critical Review" (*A.M.*, 1985 Annual Number). *Abhimukha, sammukha* and *darpana* are the synonyms of *adarsa*. It is probable that Neelakanta was misguided by the interpolated word *saptama* in the 4th *pada* of the above-mentioned verse. Actually, the *pada* should be *Chaturdhassammukho mataha*". Somebody must have taken a fancy for the aliteration of *saptama* and *sammukha*.

Hence I interpret that the Dasa begins from the *sammukha* sign of Janma Lagna if it is an even sign. Since *darpana* is the synonym of *adarsa*, this Dasa is aptly named as the Darpana Dasa by Raghava Bhatta and Nrisimha Suri in their Sanskrit commentaries, *Jaathaka Sara Sangraha* and *Sutrardha Prakasika*.

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Odd Signs: Mesha, Mithuna, Simha, Thula, Dhanus, Kumbha.

Even Signs: Vrishabha, Kataka, Kanya, Vrischika, Makara, Meena.

Movable (Chara) Signs: Mesha, Kataka, Thula, Makara.

Fixed (Sthira) Signs: Vrishabha, Simha, Vrischika, Kumbha.

Dual (Dwiswabhava) Signs: Mithuna, Kanya, Dhanus, Meena.

Table - I. Sammukha Signs

Signs		Sammukha Signs	
(Chara)	Mesha	Vrischika	8th
(Sthira)	Vrishabha	Thula	6th
(Dwi)	Mithuna	Kanya	4th
(Chara)	Kataka	Kumbha	8th
(Sthira)	Simha	Makara	6th
(Dwi)	Kanya	Mithuna	4th
(Chara)	Thula	Vrishabha	8th
(Sthira)	Vrischika	Mesha	6th
(Dwi)	Dhanus	Meena	4th
(Chara)	Makara	Simha	8th
(Sthira)	Kumbha	Kataka	6th
(Dwi)	Meena	Dhanus	4th

Reckoning of Darpana Dasa

1. Commence the Darpana Dasa from the Janma Lagna if the Janma Lagna is an odd sign. The Dasas from the Janma Lagna are direct and regular. Suppose the Janma Lagna is Mesha (Aries). This is an odd sign. So the Darpana Dasa begins from Mesha and the Dasas are (1) Mesha, (2) Vrishabha, (3) Mithuna, (4) Kataka, (5) Simha, (6) Kanya, (7) Thula, (8) Vrischika, (9) Dhanus, (10) Kumbha, (11) Makara and (12) Meena in the direct and the regular order. Similarly the order of the Dasas may be understood for the rest of the odd Janma Lagnas.

2. Commence the Darpana Dasa from the *sammukha* sign of the Janma Lagna if it is an even sign. Suppose the Janma Lagna is Vrishabha (Taurus). This is an even sign. Hence the Darpana Dasa begins from Thula (Libra), the *sammukha* (opposite) sign of Vrishabha (see Table I, Sammukha signs). So the Dasas are (1) Thula, (2) Vrischika, (3) Dhanus, (4) Makara, (5) Kumbha, (6) Meena, (7) Mesha, (8) Vrishabha, (9) Mithuna, (10) Kataka, (11) Simha and (12) Kanya in the direct and regular order. Suppose the Janma Lagna is Kanya (Virgo). This is an even sign. Hence the Darpana Dasa begins from Mithuna the *sammukha* sign of Kanya (see Table I, *Sammukha* signs). So the Dasas are (1) Mithuna, (2) Kataka, (3) Simha, (4) Kanya, (5) Thula, (6) Vrischika, (7) Dhanus, (8) Makara, (9) Kumbha, (10) Meena, (11) Mesha, (12) Vrishabha in the direct and regular order. Similarly the order of the Dasas from the *sammukha* signs may be understood for the rest of the even Janma Lagnas.

Dasavarsha: In the Darpana Dasa, allot 9 years to each Dasa sign. Every Antardasa sign gets 9 months. The order of the Antardasa signs from any Dasa sign in the Darpana Dasa is direct and regular.

Dwara-Bahya Count

The *dwara* and the *bahya* signs are called the *paka* and the *bhoga* signs. The relevant *sutras* for the count of *dwara-bahya* signs are *dasasrayo dwaram, tatasta vatidho bahyam* (2-4-2, 3). In the Darpana Dasa, the order of the Dasas is direct and regular, as already mentioned. Hence the *dwara* and the *bahya* signs have the direct and regular count in the Darpana Dasa. The twelve Dasa signs from the commencing Dasa sign in the direct and regular order are called the *dwara* signs. The 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th signs, counted direct from the commencing Dasa sign, are called the *bahya* signs of the first six *dwara* signs and the same are repeated for the next six *dwara* signs. The line, *tanu* (1) *duschikya* (3) *sutaa* (5) *sta* (7) *pitru* (9) *labhagaha* (11) may better be remembered, for the present for the count of the *bahya* signs in the Darpana Dasa. For example, Kumbha (Aquarius) is the commencing Dasa sign. See Table II.

TABLE II

Dwara	Bahya	
Kumbha	Kumbha	1
Meena	Mesha	3
Mesha	Mithuna	5
Vrishabha	Simha	7
Mithuna	Thula	9
Simha	Kumbha	11
Kataka	Dhanus	1
Kanya	Mesha	3
Thula	Mithuna	5
Vrischika	Simha	7
Dhanus	Thula	9
Makara	Dhanus	11

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Fatal Dasa Signs

1. Death is probable in the Dasas of the 5th or the 9th sign of the commencing Dasa sign, if they are connected with the malefic planets, but aspect or by association.

2. If the *dwara* and *bahya* signs are afflicted with the malefics, death is probable in the Dasa of the *dwara* sign in the *Antardasa* of the *bahya* sign and sometimes in the *Antardasa* of the 8th sign or of any sign connected with the malefics.

3. Death is probable in the Dasa of the 8th sign of the commencing Dasa sign, if the 8th sign is connected with malefics.

4. The Dasa of the 8th sign, occupied by the waning Moon, is also fatal.

5. The Dasa of the sign occupied or aspected by Venus is also fatal.

Malefics: The Sun, Mars, Saturn, Ketu, Rahu, Mercury, associated with any malefic, is also malefic. The Moon associated with any malefic or the waning Moon is deemed to be malefic. Jupiter is alone benefic. Though Venus is the natural benefic, Venus acts more as a catalyst, along with the involvement of the malefics, and assures the possibility of death by his aspect or association. The sign aspected by both the Moon and Venus is also fatal.

Illustrations

Chart 1: Born 17-6-1905 at Gh. 48-48. *Rasi:* Birth Ascendant - Meena; Mesha - Venus; Vrishabha - Jupiter and Mercury; Mithuna - Sun; Simha - Rahu; Thula - Mars; Dhanus - Moon; Kumbha - Ketu and Saturn.

In Chart 1 Janma Lagna is Meena. This is an even sign. Hence, the Darpana Dasa begins from Dhanus, the *sammukha* sign of Meena. So the Dasas are Dhanus, Makara, Kumbha, Meena, Mesha, Vrishabha, Mithuna, Kataka, Simha, Kanya, Thula, Vrischika, each Dasa being of 9 years' duration. From Dhanus, by the end of Mithuna, 63 years are completed.

17-6-1905	17-6-1968
63	9 6
17-6-1968	17-3-1975
9 Kataka	9 Kataka - Mesha
17-6-1977	17-12-1975

The native of Chart 1 died on 10th May 1975, precisely in Mithuna Vidasa of Mesha Antardasa of Kataka Dasa. Kataka is the 8th sign of Dhanus and is aspected by the malefics Saturn and Ketu. Kataka is the *dwara* sign and its *bahya* sign is Kumbha which is occupied by malefics, Saturn and Ketu, and is aspected by Mars and Venus.

Thus Kataka has become a fatal sign. And Mesha is the 5th sign of Dhanus, the commencing Dasa sign. Mesha is occupied by Venus and is aspected by Saturn, Ketu and Rahu.

Chart 2: Born on 10-11-1936 at 12.10 p.m. *Rasi:* Birth Ascendant -- Makara; Kumbha - Saturn; Mithuna - Ketu; Kanya - Moon and Mars; Thula - Sun and Mercury; Vrischika - Venus; and Dhanus - Jupiter and Rahu.

In Chart 2, Janma Lagna is Makara. This is an even sign. Hence the Darpana Dasa begins from Simha, the *sammukha* sign of Makara. So the Dasas are Simha, Kanya, Thula, Vrischika, Dhanus, Makara etc. The native of Chart 2 died on 21st May, 1978, in Dhanurdasa.

10-11-1936	10-11-1972
36	3 5
10-11-1972	10-02-1978
9 Dhanus	9 Dhanus - Kataka
10-11-1981	10-11-1978

Dhanus is the 5th sign of Simha, the commencing Dasa sign. Dhanus is occupied by Rahu (though with Jupiter) and is aspected by Mars and the waning Moon who has become more malefic by the association of Mars. Thus Dhanus is the fatal Dasa sign. Death happened in Vrischika Vidasa of Kataka Antardasa of Dhanurdasa. Kataka is the 8th sign of Dhanus, and is aspected by Venus and Saturn. Actually death should happen in Mesha Antardasa, since Mesha is the 5th sign and the *bahya* sign of Dhanus, and is aspected by Saturn and Venus. But his life is extended to Kataka Antardasa, averting death in Mesha Antardasa, due to Jupiter's placement in the *dwara* sign, Dhanus.

Chart 3: Born on 5-1-1928 at 5.26 p.m. *Rasi:* Birth Ascendant - Mithuna; Vrischika - Mars, Ketu, Saturn and Venus; Dhanus - Sun and Mercury; Meena - Jupiter; and Vrishabha - Moon and Rahu.

In Chart 3 Janma Lagna is Mithuna. This is an odd sign. Hence, the Darpana Dasa begins from the Janma Lagna itself. So the Dasas are Mithuna, Kataka, Simha, Kanya, Thula, Vrischika etc. The native of Chart 3 Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was hanged to death in April 1979, in Vrischika Dasa.

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05-1-1928	05-1-1973
45	6
05-1-1973	05-1-1979
9 Vrischika	9 Vrischika - Kataka
05-1-1982	5-10-1979

Vrischika is occupied by the malefics Ketu, Mars, Saturn and Venus. Vrischika is the *dwara* sign and its *bahya* sign is Mesha which is aspected by the same malefics. Hence Vrischika has become a fatal Dasa sign. Bhutto's death happened in Kataka Antardasa. Kataka is the 9th sign of Vrischika, aspected by Saturn, Mars, Ketu, Venus, Moon and Rahu.

Actually Mesha is entitled to be the fatal Antardasa sign, since it is the *bahya* sign of Vrischika, and is aspected by the malefics. Perhaps the hanging did not take place in Mesha Antardasa, because Jupiter is near Mesha, *vide* the *sutra* 2-4-5.

Chart 4: Born on 7-5-1861. *Rasi:* Birth Ascendant - Meena - Moon; Mesha - Sun, Mercury and Venus; Mithuna - Mars and Ketu; Kataka - Jupiter; Simha - Saturn; and Dhanus - Ketu.

This chart is of Rabindranath Tagore, the Janma Lagna is Meena. This is an even sign. Hence the Darpana Dasa begins from Dhanus, the *sammukha* sign of Meena. The Dasas are Dhanus, Makara, Kumbha etc.

07-5-1861	
72	
07-5-1933	
6 7	Kataka
7-11-1940	
9	Simha - Mithuna
7-08-1941	

Tagore died on 7-8-1941 in Mithuna Antardasa of Simha Dasa. Simha is the 9th sign of Dhanus, the commencing Dasa sign. It is occupied by the malefic Saturn and aspected by the malefics Venus, Mercury and the Sun. Simha is the *dwara* sign and its *bahya* sign is Mesha occupied by malefics. Here Jupiter being nearby did not interrupt the fatal feature of Simha for two reasons: (1) Simha caused a natural death to the native, (2) Simha itself is occupied by a powerful malefic and aspected by malefics. Death happened in Mithuna Antardasa since Mithuna is occupied by the two malefics, Mars and Ketu.

Chart 5: Born on 15-8-1872 at 5.17 a.m. L.M.T. *Rasi:* Birth Ascendant - Kataka with Jupiter and Mars; Simha - Sun, Mercury and Venus; Vrischika - Ketu; Dhanus - Moon and Saturn; and Vrishabha - Rahu.

In this chart belonging to Aurobindo, Janma Lagna is Kataka. This is an even sign. Hence the Darpana Dasa begins from Kumbha the *sammukha* sign of Kataka. So the Dasas are Kumbha, Meena, Mesha etc.

15-8-1872	15-8-1944
72	6 Thula-Vrishab
15-8-1944	15-8-1950
9 Thula	9 Thula - Mithuna
15-8-1953	15-5-1951

Aurobindo died in 1950 in Vrishabha Antardasa (or Mithuna Antardasa) of Thula Dasa. Thula is the 9th sign of Kumbha and is aspected by the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Rahu. Vrishabha is the 8th sign of Thula and it is occupied by Rahu, aspected by Jupiter and Mars. Thula is the *dwara* sign and its *bahya* sign is Mithuna. Both are aspected by malefics.

Chart 6: Born on 14-11-1889. *Rasi:* Birth Ascendant - Kataka - Moon; Simha - Saturn; Kanya - Mars; Thula - Mercury and Venus; Vrischika - Sun; Dhanus - Jupiter and Ketu; and Mithuna - Rahu.

In this chart belonging to Pandit Nehru Janma Lagna is Kataka. This is an even sign. Hence the Darpana Dasa begins from Kumbha the *sammukha* sign of Kataka. The Dasas are Kumbha, Meena, Mesha etc. Nehru died on 27-5-1964 in Thula Dasa.

14-11-1889	14-11-1961
72	-3- 6
14-11-1961	14-02-1964
9 Thula	9 Thula - Makara
14-11-1970	14-11-1964

Hence death happened in Vrishabha Vidasa of Makara Antardasa of Thula Dasa. Thula is the 9th sign of Kumbha, the commencing Dasa sign. Thula is occupied by Mercury, Venus and is aspected by the malefic Saturn. Mithuna, the 5th of Kumbha, is occupied by Rahu, and aspected by Mars. Thula is the *dwara* sign and its *bahya* sign is Mithuna. Both are connected with the malefics. Death happened in Makara Antardasa. Makara is aspected by Saturn and the Sun. And Vrishabha is aspected by the Moon and Venus.

Conclusion

Darpana Dasa connotes the involvement of the *sammukha* signs is *par excellence* in its application in the case of an even birth Ascendant, particularly when the 7th house of the birth Ascendant is vacant. Scholars can verify its veracity.—28.89.

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How to Match Charts for Marriage?

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TWO young people, a man and a woman with totally different natures tastes, appearance and physical aptitude, commence domestic life at an auspicious moment through a colourful ceremony called marriage. The hope is implied that two hearts will ring in unison in their times of weal and woe. The marriage-bond is not only a bond between a young man and woman for fulfilment of worldly needs, but the intertwining of two souls to attain the mission of life. Unfortunately, if the union is not in tune, the two hearts fail to mingle with each other, the musical note that emitted from the string of the hearts at the time of the wedding becomes discordant and the union is of no avail. Life turns into an arid desert becoming unbearable and ultimately leading to divorce or suicide. Marriage indeed opens an important chapter of life. That is why the guardians of the prospective bridegroom and bride are eager to know whether the marriage life of their loved ones will be happy or not before finalising it. Astrology, here, has an important part to play through matrimonial matching. In olden days, matrimonial matching or *Jataka Vichara* was a must before any marriage. That is why discontent and unfortunate happenings in conjugal life were not so common then as they are now-a-days.

Matrimonial matching is based on certain basic principles of Astrology.

1. Matching of Mental Faculty

Harmony of mind between the husband and wife is a must for a happy marriage. Emotion, sympathy, love, dutifulness and taste are some of the functions of the mind. Mutual adjustment of these qualities brings peace into life. The Moon rules over the mind. Naturally in both the horoscopes of the bridegroom and bride, the position of the Moon, influence of other planets over the Moon and the relationship of the Moon with Ascendant (Lagna) and lord of Ascendant is to be ascertained. If one's Moon is situated in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 10th and 11th place from the Moon of the other, there will be good understanding between them. If the Moon is conjoined with Jupiter, the native will be magnanimous and sober. The Moon conjoined with Venus gives taste for arts, music and the native pursues the prevailing customs of the society. If the Moon is conjoined with the Sun, the native will be very dignified and always keen on prestige and honour. If the Moon is conjoined with Saturn, the native will always remain in fear apprehending that everybody is trying to harm him. If the Moon is conjoined with Mars, the native is courageous and spirited. He has a tendency to do everything very quickly. If there is a conjunction between the Moon and Rahu, the native will long for leadership and be reckless in every sphere of life. If the Moon is conjoined with Mercury, the native will be very intelligent.

The Lagna reveals the inherent nature of a native. Concord of mind is often found in the following cases:

(1) Lagna of the bridegroom is the Moon-sign (Rasi) of bride and *vice versa*.

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(2) Lagna of the bride is in the 7th from the Rasi (Moon - sign) of bridegroom.

(3) Both the bridegroom and bride have same Lagna.

(4) Lords of Rasi of both the bridegroom and bride are the same or natural friends. Lord of Lagna of both bridegroom and bride are the same or natural friends.

(5) The Lagna of the bride is in the 7th from the Lagna of the bridegroom.

Matching of Personality

The Sun controls the personality of a person. If the Sun of one is situated in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 10th or the 11th position from the Sun of the other in the birth chart, the personalities of the two will be harmonious.

Ashtakuta System of Matching

Ashtakuta is comprised of (i) Varna (ii) Vashya, (iii) Tara, (iv) Yoni, (v) Grahamaitri, (vi) Gana, (vii) Rasi, (viii) Nadi-vedha. Mental adjustment is judged from Rasi, Varna, Vashya, Tara and Grahamaitri. Harmony in sexual union is judged from Yoni while health from Nadi-vedha. A definite score has been allotted to each of the items. The maximum is 36. If the Ashtakuta score is below 18, the marriage proposal is rejected outright, between 18 to 20 the marriage proposal may be approved, between 21 to 25 the marriage will be good, and between 26 to 36 the marriage will be happy and joyous.

Judgement of Bhavas

During discussion of harmony between the prospective bridegroom and bride, we have to judge four Bhavas - the 4th, the 7th, the 8th and the 12th. From the 4th Bhava we come to know about domestic or personal life. We can also find out the environment in which he/she has been brought up or the environment he/she likes. It is good to marry persons from similar environments. The 4th Bhava denotes broad outlook, the temperament, compassion, co-operation of the life-partner. Disposition of benevolent Jupiter and Venus in this Bhava bestows one with happy, cheerful life. On the other hand, evil planets in this Bhava make life bitter. A clear picture regarding wedded life can be had from the 7th Bhava. This Bhava indicates whether there will be an equilibrium on the whole in all affairs. If the lord of this house occupies a good Bhava being conjoined with or aspected by beneficial planets, conjugal life will be delightful. But if evil planets are present in it or afflict it otherwise or if the lord of the 4th Bhava is in a *dusthana* (*i.e.*, 6th, 8th or 12th Bhava), the life-partners will not like each other and married life will be a curse for them. The 8th Bhava denotes reproductive organs. It is also termed as the house of separation. If any evil planet occupies the 8th Bhava or aspects it, various kinds of problems will come in the way of having peace and pleasure. From the 12th Bhava we come to know *sayanasukha* or conjugal life. This is a very important aspect of life. If Rahu and Mars are in the 12th Bhava, the native is reckless in this regard. If Rahu or Mars or both conjoin with Venus in the 12th Bhava, conjugal life becomes dull and full of disturbance. On the other hand, if Jupiter or Saturn or Mercury is in the 12th Bhava, the native will be indifferent to conjugal life so that his/her companion will feel disgusted with him or her.

Influence of Good or Evil Planets

It is essential to find out which good or evil planets of either the bridegroom or the bride influence the other's. It is obvious that after marriage good results can be achieved from the matter included in a Bhava where the beneficial influence of a good planet falls. Similarly, the influence of an evil planet may cause degradation to the other.

Bhauma Dosha

Disposition of malicious Mars in any of the Bhavas—Lagna, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 12th in a birth chart—causes Bhauma Dosha. If such Bhauma Dosha exists in bridegroom's chart, he will lose his wife. Likewise, if it be a case of bride, she will become a widow.

Factors that balance Bhauma Dosha are - (i) If Mars is in exalted position or *moolatrikona* or own house or in a favourable house conjoined with or aspected by lords of *kendra* (quadrant) or *kona* (trine); (ii) Jupiter or Venus being strong and unafflicted by evil planets occupy a *kendra* or *kona* or auspicious Moon is in the 7th Bhava; (iii) Mars for Cancer, Leo, Pisces or Sagittarius Lagna being auspicious, Bhauma Dosha for these Lagnas is not so harmful. Only it may tell upon health; (iv) If Bhauma Dosha persists in the horoscope

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Astrology and Unethical Patterns of Life

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ASTROLOGY is a divine torch that can illumine one's life. Astrology is a "definitive discipline of vitalistic cosmogony" envisaged by the *Vedas* and "is the calculus of human kingship with stars". Astrology is a thorough-going "discipline that addresses itself to every concern of man" from birth to death. It juxtaposes cosmic rhythms with the biological rhythms in individual life and draws spectacular guidelines. Predictions concerning nature, character, emotion, impulse, habit, hypocrisy, intepredity, violent motives and such other intricacies of human behaviour are very difficult to identify because of the complexity of the social, economical and political conditions of the world today. The classical texts we have are helpful in giving broad outlines only but in the context of today's need we have to fill in and read just certain implications through our intuition, experience and research. A comprehensive table to determine the positive *karakatwas* of different Bhavas and the concerned planets is given hereunder in order to assess the complexities of human nature.

Significations		Significator
The 1st Bhava:	Body, mind and habit Character, soul and vigour	Sun Moon
The 2nd Bhava:	Relation with kith and kin Accumulation of wealth, power of speech	Venus Mercury
The 3rd Bhava:	Courage and brother, misery	Mars, Saturn
The 4th Bhava:	Mind, Pleasure and friend learning	Moon Mercury
The 5th Bhava:	Intelligence, judgement, discretion (*viveka*), *purvapunya*	Mercury, Jupiter
The 6th Bhava:	Enemies, litigation, wounds, ill-fame, ill-luck, dishonour, anxiety	Mars, Saturn
The 7th Bhava:	Social status, sex-relations	Venus
The 8th Bhava:	Litigation, sex-relations, anxiety and cause of death, longevity,	Saturn
The 9th Bhava:	Luck and conditions of present life	Jupiter
The 10thBhava:	Success, name and fame, nature of profession, livelihood	The Sun Jupiter, Saturn
The 11th Bhava:	Source of income and permanent relationship with environment	Jupiter
The 12th Bhava:	Sorrow, anxiety, and indigent condition, confinement, pleasures of the conch, emancipation	Saturn, Mars, Venus, Jupiter

The purpose of the article is to examine the life of criminals and individuals who indulge in unethical patterns of life. Ill-disposed 1st, 4th and 5th houses and their lords with afflicted Mercury and Jupiter having a Mars-Saturn-Rahu syndrome notably in the 1st, the 4th or the 5th house are the factors in this study. The Moon denotes *antahkarana* (perception, inner mind), Mercury stands for intelligence, judgement, an open and witty nature, the Sun denotes soul and character and Jupiter denotes *Samyak Gnyana* or divine knowledge. These planets, when afflicted by Mars-Saturn-Rahu, confer hostile and contrary indications of the above traits. Under such an affliction the Moon may give a perverted outlook and evil habits. Mercury afflicted under similar conditions indicates selfish and mean motive, a peevish nature. Simi-

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larly Jupiter afflicted by Mars-Saturn-Rahu indicates shrewd intelligence, ignorance, over-indulgence and conceit. Afflicted Saturn denotes mean and notorious character and inclination towards illegal acts in a secret way. Afflicted Mars is murderous, adamant, ill-tempered, furious and stubborn. Afflicted Rahu is jealous, vidictive, ferocious, violent, a smuggler, lustful and reckless in mood. The nature of afflicted Ketu is to find fault with others, causing harm without reason and always wanting to go ahead with secret plans of an obnoxious kind. When the 1st, the 4th, the 5th, the 9th and the 10th houses are involved under such malefic afflictions and the *karaka* planets are evilly disposed without any neutralising effect, the individual may turn into a criminal, cheat, liar, ill-tempered, sensual, a thief, hypocrite and an out-and-out imposter and murderer. Afflictions on the 7th, the 8th or the 12th house may cause an immoral sexual life and it is further intensified when Venus is involved under affliction or is related to or influenced by the weak Moon-Mars-Mercury configuration. In the light of the above observations we may examine the horoscopes of some individuals who are leading unethical and intemperate lives. The attempt to study such cases can be neither complete not exhaustive. Only some salient points are touched here and indications given for such unfortunate ways of life.

Chart 1: Born 25-6-1920 at 8.26 a.m. (L.M.T), 22° N 38'; 88° E 23'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Cancer with Mercury and Jupiter; Leo - Sa- turn; Mars, the Moon and Rahu in Libra; Ketu in Aries; and the Sun and Venus in Gemini.

Lord of Lagna the Moon is joined by the 5th and 10th lord. Yogakaraka Mars is vitiated by Rahu-Ketu axis strongly aspected by *maraka* lord malefic Saturn. The 4th lord Venus is combust in the 12th; mean, selfish, greedy and a hypocrite of an individual. Further, Mercury, lord of the 3rd and the 12th, a functional malefic for this horoscope, located in Lagna with Jupiter who is placed in Aslesha and hemmed in- between evil planets the Sun and Saturn indicates an uncanny intelligence not guided by *viveka* (discretion).

Chart 2: Born 25-10-1933 at 6.40 a.m. (I.S.T.), 22° N 35'; 88° E 23'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Libra with the Sun; Mars, Venus and Mercury in Scorpio; the Moon in Sagittarius; Saturn in Capricorn; Rahu in Aquarius; Ketu in Leo; and Jupiter in Virgo.

The debilitated Sun in Lagna though he has obtained cancellation of debilitation is powerfully aspected by malefic Saturn and incendiary Rahu whereas the lord of Lagna Venus is in the 2nd in close proximity with *maraka* Mars, Rahu is in the 5th house which gives a shrewd mentality to fulfil his own mission of grabbing other's fortune. Jupiter, the planet of wisdom, is located in the 12th and hemmed in between malefic Ketu and the evil Sun whereas the *karaka* of intelligence Mercury is joined with *maraka* Mars and as lord of the 9th is in the 6th from the 9th further intensifying the selfish, malicious mean nature of the subject.

Chart 3: Born 4-5-1965 at 5.52 a.m. (I.S.T.), 22° N 38'; 88° E 23'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Taurus with the Moon, Jupiter and Rahu; Mars in Leo; Ketu in Scorpio; Saturn in Aquarius; Mercury in Pisces; and Venus and Sun in Aries.

The subject (female) belongs to a rich and renowned family in West Bengal. Her grandfather was a famous writer and her father a big physician. The subject was born with the silver spoon in the mouth. Every article of comfort is at her command. But she has a peculiar mental set-up. The indication of lesbianism was noticed in her seventh year from the commencement of Rahu's main period when she was caught red-handed. The subject is handsome and can conceal her real feelings and never give out her mind. After puberty she began an affair with a boy in the same neighbourhood with no social status. But this was all without the knowledge of her parents and relatives. She used to steal money from her parent's safe in an artful manner. Everything was disclosed when she left home with the hooligan and got married on 17-1-1981 during Rahu main period in the sub-period of Mercury.

Yogakaraka Saturn is seriously afflicted by powerful *maraka* Mars with reference to the 4th and the 10th houses, the 5th lord Mercury in its debilitation is aspected by Mars; there is the exchange of houses between the Sun and Mars; the 4th and the 12th houses; the lord of Lagna Venus, is combust in the 12th and finally the Moon and Jupiter are vitiated by Rahu in Lagna all very significant in judging the indications of such a vitiated soul and mind of easy virtue.

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thought and deed.

Chart 4: Born 6/7-10-1922 at 1.32 a.m. (L.M.T), 22° N 42'; 88° E 23'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Cancer; the Sun, Saturn and Rahu in Virgo; Jupiter and Mercury(R) in Libra; Venus in Scorpio; Mars in Sagittarius; and the Moon and Ketu in Pisces.

The subject was convicted on charges of dacoity and murder involved in the Dum Dum-Basirhat case in West Bengal and underwent a long term of imprisonment but is now rehabilitated in social life.

The Moon, lord of Lagna, is vitiated by Rahu-Ketu axis and afflicted by malefic Saturn and Mars: an unstable and infirm character and a victim of allurement. Mark the *dwirdwadasa* (2/12) involving the 2nd, the 3rd, the 4th and the 5th lords the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars respectively, very significant in this horoscope. The Sun and the Moon are both afflicted. Further the 1st, the 4th, the 5th and the 9th houses and their lords either from Lagna or Chandra Lagna (the natal Moon) are all afflicted by Saturn, Rahu and Mars indicating wrong ideals and uncanny thinking.

Chart 5: Born 5/6-5-1965 at 3.20 a.m. (I.S.T), 22° N 36'; 88° E 23'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Pisces with Mercury; the Sun and Venus in Aries; Rahu and Jupiter in Taurus; the Moon in Gemini; Mars in Leo; Ketu in Scorpio; and Saturn in Aquarius.

Mercury, the 4th and 7th lord and *karaka* for learning and intelligence, is debilitated in Lagna aspected by malefic Mars and hemmed in between malefic Saturn and the Sun indicating a violent and curious nature, a dull intelligence, a peevish and perverted outlook overwhelmed by evil habits. Both the Sun and the Moon are afflicted by Saturn and Rahu respectively indicating an unstable character and evil habits. The lord of Lagna, Jupiter, is located in the 3rd, afflicted by Rahu and the 3rd lord Venus is combust in the 2nd whereas the Sun and Mars are involved in exchange of houses with reference to the 2nd and the 6th indicating deep passion, sensualism, ignorance, litigation, ill-fame giving rise to hostile relations with parents and even with kith and kin. On February 1980 during Jupiter main period in the sub-period of Rahu the subject committed a sexual crime (when he was only 14 years old) and left home with some valuable ornaments. The subject comes of a middle class Brahmin family.

Chart 6: Born 30/31-1-1951 at 3.00 a.m. (I.S.T.), 23° N 24'; 88° E 24'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Scorpio; Mercury in Sagittarius; the Sun in Capricorn; Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Rahu in Aquarius; Ketu in Leo; Saturn (R) in Virgo; and the Moon in Libra.

The 4th house is seriously afflicted by Rahu-Ketu axis and the 4th lord Saturn is aspected by malefic Mars who is the ruler of the 1st and the 6th. Saturn aspects Lagna and the 5th without any neutralising influence indicating a violent, furious and stubborn nature and a perverted outlook. Since the ruler of the 5th house is located in the 12th from the 5th afflicted by Rahu, Mars and *maraka* lord Venus it indicates the contrary of Poorva-Karma and total eclipse of discretion. The other mental planet the Moon and the lord of the 9th (*bhagyasthana*) is relegated to the 12th (*vyayasthana*) indicating ill-fame, ill-luck due to over-indulgence, perverted and obnoxious habits. The subject was involved in a murder case and booked by the police in June 1972 during Saturn main period in the sub-period of Ketu (*Kujavad Ketu*). Mars, lord of the 1st and the 6th, aspects the 4th lord Saturn from the 4th house indicating litigation, confinement, enmity, anxiety and dishonour. The subject was acquitted in the trial court on June 1973 in the sub-period of Venus in the main period of Saturn. Venus, lord of the 7th (*kendra*), posited in the 4th (with *kona* lord Jupiter and Mars) is capable of conferring a feeble Raja Yoga and as a natural benefic and also lord of Chandra Lagna assures pleasure and luxury not entirely through fair means. The subject indulges in gambling and more often in drinking.

Chart 7: Born 20-1-1930 at 5.31 a.m. (I.S.T.), 25° N 33'; 84° E 40'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Sagittarius with Mars and Saturn; the Sun, Mercury (R) and Venus in Capricorn; Rahu in Aries; Jupiter (R) in Taurus; the Moon in Virgo; and Ketu in Libra.

The subject was booked by the police under charges of homicide and looting in March 1967 during the main period of Jupiter in the sub-period of Ketu and convicted with a long term of imprisonment. The subject is now in jail. Lagna is joined by the 12th lord Mars and *maraka* lord Saturn aspected by Rahu whereas Jupiter, lord of Lagna, is relegated to the 6th aspected by

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Rahu again conferring a cruel, ferocious and violent nature. Further, Mercury and Venus are combust in the 2nd indicating shrewd intelligence and peevishness. It also indicates carnality, lust, conceit and recklessness. Again the other mental planet the Moon is afflicted by Saturn indicating a perverted outlook, a mean and malicious personality. The Mars-Saturn-Rahu syndrome has reference to the 1st and the 5th houses without any redeeming feature fundamentally endowing him with an intemperate and homicidal tendencies.

Chart 8: Born 7-1-1946 at 7.00 a.m. (I.S.T), 22° N 35'; 88° E 23'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Capricorn; the Moon in Aquarius; Rahu and Saturn (R) in Gemini; Mars (R) in Cancer; Jupiter in Libra; and the Sun, Venus, Mercury and Ketu in Sagittarius.

The subject was given life term imprisonment against the charge of murder. Saturn, lord of Lagna, is in the 6th joined with incendiary Rahu aspected by the 6th lord Mercury, the 8th lord Sun and the 12th lord Jupiter indicating a horrible life. Further the 4th lord Mars is debilitated in a *maraka* house aspected by incendiary Rahu; in turn Jupiter is afflicted by the combined force of malefic Mars and Rahu whereas Yogakaraka Venus is combust and located in the 12th with the 9th lord Mercury vitiated by Rahu-Ketu axis indicating a ferocious, violent mind without any sense of judgement. The *karaka* planet of mind, the Moon, is also afflicted through malefic Mars and incendiary Rahu further intensifying his adamant ill-temper and moods.

Chart 9: Born 17-2-1931 at 5.30 p.m. (I.S.T.), 22° N 35'; 88° E 23'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Leo; Ketu in Virgo; Saturn and Venus in Sagittarius; Mercury in Capricorn; the Sun and the Moon in Aquarius; Rahu in Pisces; Jupiter (R) in Gemini; and Mars (R) in Cancer.

The subject has served a life term sentence on charges of dacoity and murder. The Sun, lord of Lagna, is with the 12th lord the Moon in exact degree conjunction aspected by powerful *maraka* Saturn, malefic Mars from the 12th house (Mars however has obtained cancellation of his debility) and the 8th lord afflicted Jupiter, Lagna itself is hemmed inbetween malefic Mars and Ketu indicating a furious, violent and reckless mind. Yogakaraka Mars is relegated to the 12th vitiated by Rahu and Saturn's location in the 5th house, a powerful *maraka* for Leo Lagna.

Chart 10: Born 1-2-1946 at 8.01 a.m. (I.S.T.), 22° N 35'; 88° E 23'. *Planetary positions:* Lagna - Leo; Jupiter in Libra; Ketu in Sagittarius; the Sun, the Moon, Mercury and Venus in Capricorn; and Rahu, Mars (R) and Saturn (R) in Gemini.

This is the horoscope of the leader of a gang involved in wagon-breaking, murder, manufacture of bombs, pipe-guns and all types of illegal secret activities. The subject is said to have links with a political party and is closely connected with some business magnets. He was a detainee under MISA.

The unique feature of this horoscope is reflected by the 6th and the 11th. Lord of Lagna, the Sun, is in the 6th with the 12th lord Moon whereas Venus and Mercury are both combust in the 6th aspected by malefic retrograde Mars who is seriously afflicted due to close conjunction with *maraka* retrograde Saturn and incendiary Rahu, pointing to immoral life and means of livelihood. Jupiter, lord of the 5th, is otherwise unafflicted except for Rahu's influence falling on him. The Lagna lord the Sun in the 6th aspected by Yogakaraka Mars (afflicted) and Jupiter in an Upachaya (moderately strong) explain the subject's connection with rich people and top political leaders. The subject is earning huge sums through entirely unfair means. Jupiter's influence falls on the malefic configuration in the 11th.—67.81.

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of both bridegroom and bride, then the Dosha of one annuls the Dosha of the other.

It is often seen that the place where the lord of the 7th Bhava falls or where the lord of the 7th is exalted or debilitated in the birth chart of either the bridegroom or bride, becomes birth Rasi or Lagna of the other.

Giving due respect to the proverb "marriages are made in heaven" the guardians of the bridegroom or bride should consult an experienced astrologer for matching the horoscope of the life-partner before finalising a match. If this is done, I think, many untoward incidents, that couples often face, can be avoided to a great extent.—31.89

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Astrology and the Nature of Death — V*

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(8) Combinations involving Miscellaneous Causes

Rasis with Bhavas

(1) 22ND Drekkana from Lagna Drekkana happens to be *nigada* (fetters), *sarpa* (serpent) or *paasha* (noose) — danger of death by imprisonment held in captivity.

Planets and mere planetary combinations

(1) The Sun and the Moon in opposition and conjoined with or aspected by Mars produce sudden accidents. (2) The Sun and the Moon both conjoined with or aspected by Rahu and Ketu indicate suicidal tendencies. (3) The Sun and Venus aspected by Jupiter, Saturn being with Mars or Rahu - the native's head will be cut off. (4) The Sun in familiarity with Saturn or Neptune indicates suicide (Carter). (5) The Moon sextile M.C. indicates execution. (6) The Moon, Mars, Jupiter combined - accidents. (7) Weak Moon and Rahu aspecting Saturn - the native's head will be cut off. (8) Mercury in familiarity with Mars disturbs mental equilibrium and may lead to suicide (Carter). (9) When Mars joins Saturn, Mars being chief significator of unnatural deaths, there will be ample bloodshed and extreme suffering to the native. Otherwise death will be instantaneous. Treacherous end is indicated where Mars and Saturn mutually aspect. Mars and Saturn mutually in opposition indicate general suicidal tendencies. (10) Mars, Jupiter and Saturn combined indicate accidents. Mars, Saturn and Rahu together indicate that the native may be beheaded. Mars and Rahu or Ketu joined together indicate accidents and injuries. (11) Jupiter in familiarity with Saturn shows discontent and disappointment which may lead to suicide (Carter). (12) Venus hemmed between malefics indicates death of the native's wife by a sudden fall. (13) Venus opposition Saturn shows a lingering disease and possible suicide due to the same. (14) Uranus affliction indicates often an element of depression which may lead to suicide (Carter).

Planets with Rasis

(1) The Sun in Libra aspected by malefics - death due to displeasure of the king. (2) The Sun in Pisces indicates violent death from secret enemies (Robson). (3) The Sun aspecting the Moon with Navamsa in Cancer shows accidents. (4) The Moon in a sign such as Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio or Capricorn and afflicted by malefics and also in conjunction with Nodes causes serious accidents. The Moon occupying Scorpio creates suicidal tendencies. (5) The Moon in Leo and Rahu occupying Cancer - the native's head may be cut off. (6) Mars occupies Capricorn or Aquarius and Mercury is in Sagittarius or Pisces - danger from tiger or other wild beasts at 25 years of age. (7) Mars and Saturn or Saturn and Rahu occupy cruel Shashtyamsas - the native may be beheaded. (8) Jupiter in Scorpio denotes tragic end due to society or politics (Robson). (9) Uranus in Scorpio denotes sudden end (Robson).

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Planets with Bhavas

(1) The Sun in 2nd house with 6th lord - fear from jackals. (2) The Sun in 6th or 8th aspected by malefics - death due to displeasure of king. (3) Ascendant, the Sun and the Moon are afflicted by more than one malefic - a liability to accidents and a violent or sudden death (variation - Ascendant is afflicted by malefics; the Sun or the Moon being conjoined with Rahu - accidents and injuries). (4) Ascendant represents "self" of the native. The Sun and the Moon controlling soul and mind also stand for "self". 3rd and 11th houses controlling arms also represent "self". Cause of death is known from 8th house. When Lagna, Lagna lord, the Sun, the Moon, 3rd and 11th houses have connection with 8th house and 8th lord, by conjunction or aspect, the result is a tendency to commit suicide. (5) Lagna and its lord, the Sun, the Moon, 6th, 8th and 12th houses are to be examined for accidents. The 2nd and 3rd houses may also be looked into. The 4th and 9th houses come into picture if they are malefic signs. Positions of Mars, Rahu, Ketu and Mandi also call for a close scrutiny. The weakness of the Ascendant lord, Mars in the 8th house and the positions of other cruel planets are required to be studied. (6) The Sun and the Moon together in 8th or 6th house indicate that the native is killed by a ferocious animal. The Sun, the Moon and Jupiter together in 6th or 8th house show danger from elephants. (7) The Sun-Moon-Mars, the Moon-Mars, the Moon-Mars-Venus, Mars-Jupiter combinations in the 9th house indicate accidents. (8) The Sun, the Moon and Saturn in Lagna and Mars occupying 7th house (variation - the Sun or weak Moon in Lagna, Mars or Saturn in 7th house) - the native will meet his end by being crushed under some machinery. (9) Lagna aspected by the Sun and Mars and devoid of benefic aspects from Jupiter and Venus - danger from bullocks. (10) Mars occupying Lagna is aspected by the Sun or Saturn - suffering from accidents and injuries. (11) The Sun and Mars together in 6th or 12th show accidents. (12) The Sun in 7th and Mars in 10th indicate danger from dogs. (13) The Sun, Mars and Mercury together in 10th house show death by machinery. (14) The Sun, Mars, Mercury or the Sun, Mars and Jupiter conjoined in the 10th from the Moon indicate accidents. (15) The Sun in 4th house and Mars with Jupiter occupying 10th indicate that the native may die by dogbite. (16) The Sun connected in some way to the 8th house is not conducive to long life, the native hardly passes his 50 years of age. Mars is *karaka* of accidents and injuries. Suddenness belongs to Uranus, who is violent and reckless and controls untimely deaths. So the Sun, Mars and Uranus connected with 8th house results in sudden and accidental deaths. (17) The Sun is conjoined with Rahu, Venus being with 6th lord - the native's head will be cut off. (18) Malefics in Lagna, the Sun with Rahu/Ketu in 7th, Venus occupying 8th house - death by imprisonment. (19) The Sun with Saturn occupies or aspects the 8th house - cause of death will be dogs. (20) The Sun, Saturn and Rahu in Lagna - danger of fall from a tree or fall of a tree on the native. (21) Lagna lord and 6th lord conjoined with the Moon - fear from horses. (22) The Moon in 8th house afflicted by malefics causes serious accidents. (23) When the waning Moon is in the 6th or 8th, and 4th and 10th houses are occupied by malefics, death is brought about through the scheming of an enemy. (24) Malefics in 5th and 9th from Lagna or from the Moon devoid of benefic aspects (and Mars occupying 8th house) - death by imprisonment. (25) The Moon, Mars, Mercury, Venus and Saturn together in 4th or 12th house - danger from dogs. (26) Saturn in 2nd, the Moon in 4th, Mars occupying 10th house - death may be due to post-operational complications (death by fire or by poisoning or by snakebite are other opinions as stated before). (27) If a weak Moon in the 4th house is with Rahu and is aspected by Mars and Saturn, there will be a strong proclivity for suicidal attempts. Depression, sudden loss of control, mental derangement, murderous feelings and unpredictable behaviour could safely be indicated by such a conjuncture. (28) Many times it has been noticed that the Moon, Mars and Ketu combination in any manner connected with *badhaka* and *maraka* houses indicates suicide. (29) The Moon and Saturn together occupy the 8th house, Lagna lord and 8th lord being weak and conjoined with malefics - suicidal tendency. (30) The Moon aspected by Lagna lord joins Saturn, Rahu, Ketu in 6/8/12th house (some include 'Lagna' also along with 6/8/12th; some say 'Mandi' in place of 'Ketu') - one will have a tragic or unnatural end. (31) The Moon and Rahu together in 8th house - the native's head will be cut off. (32) Mars in 3rd

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house will create liability to danger and accidents in journey. If 3rd house is further afflicted, it shows thoughts of suicide or violent tendencies. (33) Mars and Mercury together or separate in the 7th and 10th houses - danger of accident due to some machine. (34) Those who commit suicide must have multiple afflictions invariably by Mars and Rahu, to Mercury or the 5th lord and the 8th house. Thus when Mercury or the 5th lord is afflicted by a square or conjunction of Mars or by a trine or conjunction of Rahu, there is a temporary derangement of mind which creates suicidal tendencies; added to this, if the 8th house is also afflicted, the native commits suicide; otherwise he will only feel inclined to do so. (35) Mars and Saturn with 8th lord occupying *kendra* - danger of death due to king's wrath. (36) Mars in the 4th, Saturn occupying 10th house - danger from wild animals. (37) A combined aspect of Mars and Saturn on 7th house has the potential of causing a violent or unnatural end. (38) Mars and Saturn in 7th house, 7th lord being in 6/8/12th - troubles or death through one's spouse. (39) When Mars, Saturn and Rahu occupy 8th house, even with benefic aspects, persecution will be the result. (40) Mars with a Node in 4th house indicates tragedy, violence or suicidal tendencies. (41) Mars with Mandi in 2nd or 8th house aspected by 2nd lord - fear from jackals. (42) Mercury in 8th house denotes death by fall from a height. (43) Jupiter along with 3rd lord occupying Lagna—fear from quadrupeds like cows and bulls (some opine that a watery Lagna here shows the trouble with certainty). (44) Jupiter conjoined with lagna lord and 6th lord indicates danger from elephants. (45) Afflicted Saturn rising in the Ascendant and afflicting the hyleg causes serious accidents from time to time. (46) Saturn in the 2nd house conjoined with or aspected by malefics - danger from dogs [variations - (i) 2nd lord conjoined with Saturn or aspecting Saturn or aspected by Saturn; (ii) Saturn, 2nd house/2nd lord and 6th house/6th lord related by conjunction or aspects]. (47) Saturn in 6th with 8th lord, Lagna being occupied by 12th lord - danger from wild animals. (48) When Saturn is very close to M.C., there is sudden rise in life followed by tragic end. (49) 6th lord joined with Saturn and Rahu/Ketu - fear from deer or antelopes. (50) If Rahu occupies 8th house aspected by a malefic, one of the reasons for death is fall from a height. (51) 4th lord with Rahu or Ketu in 6th house causes death by violence involving robbery or theft. (52) Rahu or Ketu in 8th house indicates suicidal tendencies. Ketu conjunction 8th cusp indicates lingering disease and possible suicide due to the same. Assassination due to political hatred and other unnatural types of death are possible with Ketu in 8th house. Suicidal tendencies occur when the Lagna lord or 8th lord is conjoined with Rahu or Ketu. Ketu is a *karaka* of suicides. If he occupies the 8th with lord of Lagna weak and is aspected by malefics, the native is likely to commit suicide. (53) Neptune in some relation to 8th house indicates suicide (Carter). (54) (i) Lagna and Lagna lord conjoined with or aspected by malefics. (ii) Lagna lord, 2nd, 7th and 8th lords mutually in opposition. (iii) 6th lord with a cruel planet occupying Lagna or 8th house. (iv) 3rd and 8th lords conjoined in 6/8/12th house - accidents and injuries. (55) 8th lord being a malefic occupies Lagna or is aspecting Lagna lord - sudden death in house. (56) 8th lord occupies 9th house - suicidal tendency. (57) Malefics occupying 12th house sometimes forebode a violent end of life.

Planets with Rasis and Bhavas

(1) If the Sun, Moon and a malefic planet are in Pisces Lagna and if the 8th house is occupied by a malefic, death is due to a wicked mistress. (2) Ascendant or the Moon-sign born being a fiery sign, luminaries the Sun and the Moon being afflicted by natural malefics Mars, Saturn, Rahu or Ketu, with afflictions of 7th and 8th houses generally give a tragic end. (3) If the Sun occupies Cancer and the Moon occupies the 11th house aspected by malefics, the native will face death due to some trouble created by his adamant nature. (4) The Sun and Mars in the 7th, Saturn in 8th, malefic Moon in the 4th house or the Ascendant falls in a bird Drekkana - danger from birds, the body may be consumed by birds without proper funeral rites. (5) Rahu in Capricorn or Aquarius, the Moon in Leo in 8th house or the Sun and Mars in 8th house indicate martyrdom like Bhagat Singh for a good cause. (6) If the Sun is in Lagna, the Moon with a malefic planet is in 7th house (variation - the Moon is in Virgo in 7th house) and Venus occupies Aries, a woman is the cause of the native's death. (7) The Sun, Moon and Rahu together in Lagna in Cancer or Leo - fear from quadrupeds. (8) Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Pluto are the

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Ancient Classical Writers of Jyotisha

Brahmadeva

K. R. KRISHNAMURTHI

General

BRAHMADEVA is the author of *Karana Prakasa,* a *karana* work, as the name indicates, mainly used for preparation of a *panchanga*. Its epoch is Saka 1014 (1092 A.D.). Brahmadeva was a contemporary of Sadananda, author of *Bhaasvathi Karana*, with its epoch, Saka 1021 (1099 A.D.). *Rajamrikanga Karana* of Bhojadeva, Saka 964 (1042 A.D.) precedes it by half a century.

Personal

Nothing is known about the family history of the author. But he starts the work with a benedictory *sloka* with his *namaskarams* to Brahma, Vishnu, Siva, to the Navagrahas, Saraswati and Ganesa and adds as follows: "... *Aryabhata Sastrasamam Karomi Sri Brahmadeva Ganaka Karana Prakasam*".

Thus it becomes clear that he wrote *Karana Prakasa* following Aryabhata's work. At the end he states in *Grahayuthi Adhikara* thus:

"Aseeth Parthivavrinda Vanditha
Padambhoja
Dwayo Maathuraha, Sri Chandraahya
Budho
Gunyka Vasathihi Khyaatho Dwijendra
Kshitow

meaning that he was the son of the famous learned Brahmin Chandradeva of Mathura, who lived with those who respected him. His father was his Guru.

His Work

Karana Prakasa is a short work covered by 5 chapters in 225 *slokas*, dealing with the usual topics of a *karana* work. *Karana Granthas* are written with a view to make the working easy for those who prepare *panchangas*. If the Ahargana is shortened as per the epoch of each author calculations become easy.

Prof. Sudhakara Dwivedi points out that the work reflects Madhwa and Vaishnava Sampradaya in respect of *tithis, vrathas, upavasa* etc. *Karana Prakasa* follows Aryapaksha and the *tithis* happen to be longer by about 2 or 3 *ghatis*, as such, Sri Sankara Balakrishna Dikshit says "according to Aryapakasa it is found to be longer by 2 or 3 *ghatis*, only if Lalla's corrections are applied to the calculations of the 1st Arya Siddhanta, otherwise not"....in his *Bharatiya Jyothisha Sastra*, Part II.

Three Schools

The *Graha Laghava,* Saka 1442 (1520 A.D.) of Ganesa Daivagnya refers to the three schools namely the Sowra, the Arya and the Brahma Pakshas. It says that *Surya Siddhanta, Karana Prakasa* and *Karana Kuthuhala* of Bhaskara II represent the Sowra, the Arya and the Brahma Pakshas respectively. The contents of Brahma Pakshas of *Graha Laghava* have been used from *Karana Kuthuhala*.

The three schools are clearly seen in *Muhurtha Marthanda*, Saka year 1493 (1571 A.D.) of Narayana, son of Anantha Daivagnya.

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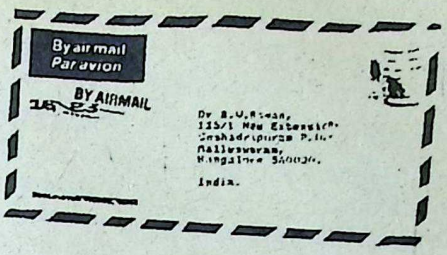
Letters to the Editor



1990 Annual Number

Sir, - With the fascinating changes in the cover page and in some of the inside pages, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE is becoming more and more absorbing.

The corrections are decreasing in number and it may not be too long when they will be almost nil. Errors in the Ephemeris are almost negligible, though not totally absent.

Newcomers, as well as writers of the second line, are putting in their best efforts to the general upkeep of the legendary magazine, the first of its kind, blessed with a sense of purpose and direction. Advertisements are at the minimum level, thereby maximising the contents of the reading material, which should be the primary objective of any magazine.

I have one suggestion regarding the last cover page (back cover) Why not mention the articles of the next issue? Let us agree that every issue is as important and fetching as an Annual Number.

I suggest that under "Your Technical Difficulties Solved" Mihira answers about fifty questions in every issue. This feature becomes important since genuine doubts are cleared by a scholar and there are thousands of doubts, yet to be raised!!

Editorials of Gayatri Devi Vasudev are equally superlative, with the best of information on astrological dicta and discipline. Every page of well-written lines creates a platonic affinity between the writer on one side and the conscientious reader on the other.

Madras. *T. V. Dwarakanath.*

Sir, - The Annual Number 1990 is excellent as usual with good articles and takes on a new charm with the photographs and biodata of the contributors. The contributions of well-qualified persons speaks of an awareness in the mind of the Indian public that Astrology is a science and not a superstition, as thought by some in the past. We owe this rapid change of attitude of the intelligentsia to DR. B. V. RAMAN, the unique personality behind Astrology in the 20th century.

Hanamakonda. *Iranganti Rangacharya.*

Sir, - The eagerly awaited and the prestigious Annual 1990 issue now in my hands is a finely produced one, full of research-oriented articles by well-known authors, written specially for this number. A valuable asset!

The Annual issue always creates excitement among both writers and readers to which the 1990 Annual is no exception. You have brought out the Annual without any consideration of extra cost involved. My praise for your great efforts.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Madras. *K. R. Krishnamurthi.*

Sir, - I am a regular reader of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE and the January 1990 issue is indeed very good. All the articles contributed by eminent scholars are really instructive, illumminative and superb. Please accept my congratulations for bringing out such a nice issue.

Nagercoil. *M. Padmanabhan.*

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: February 1950

Adhi Yoga

Sir, - I request you to kindly publish the following letter in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE and oblige. I read with interest, the article "Adhi Yoga-from Lagna or Chandra" appearing on page 749 of the December 1949 issue. There it is stated that if Jupiter, Venus and Mercury (benefics) occupy 6th, 7th and 8th houses from Lagna or Moon, the resulting Yoga is Adhi Yoga. I am only a student of Astrology and hence I request the learned writer, through these columns, to elucidate the following:-

Sloka 2 of Chapter XIII of *Brihat Jataka* speaks about Adhi Yoga. In the translation given by Sri V. Subramania Sastri, it is given as Notes under this *sloka*, that the effects, described in the last quarter of this *sloka*, will result if only one benefic is present in one of the above places (6, 7, 8) from the Moon. In support of this contention he quotes Bhattotpala who says that the interpretations by some that all the three places *viz.*, 6th, 7th and 8th from Moon should be occupied each by one of the three planets is not correct and also he quotes the following from *Sruta Keerti*, who recognises seven sorts of Adhi Yoga. "The seven sorts are caused according as the three benefic planets occupy one or more of the three houses *viz.*, the 6th, 7th and 8th from the Moon. That is, they might occupy (1) all the three houses; (2) 6th and 7th; (3) 6th and 8th; (4) 7th and 8th; (5) 6th only; (6) 7th only and (7) 8th only.

He also adds, that according to the above view, if Jupiter, Venus or Mercury occupies the 6th, 7th or 8th house from Moon, it constitutes an Adhi Yoga. I would request the learned author of the article under reference to kindly explain the validity of this opinion, in actual practice. Of course it is not stated anywhere in the article, whether a single benefic posited in any of the three houses produces the Yoga or not. As some ancient writers had that view, I think it is acceptable.

Further, I give below a horoscope which, if the above view is correct, contains Adhi Yoga both from Lagna and Chandra. As has been stated in italics in col. 3 on page 750, the combination of lords of 1, 9 and 10, which is very important to promise any success from Adhi Yoga is also present in this horoscope. The learned author has stated that the Dasa of the planets posited in the 6th, 7th or 8th houses should be the probable time for the fructification of the results. When the Dasa of a planet gives good results, my humble opinion is that even its Bhukti in any good Dasa should give better results. Even if it does not give any good results it should not definitely give any bad results. The native of the horoscope, given below,* is now running Jupiter Bhukti in Mercury Dasa. Of course, Jupiter is in the 8th house from Dasa lord. But he constitutes an Adhi Yoga. Let me consider profession alone. The lord of house of profession (10) is in exaltation, combined with lords of 2 and 9. His own Dasa is running. As long as he was running Rahu Bhukti (*i.e.*, till June 1948) everything went on well. He was in a permanent job in a good firm. As soon as Jupiter Bhukti started (July 1948) he resigned that job and joined a purely temporary Government job. He was given a promise that he would get a better scale and all other facilities. He, with this hope, continued there and suddenly in March, 1949, he was degraded and posted to a lower cadre and that too with retrospective effect, that is from the date of appointment (beginning of Guru Bhukti). He had to forego all that he had earned by that time. He is now in a very insignificant position than what he was in June, 1948. Another point is that he lost his sister also in this Bhukti. He applied for a much better job in September 1949 and he was interviewed and everything was settled. Unfortunately, at the eleventh hour somebody interfered and he was turned down. All the efforts he made failed miserably. So, it is seen that Jupiter has spoiled him to a very great extent even though the lord of profession is in a very good position.

If what has been stated in the Notes under this *sloka* (Adhi Yoga) is correct and when the native has got a good combination of lords of 1, 2, 9 and 10, with the lord of profession in exaltation, I think, that the native can expect a definite rise. But when Jupiter is doing all these evils, I am very doubtful. Will anybody please explain the reasons for this? I am a student of Astrology with a very little experience and could not understand this horoscope. I hope that the learned author, or somebody will help me, in this connection.

Nagpur. *N. S. Kalyanam.*

*Born on 20th September, 1928, at 1/2 gh. after sunrise. Remainder in Saturn's Dasa at the time of birth was 7 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Rasi: Jupiter (R) in Aries; Rahu in Taurus; Mars in Gemini; Sun, Mercury and Venus in Virgo; and Moon, Saturn and Ketu in Scorpio.

Navamsa: Rahu in Aries; Venus in Leo; Mercury and Jupiter in Virgo; Mars, Moon and Ketu in Libra; Saturn in Capricorn; and Sun and Ascendant in Aquarius.

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Sir, - The get-up and printing of the 1990 Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE is superb. The cover picture of the Sun Temple is good and a short crisp note on the beauty and excellence of the architecture on the back of the cover would have helped foreigners appreciate the selection better besides being informative.

V. S. Palaniappa Mudaliar.
Vellakal.

Political Forecasts

Sir, - The total lunar eclipse occurring on 10-2-1990 at 0h.41m. (IST) may adversely affect the countries ruled by Leo. "Mount Etna" may erupt in Italy.

The eclipse falls on the cusp of the Ascendant of the "Foundation map" of West Germany (vide *Raphael's Almanac* 1956) squaring radical Saturn. Indications are for drastic changes.

T. Venkataraman.
Trivandrum.

Sir, - Kudos to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE for keeping the interest of the readers alive by giving the astrological outlook of the fortunes of parties and their leaders at the hustings.

To study the prospects of the Congress (I), three different charts have been used—for 22-11-1969, 2-1-1978 and 2-10-1978. It appears that the chart for 22-11-1969 used in the editorial (*A.M.*, August 1989) is the real birth chart of the party. It was at this time that Mrs. Gandhi split the Indian National Congress run by elders, and taking control of her faction made it a monolithic structure. The 1978 exercises, when she gave the stamp of "I" (Indira) to her party, could be of only academic interest, as there was no change in the leadership, aims and policies of the party. Interestingly, all the charts, by and large, had indicated set-backs to the party in the elections!

There was a news item of astronomical interest (probably astrological too!). On 22nd November 1989, the first day of polling, local (Pune) newspapers reported "*students of the Jyotir Vidya Parisamastha, Pune, spot a comet. It is not visible to the naked eye but can be clearly seen through a telescope. It is in the constellation of Virgo.....*" Virgo is the 10th house in the Congress (I) chart. What does the appearance of a comet on a politically important day portend to the government or the Nation? The *A.M.* may enlighten the readers on this aspect.

T. R. Natarajan.
Pune.

Sir, - "World Trends and Tensions" in every Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE reveals all about the possible developments in the world. Hardly any predictions of DR. B. V. RAMAN go wrong. The forecast in the 1989 Annual that there would be a transformation in Government and all other predictions have come remarkably correct.

The recent parliamentary elections have cast a slur on Astrology. Many astrologers predicted that Congress (I) would again come to power and Mr. Rajiv Gandhi would remain Prime Minister of India. You will certainly be shocked to learn that Mr. Rajiv declared elections after consulting more than a dozen astrologers when he was sure of his party's win. Not only Mr. Rajiv Gandhi but the whole country was surprised to see the miserable failure of such forecasts.

THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE (December 1990) wherein Mrs. Mridula Trivedi made correct predictions about the coming elections in her article "Planetary Equations and Coming Elections" stands on a different footing. Mrs. Mridula Trivedi has proved her merit by making correct predictions. She wrote that Janata Dal will form the Government with the help of other parties even if the Congress gets more seats. V.P. will become P.M. of India though a controversy of party leader was expected. She also wrote about R. K. Hegde to be P.M. if V.P. refused. However R. K. Hegde has been offered an equally important position. The observations about Mr. Chandrasekhar that he would win his election but his position would not be sound after elections have also come correct.

I suggest that Mrs. Trivedi write on the future of the present Government of Janata Dal and Mr. V. P. Singh.

Delhi. *C. P. Dubey.*

Sir, - As usual most of your predictions for 1989 (*vide A.M.*, January 1989) have come true. Many look prophetic, *e.g.* (1) Political changes of enormous importance may occur in India, (2) major changes in the Government set-up in New Delhi, (3) death of a notable political personality (Bahuguna), (4) top political leaders may lose their positions with unexpected developments (losses galore), (5) loss of life due to explosions in mines, (6) Congress party will lose ground due to internal quarrels and corrupt practices, (7) opposition alliance may not commit the blunder

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it did in 1977-79, (8) Political developments in the south will be disturbing, (9) in Tamil Nadu, Congress will not win the race, (10) Karnataka, U.P. and Orissa will have a new chief minister, (11) prices of essential commodities will further increase, (12) mismanagement of the affairs of the country will increase the miseries of the people.

Predictions on V.P. Singh, Chandrasekhar, N. T. Rama Rao and Hegde would be awaited by readers with great interest.

Hardoi (U.P). *Dr. (Major) A. P. Sinha.*

Sir, - One might have expected in the Annual Number of January 1989 some definite indications of the amazing events in Europe, a firm indication of the complete rout of the ruling party at home and perhaps some hints of the violent events in China and the change in the style of governments in Central America and South America, *e.g.*, Panama, Chile and Brazil. But somehow these political changes went generally unnoticed in the 1989 Annual.

Calcutta. *D. K. De.*

Sir, - About Mr. Gandhi the *A.M.* had been warning about the results, these have come true. We, in Pakistan, still do not know how to take the results. We seem not to know whether it is good or bad! Can you shed some light on the effects of Indian election results on our country?

Karachi. *Dr. M. S. Boikhan.*

Sir, - I congratulate Mr. Bankim Khasnabish for his article "Planets and Election Prospects in India" (*A.M.*, November 1989) in which he successfully predicted the prospects of Janata Dal government at the Centre and Mr. V. P. Singh becoming the prime minister. This has cemented our faith in Astrology. I also thank you for your endeavour to encourage such articles.

May you live long to guide us.

Ranchi. *Abhishek Shrivastava.*

Sir, - On page 604 (*A.M.*, August 1989) Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev mentioned a marginal win for Congress (I) and that the party's victory may be a tight-rope walk. I wish she had predicted its complete rout. With her brilliant analysis it was such an open and shut case. I have a feeling you did not want to incur the wrath of Congress (I). You have given so many astrological reasons about the party under cloud. You preferred to be ambiguous.

Dombivli. *S. No. 15035.*

Sir, - Kudos to your editorial of January 19 written in October 1988.

You have clearly stated that in "Tamil Na the Congress will not win the race". Of course the Assembly elections of January 1989 t Congress embraced full defeat.

Once again in your concluding part you ha clearly stated that "Consequent upon the Ju terian transit and the solar eclipses, New De may witness some transformation of Gover ment". This is fully true.

Kumbakonam. *S. Srinivasa*

Sir, - In her article Mrs. Mridula Triv (*A.M.*, December 1989 - page 911) shows t position of Mars in the Congress (I) chart i Scorpio although the correct description is in t 5th house in Cancer. The chart on page 91 however, shows it correctly.

Calcutta. *S. N. Sa*

Sir, I commend the article "Planetary Equ tions and Coming Elections" by Mrs. Mrid Trivedi (*A.M.*, December 1989) written som time in September 1989.

After examining the relevant charts Mr Mridula Trivedi rightly predicted that fortu would favour the JD and its leader Mr. V. P Singh, although she had been hesitant at som places. However, she was wrong about M Hegde because he did not contest the Lok Sab elections. Of course, he has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commissi with the status of a cabinet minister.

Delhi. *V. Sag*

Sir, - THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE has ag proved its worth. Mrs. Mridula Trivedi clea wrote that Mr. V. P. Singh will be elected Prime Minister and Congress (I) will not be i position to form the government even if it g more seats. Only Janata Dal will form t government. I congratulate Mrs. Mridula Triv A correct knowledge of Astrology can enable to make accurate predictions.

Jammu. *Arvind Kumar Ma*

Sir, - Mrs. Mridula Trivedi's article (A December 1989) is superb. She says "Mr. V. Singh.....unexpected success." How accura

Regarding Rajiv Gandhi: He will defeat opponent badly. Who according to her astrol cal calculations is his (Rajiv Gandhi's) oppon What is disquieting is the sentence "A blast violent nature death". May God protect

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country and its people, and in fact, the whole world. Astrology is a science of tendencies — no doubt about it. What is known to God Almighty, is known to none.

New Hampshire, U.S.A. *T. N. Qazi.*

Sir, - The articles "Planetary Equations and Coming Elections" by Mrs. Mridula Trivedi (*A.M.*, December 1989) and "Is the Sun-Moon Conjunction Good?" by Mr. K. K. Pathak are quite impressive. My good wishes to Mrs. Trivedi for the analysis of various charts and her unique prediction about the 9th parliamentary elections.

Narsinghgarh. *Suresh Arya.*

Sir, - The article "Planetary Equations and the Coming Elections" (*A.M.*, December 1989) is an excellent astrological treat to the vast multitude of readers and students of Astrology as a large number of horoscopes have been analysed and discussed.

Mrs. Mridula Trivedi's predictions regarding V. P. Singh, Ramakrishna Hegde and N. T. Rama Rao have proved correct. Congratulations to her and to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

Bangalore. *D. Panchapakesan.*

Sir, - Mr. Iranganti Rangacharya (*A.M.*, May 1988) predicted that Mr. V. P. Singh may be elevated to the highest office in the country. Mrs. Mridula Trivedi (*A.M.*, December 1989) predicted the success of Mr. N. T. Rama Rao as the C.M. which failed. From this we realise that the Jaimini method seems more scientific and successful when handled by scholars like Mr. Iranganti Rangacharya.

Hyderabad. *Mohan Gupta.*

Sir, - Mrs. Mridula Trivedi writes very good articles of a research value. They are illustrative as well as educative.

I have read with keen interest her forecast (*A.M.*, December 1989) that Mr. V. P. Singh will become the Prime Minister of India which has proved correct. She deserves congratulations.

Nadiad. *M. D. Trivedi.*

Sir, - My thanks to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE and to Mrs. Mridula Trivedi for the correct predictions on the recent elections.

Jaipur. *Dr. D. B. Pathak.*

Sir, - Congratulations for the predictions of the outcome of the recent elections in several of the articles published in the *A.M.*

My father is a regular buyer of *A.M.* for almost the past 8 years. I am now 18 and have been reading your magazine closely only recently. But I am an admirer of your magazine eversince I read the article "Horoscope of Mrs. Indira Gandhi" (*A.M.*, September 1984) in which the author had clearly indicated the death of the leader.

Now that I was to cast my vote for the first time, I was curious to know about the outcome of the election.

My congratulations to Messrs. Bankim Khasnabish, K. Chandrahari (*A.M.*, November 1989), Jayamohan D. Kuruppu and K. B. Chaughule (*A.M.*, December 1989) for their correct predictions as also to Mrs. Mridula Trivedi for predicting the future of Mr. V. P. Singh, Janata Dal and Cong. (I). But her predictions on N.T.R. and those published in the October 1989 issue of the *A.M.* show that Astrology is all but an exact science. Mrs. Trivedi's correct predictions of injury to a Janata Dal leader (Mr. Sanjay Singh) shocked me.

Kolar. *B. P. Subramanya.*

Future of the B.J.P.

Sir, - Since 1966 I am a reader of your famous magazine. Under the editorial (*A.M.*, June 1988) Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev had discussed the future of R.S.S.

Would you kindly write an article on the future role of B.J.P. in India, considering the present political scenario of the country from the astrological point of view?

Will the B.J.P. emerge as a massive and super-political and cultural force of India?

Howrah. *Pranab Kumar Das.*

Sakamb(h)ari

Sir, - I am grateful to the reader (*A.M.*, January 1990) who has pointed out my error in spelling out the word Sakambhari; it is an unpardonable slip (caused by mis-spelling in my text) which I regret.

Ekalavya.

Lord Krishna's Horoscope

Sir, - I have received the book *My Experiments with Astrology* on 22-11-1989 and I thank you for it.

I am familiar with DR. RAMAN's view of Lord

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Krishna's horoscope, but Sai Baba gives the year to be 3227 and not 3228 and he also says that Lord Krishna was born at 3.00 a.m. and then again *Srimad Bhagavata* gives a different view. Has this issue been discussed in *A.M.* recently and what are the divine combinations in His horoscope, besides the Moon's superior placement in Taurus when using DR. B. V. RAMAN's time and year for Lord Krishna's birth.

It is of great importance to me as I intend to use Lord Krishna's horoscope in a book soon to be published.

Let me thank Raman Publications for a very rich and enlightening magazine which I look forward to receiving every month.

Denmark. *Kim Ion Paisol.*

The Daily Guide

Sir, - In your "Daily Guide" for different days of a month, I notice that some are referred to as Siddha Yoga, Marana Yoga, Amrita Yoga and Prabalarishta Yoga. May I be enlightened as to how and why these are considered as one or other yoga; and also what do these different Yogas imply.

In "Farmers' Guide" mention is made of ploughing, sowing, manuring, storing, purchase and selling. No mention is made of good days for harvesting. I expect there are optimum and minimal days for this too. Am I correct?

Bangalore. *Ms. Sophia Tenbroeck.*

"Planets and Housing"

Sir, - I refer to the statement "The 8th is the worst of the *dusthanas*" (*A.M.*, December 1989, page 908) by Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev. May I draw your attention to the fact that DR. B. V. RAMAN holds a different view *vide* his notes on *stanza* 2, Chapter XII, page 173 of *Bhavartha Ratnakara* wherein he states "I have to observe that the 8th lordship is not as malefic as that of the 6th".

Secunderabad. *S. Doraisamy.*

Planets and Foreign Travels

Sir, - This has reference to Mr. K. N. Rao's article in *A.M.*, October 1989. He has given the horoscopes of some persons who have crossed the sea to acquire high education. He has widely used the relation between the 5th and 12th lord to substantiate his argument. The 5th shows education and the 12th represents foreign travel. He has moved even a step further in favour of the infallibility of his North Indian counterparts in treating the 5th for education in that they have the authoritative backing of Parasara. Hard to believe, a sectarian approach like this emanating from an eminent astrologer like Mr. K. N. Rao!

Kerala has been the cradle of many great intellectual and spiritual giants like the great Adi Sankara. Still we South Indians do not claim that we are superior or infallible. We have our own views in treating the 2nd and 4th and its *karaka* Mercury for education, more especially the 4th and Mercury. At the same time, we also believe that the 5th and its *karaka* Moon have also something to do with education since the 5th rules the mind. An unafflicted mind is therefore as important for education as the 4th.

The conjunction, placement or aspect of lords of the 3rd, 7th, 9th and 12th play a prominent role in foreign travel. But the conjunction, placement or aspect between the lords of 5th and 12th is the worst since the 12th happens to be 8th from 5th.

Education should be judged from the 4th. In the 1st example of Anant Gupta it is said that "the 5th lord with the 12th lord in the 10th with other planets showed the promise of education for the native in a foreign country". Is this alone responsible for his education abroad? The combination of the Moon and Mars also gives rise to Sasi Mangala Yoga. Mars as Yogakaraka for Cancer Lagna has been extolled highly. Jupiter, the best natural benefic and the 9th lord of the zodiac indicating foreign travel, also happens to be the 9th lord here and aspects the Ascendant lord Moon from a movable sign, giving rise to Gajakesari Yoga. Saturn in the 10th has got its debility cancelled since his dispositor Mars obtains Chandra Kendra. The 4th house denoting education is a movable sign. It is occupied by the significator of knowledge Jupiter who also happens to be the 9th lord indicating foreign travel. The *karaka* for intelligence Mercury aspects it from 10th, a movable sign along with its lord Venus. Mercury also has ownership of 3rd and 12th indicating foreign travel. The 4th has therefore the aspect of the lords of the 3rd, 7th, 9th and 12th houses and that is why the education of the native happened to be in a foreign country

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From the Moon and *karaka* Mercury the 4th is again a movable sign and is aspected by the Moon-sign lord Mars. The 4th lord being the Moon is together with *buddhikaraka* Mercury in immovable sign and aspects the 7th denoting foreign travel.

In the second chart of Vishwas Madhav Sabnis, the 4th ruling education is occupied by Rahu, a planet connected with foreign travel. He has properties similar to that of Jupiter, his dispositor. The 4th is aspected by Saturn and Sun, the 3rd and 9th lords, representing travel. The former is a *karaka* for foreign travel and the latter a Yogakaraka for the Ascendant. The 4th lord Jupiter is in the 3rd in an *upachaya* and in a house denoting travel. He is aspected by Mercury, the *karaka* for intelligence from the 9th, again a house of travel and a watery sign.

Hence, with all the set-backs placed upon his education by the presence of Rahu in the 4th and the aspect of Saturn, he could emerge successful in the end.

Thalayolaparambu. *N. K. Venugopal.*

[K. N. Rao replies:

It is not fair to accuse me of sectarian bias. I have found the North Indian 5th house for education giving me better results and North Indian 10th house for father not so clinching as South Indian 9th house and 9th lord. Am I being sectarian?

The word "eminent" need not be used. I believe in fundamental research in doing which I often have to introduce lot of flexibility in age-old concepts. Some unexplained areas of Astrology are to be looked into for revision of some of our old concepts particularly in political horoscopes. Some very bizarre combinations can lead to political rise. Studied collectively I have come to the conclusion that they rise in sudden spurts of good luck fade out also similarly. Their rise cannot be explained by applying orthodox principles but their "fade out" can be.

I am grateful to Mr. Venugopal for his very erudite discussion. His arguments are very stimulating and I will keep my mind open with a request to him to also try the 5th house for education. I have given many successful predictions on this basis.]

WORKS OF DR. B.V. RAMAN

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ASTROLOGY AND THE NATURE OF DEATH — V

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principal planets causing major accidents. At times Neptune also brings about accidents. When majority of these planets afflict the Ascendant, the Sun and the Moon, there is every danger of an accident taking place, the danger enhancing when the afflicted Sun or the Moon is occupying the Ascendant and that too in a fixed sign. (9) If the Sun and Mars exchange signs and are in *kendras* to the 8th lord, the native may be sentenced to death by government. (10) The Sun, Jupiter and Saturn together occupying 6th or 8th house in 1/3/5/10/11 signs - death will be a sudden one. (11) A native will die by his head being cut off if the lord of the 6th house is in conjunction with Venus, while the Sun or Saturn joins Rahu in a cruel Shashtyamsa [variations - (i) "in malefic Navamsa" in place of a "a cruel Shashtyamsa"; (ii) Venus being with 6th lord, Saturn occupying malefic signs]. (12) Drekkana lord of the 8th house being a malefic occupies 8th from the Moon - death by imprisonment. (13) The Moon with Rahu in Cancer or Leo sign in 7th or 8th house - danger from animals. (14) Lagna lord with 6th lord occupies the signs of Mars - accidents and injuries. (15) If the lord of the 7th house or Venus is placed between malefics in a house of Mars or Saturn, death of the native's spouse is indicated by trampling by quadrupeds. (16) Mars and Saturn occupying each other's signs or Navamsas, 8th lord being in *kendra* - danger of death due to king's displeasure. (17) Jupiter in 8th house in his sign of debility. (*i.e.*, in Capricorn) may result in death by strangulation. (18) If 22nd Drekkana (from Lagna or from the Moon) happens to be *ayudha* or weapon, a violent end especially under the directional influences of Saturn-Mars, Saturn-Rahu, Rahu-Saturn, Mars-Saturn or Rahu-Mars cannot be ruled out. The affliction becomes intensified if Saturn occupies *ayudha* Drekkana involving the 10th from the Ascendant or the Moon, and Rahu or Ketu happen to be posited in *Nigada* Drekkana. (19) Saturn occupying 6th house or being 6th lord and with different planets shows troubles from animals as below. Some opine that the sign occupied should not be own or exaltation sign of the planet conjoined for the results given: (i) with Sun - danger from horned animals; (ii) with Moon - danger from horses; (iii) with Mars - danger from dogs; (iv) with Mercury - danger from cats and other similar animals; (v) with Jupiter - danger from elephants; (vi) with Venus - danger from cows and buffaloes and (vii) with Rahu/Ketu - danger from sheep, donkeys, camels, deer and antelopes. (20) When 8th lord falls in a serpent Drekkana, there is a possibility of death by suicide. (21) Malefic planets in sleeping state in 8th house cause death through enemies. (22) When the Lagna lord occupies 64th Navamsa from Lagna (in 8th house) or is combust and occupies 6th house, death takes place due to starvation in famine (away from his relations).

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Coming to *Karana Prakasa,* there is no discussion of Ayanamsa found in this work. According to S. B. Dikshit, the work assumes Saka 445 (523 A.D.) as the year of Zero Ayanamsa, and the rate of precession as 60 seconds annually.

Agastya Chaara

Similar to Varahamihira in *Brihat Jataka,* Brahmadeva has written about the rising and setting time of the Southern star Agastya (Canopus) as observed by many of our ancient astronomers at Avanthika (Ujjain).

Agastya Nakshatra, known to westerners as Canopus, was studied by our astronomers many centuries before it was spotted by them. It is a very bright twinkling star lying close to the Southern Horizon, opposite the well-known star Sirius (Siva) of the Orion belt, in an oblique angle to the another bright star Aridra of the mid-sky. Agastya would not be visible in London.

Varahamihira has stated that Agastya, as observed from Ujjaini, would set when the Sun reaches Rohini and becomes visible when the Sun 7° short of the sign Kanya (Virgo) or in 23° of Simha (Leo) Rasi. A very interesting story goes round Agastya from olden days, about its history right from its birth!

Karana Prakasa is published by Chowkamba Publishers, Benares, with a fine commentary in Sanskrit by the late Prof. Sudhakara Dwivedi, with calculations as required.—180.89.

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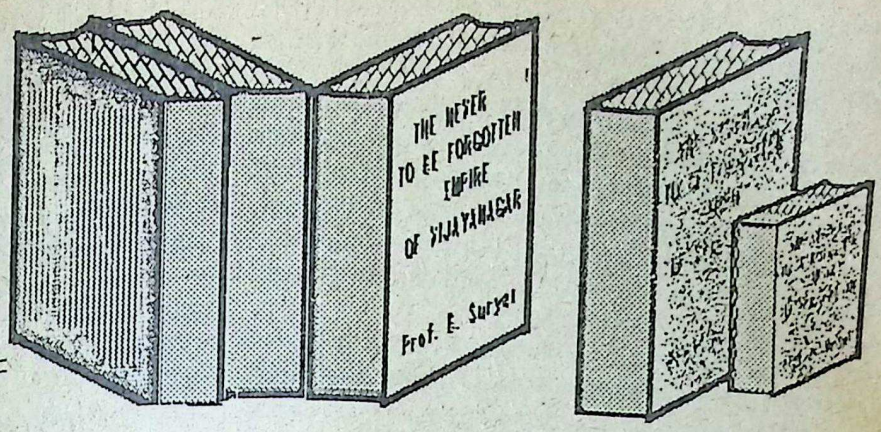
Books on Review



OUR LITERARY EDITOR

J. KRISHNAMURTI AS I KNEW HIM

By Susunaga Weeraperuma [Chetana Pvt. Ltd., 34, Rampart Row, Bombay 400 023, Pp 170. (Price not mentioned)].

Susunaga Weerperuma, whose association with and involvement in the work of J. Krishnamurti extends to some 30 years, in his book under review gives anecdotes of J.K.'s life, which provide intimate glimpses of the rare facets of the personality of the modern sage, and underline the relevance of his teachings to modern times. The book narrates how "Sayings of Krishnamurti" being the quintessence of the message of the same came to be compiled and published in 1986 and how the studies of J.K.'s teachings came to be written by the author.

The book features much unpublished statements of J.K. on various questions of spiritual interest. Appendices being "Dialogues between Krishnamurti and the Author" and which cover such topics as nature of memory, what is clairvoyance, the mystery of death, and answers characteristic of J.K., make interesting reading.

EIGHTY DYNAMIC GEMS OF HOMOEO MEDICINES WITH REPERTORY.

Compiled and published by C. K. Shreedharan "SREEKAR", 107, P & T Colony, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore 560 032. Pp. 114, Rs.15.00.)

The book contains important uses of 80 remedies, names of common diseases and their most important medicines and a full repertory for general readers and practitioners in detail, but confined to these 80 remedies.

A study of this book would enable lay practitioners, who possess a few dozens of Homoeo Medicines to treat most of the ailments of their children and other family members within the range of the most important 80 remedies.

The book also gives guidelines for treating common ailments and for curing chronic sickness.

An index to medicines with the page numbers given at the close of the book would be found useful for quick reference.

A useful book for both lay practitioners and qualified homoeo doctors. The book is well produced and very reasonably priced.

TEMPLES: THE CENTRES FOR SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

By Mata Amritandamayi Devi. Complied by Unnikrishnadas. Translated into English by M. C. K. Nambiar. (Mata Amritanandamayi Mission Trust, Vallickavu, Kuzhithura P.O. Quilon Dt., Kerala 690 542. Pp. 43, Rs. 3.50.)

Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi performed the installation ceremony of a stone image sculptured from a single stone containing 4 different deities one on each side: Lord Siva, Devi, Lord Ganapathi and Rahu, in the temple at Kodungalloor in Kerala, known as Brahma Sthanam.

Part I of the booklet is a summary of Amma's explanation in reply to questions about the temple, the image, which represents unity in Diversity, etc.

Part II is a naration of the experience of the devotees' of Amma, who were saved from danger and death by her miraculous powers.

FIRST AID - 1987

By Dr. Shashank v. Parulekar (Vora Medical Publications, Bombay 400 028. Pp. 140, Rs. 25.00).

This book has been written to introduce the art and science of First Aid to those who wish to

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to learn it, and to help people who have no medical training to learn ways and means of coping with emergencies.

The book is divided into 23 chapters and each chapter is devoted to the discussion of a specific topic such as haemorrhage, transport of injured patient, foreign body, poisoning, bites and stings, etc. in detail and in depth with suitable diagrams. Questions given at the end of each chapter would help clear grasp of the subject.

While this book will be found very useful for nurses, policemen students, etc., during training, it should be read by the common man, who cares for others.

The book is well produced and reasonably priced.

THE INDIAN ASTRONOMICAL EPHEMERIS FOR THE YEAR 1990

(Positional Astronomy Centre, India Meteorological Department, New Alipore, Calcutta, Pp. 573, Rs.100.00).

This annual ephemeris, published regularly, appears well in advance this year compared to last year when it was received in the third week of June with the year half over. It is as always a mine of astronomical information of much use to astrologers, astronomers and students.

Published under an arrangement with seven other countries - U.K., U.S.S.R., U.S.A., France, Japan, Spain and China - the Indian edition has a special section catering to the needs of local users. Primarily the same as the information needed for a *panchanga*, this part is with reference to Indian Standard Time while the rest of the contents are in relation to Universal Time (U.T.). This part extends upto March 21, 1991 which is the end of Saka Year 1912 of the Indian National Calendar. The terms used in this section as also the basis of the computations here are clearly explained in a separate note.

Data on the longitudes, sidereal time, rectanuglar coordinates of the Sun, centre of mass of the solar system (this is with relation to the Sun and Moon), the longitudes of stars, tables of sunrise and sunset, moonrise and moonset, eclipses, occultations etc. are furnished.

An encyclopaedia of annual astronomical information, it is bound to be of immense utility to both the astrologers as well as *panchanga* compilers. *A*

QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF THE MYTHIC SOCIETY—DECEMBER 1987

Ed. Dr. S. U. Kamath (The Mythic Society, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore 560 002, Annual Subscription Rs. 30.00).

The Mythic Society has completed 80 years of useful service and joins the company of honoured research institutions of India. The present volume which is in its 78th year carries 19 articles. Dr. Sarojini Devi explores the cult of Veerabhadra in Vijayanagara empire. Veerabhadra is the fierce form of Siva that destroyed Daksha during his *yagna*. Veerasaivism was given birth to by Basava as a revolt against ritualistic Hinduism and it adopted this fierce form of Siva for worship. The writer points out that Veerabhadra, soon after doing his duty of destruction at Daksha Yagna, was sent by Siva to take his seat in the planet Mars which is why Veerasaivas propitiate him on Tuedays! Other papers deal with Hoysala Ballala III, Widow Marriage Association of Bombay, classification of temples, guilds in Andhra etc. Research-minded scholars will find much of interest in these papers.

It is hoped that the present office-bearers are not anti-Astrology, as so far no paper on Astrology has appeared in the quarterly nor any lectures on Astrology arranged at the Society.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

1. NEW METHOD OF PREDICTING EARTHQUAKES - Dr. S. K. Kelkar (Author, 983/2, Shukrawarpeth, A-24, Sarasnagar, Opp: Nehru Stadium, Pune 411 002).
2. CATHOLIC ASHRAMS - Preface by Sita Ram Goel (Voice of India, 2/18, Ansari Road, New Delhi 110 002, Rs. 40.00).
3. NATURE-THERAPY AND ANCIENT SCIENCES - Dr. S. R. Nayanar (Mahatma Nature Cure Centre, Taliparamba, Karimbam P.O., Pp.50, Rs. 6.00).
4. VEDIC ASTRONOMY - Prabhakar Vyankatesh Holay (Prabhakar Faijipurkar, Secretary, Sri Babasaheb Apte Smarak Samiti, Apte Bhavan, Mahal, Nagpur 440 002, Pp. 97, Rs.50.00).
5. NUMEROLOGY, PALMISTRY AND PROSPERITY - Dr. M. Katakkar (IBH Prakashana, 5th Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore 560 009, Pp. 296, Rs. 50.00).
6. NOTES ON COUNSELLING - Dr. Mrs. K. N. Saraswathy (Kadalangudi Publications, 38, Natesa Iyer Street, T. Nagar, Madras 600 017, Pp. 106, Rs. 9.00).
7. FROM THE DIARY OF A FREEDOM FIGHTER - K. A. K. Menon (Author, Kavungal Anat, Plot No. 10761, TVS Avenue, Madras 600 101, Pp. 189, Rs. 90.00).
8. SECRETS OF ASTROLOGY - Dr. L. R. Chowdhri (Sterling Publications Private Limited, L-10, Green Park Extension, New Delhi 110 016, Pp. 177, Rs. 125.00).
9. HOW TO STUDY DIVISIONAL CHARTS - V. K. Choudhry (Sagar Publications, 72, Janpath, Ved Mansion, New Delhi 110 001, Pp. 128, Rs. 45.00).
10. PRACTICAL MUNDANE ASTROLOGY - Basic Principlies - J. C. Luthra (Sagar Publications, 72, Janpath Ved Mansions, New Delhi 110 001, Pp. 165, Rs. 70.00).

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

(In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are not pertaining to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some similar doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at a time. This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE—Ed.,A.M.)***

Q. 1. ***Rasi:*** *Virgo - Ascendant; Scorpio - Rahu; Taurus - Ketu; Gemini - the Sun and Mars; Cancer the Moon, Mercury and Jupiter; and Leo - Venus and Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aries - Ascendant, Venus and Saturn; Cancer - Jupiter; Virgo - Mercury and Ketu; Libra - Mars; Aquarius - the Sun; and Pisces the Moon and Ketu. (a) Exalted and vargottama Jupiter Dasa runs from July 1985. Will Jupiter confer any vehicles (conveyances)? If so, in which Bhukti? (b) Will Jupiter as 4th lord help in matters pertaining to land, especially if involved in litigation?*

Sub. No. 9114.

Ans: (a) The lord of the 4th house exalted ruling would naturally be expected to give vehicle. Unfortunately he occupies 8th from 4th. Hence he will not. (b) As 7th lord exalted and aspecting 7th, he will give relief in litigation.

Q. 2. ***Rasi:*** *Cancer - Ascendant; Leo - Jupiter; Virgo - Mars and Mandi; Libra - Mercury; Scorpio the Sun, Venus, Rahu and Saturn; Sagittarius - the Moon; and Taurus - Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Capricorn - Ascendant and Venus; Aquarius - Rahu; Libra - Mercury; Gemini - the Moon and Jupiter; Cancer - the Sun and Saturn; Leo - Ketu; Virgo - Mars and Sagittarius - Mandi. (a) Will Lagna lord Mars in the 6th and 7th lord Saturn afflicted deny early marriage? (b) If the latter, will transit Jupiter in Gemini catalyse the event?*

K. Srinivasan, Coimbatore.

Ans: The 7th lord Saturn is combust; Karaka Venus is hemmed in between malefics and occupies malefic house. Rahu-Ketu axis runs across Moon and Venus. One sign contains four planets. These are contra indications. The 7th lord aspects 7th. This will give late marriage. (b) He can do it earlier too while aspecting Venus and 7th lord, if not while aspecting the Moon later.

Q. 3. I give below a copy of the horoscope of a Cancer native. There is a general assumption that Cancer natives are denied a happy married life. In the present case, however, the 7th from Lagna contains Mars (Yogakaraka for Cancer) in exaltation and karaka Venus in Vargottama. There seems to be no Kuja dosha since Mars is in his exaltation Rasi. Even though karaka in Karkataka is not desirable, here he is in Vargottama. Hence married life should be happy and prosperous, even if a little on the passionate side. The 7th lord Saturn occupies the 6th from Lagna in the company of its dispositor. Jupiter is also the 9th lord and Saturn is exalted in Navamsa. Looked at from the Moon, the 7th is aspected by the 4th lord, Moon and the 7th lord Venus occupies the lunar 10th in Vargottama in the company of lunar Lagna lord Mars. All these should contribute to a happy and prosperous married life to the native. What is your considered opinion on this view? In your opinion when is marriage likely to take place? Rahu Dasa on ***Rasi:*** *Cancer - Ascendant; Virgo - Rahu; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Saturn; Capricorn - Mars*

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and Venus; Aquarius - the Sun; Pisces - Mercury and Ketu; and Aries - the Moon and Mandi. ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant and Saturn; Scorpio - Mercury; Sagittarius - the Moon and Mandi; Capricorn - Venus and Rahu; Pisces - the Sun; Taurus - Mars; Gemini - Jupiter; and Cancer - Ketu.*

G. V. Kamath, Trivandrum.

Ans: The only flaw on the argument is that 7th lord in 6th along with 6th lord does not contribute to the strength of the 7th. Possibly the person will be sick or impotent. Jupiter in his transit of Gemini might catalyse 7th lord failing which will do so while transiting Cancer.

Q. 4. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant; Scorpio - Ketu and the Moon; Aries - Mercury; Taurus - the Sun; Gemini - Venus; Cancer - Saturn and Mars; and Virgo - Jupiter. (a) How about the* ***neecha stithi*** *of the Moon and Mars? Is the debility cancelled? (b) For Libra Lagna, Yogakaraka Saturn in 10th will take the native to dizzy heights, but Saturn must not be related to Mars. But here Mars is with Saturn. What will be the evil result? The native is running Rahu/Saturn Bhukti.*

M. S. S. Murthy, Hyderabad.

Ans: (a) The Moon gets cancellation of debility and company of exalted Ketu. So does Mars by virtue of company of Saturn, his exaltation lord. (b) Saturn in 10th usually causes upsets in professional life.

Q. 5. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant and Ketu; Sagittarius - Saturn (R); Aquarius - Mars; Pisces - Venus; Aries - Mercury and Ketu; Taurus - the Sun; Cancer - the Moon; Virgo - Jupiter.* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Rahu; Pisces - Venus and the Sun; Aries - Saturn (R); Taurus - Mars; Gemini - Ketu; Leo - the Moon and Mercury; and Virgo - Jupiter. (a) Do Venus and Jupiter give rise to Vipareeta Rajayogas in their respective Dasas? (b) Since the native is not likely to get Jupiter Dasa during his life-time, will Jupiter give Vipareeta Rajayoga results in his Bhuktis? (c) What are, in brief, the effects of Vipareeta Rajayoga in the case of this native - whether in profession or politics or in general happiness and prosperity?*

K. Raja Rao, Hyderabad.

Ans: (a) Only Venus gives rise to Vipareeta Rajayoga. As Jupiter is not a *trika* lord, Vipareeta Rajayoga will not apply to him. (b) The question does not arise. (c) They say it gives unexpected wealth.

Q. 6. *Mercury, lord of 1st and 4th houses is associated with 3rd lord and is in Sagittarius. He is in a* badhakasthana *in the constellation of Venus, the 5th lord and aspected by the 7th lord Jupiter and Saturn from the 5th house. Ownership of two* kendras *and* badhakasthanasthiti, *itself reveals that the native is going to become a bankrupt immediately after he enters Mercury Dasa. The lord of the 7th house in the 11th house reveals that his partner is more powerful whether in business or marital life. Mercury posited in the 7th and aspected by 7th lord made him a bankrupt by both life and business partners. To add to this he is running sade-sathi since middle of 1981, even though Dharamakaramadhipa Yoga is present. Saturn will necessarily do Dasachidra for a Gemini native. What is your comment?*

V. Ramakrishnaiah, Vijayawada.

Ans: Will you please state your horoscope in full and give me an opportunity to examine your poser objectively and offer my comments? As it is, your statement is nebulous and looks like Tenali Rama's drawing of the horse on the board leaving much to the imagination!

Q. 7. Rasi: *Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Mars, Moon and Jupiter; Taurus - Ketu; Cancer - Saturn, Mercury and the Sun; Leo - Venus; and Scorpio - Rahu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Jupiter; Taurus - the Moon; Cancer - Saturn; Leo - Rahu; Virgo - Venus; Libra - Mercury; Scorpio - the Sun; Sagittarius - Mars; and Aquarius - Ketu. (a) Is the conjunction of 5th and 9th lords with Lagna lord favourable for education, finance? (b) Does 7th lord's association with 6th and 12th coupled with Saturn's aspect on the 7th house indicate a late and disturbed marriage?*

V. K. Bhatnagar, Kanpur.

Ans: (a) It is favourable for finance, Vidya, Vak. (b) Late marriage followed by a sick and expensive partner.

Q. 8. Rasi: *The Sun 211-02; the Moon 163-07; Mars 86-35; Mercury (R) 196-33; Jupiter 251-54; Venus 248-10; Saturn 262-47; Rahu 139-57; Ketu 319-57; Mandi 320-52; Ascendant 277-59 and 10th house 203-55. In Bhava chart Mars goes in the 7th house. Balance of Moon Dasa at birth: 7 years, 7 months and 28 days. At present he is running Rahu Dasa. This boy was supposed to be intelligent in his early years. The results in academic education from 1977 to 1981 were perhaps more than satisfactory. Lagna lord Saturn aspects his own 2nd house and is with Venus, the best* ***karaka*** *for Capricorn Lagna. Mercury the 9th lord joins 10th and is very strong being retrograde. Saturn and Jupiter are in exaltation in Navamsa. Rahu, the Dasa lord, is in the Nakshatra of Venus. Do these planetary positions favour success in Central administrative and civil services?*

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Ans: They say Mars must be strong for success in Administrative service. That does not appear to be the case here. U.D.C. might help.

Q. 9. Rasi: Leo - Ascendant; Virgo - the Sun and the Moon; Scorpio - Venus; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Rahu; Aquarius - Mars; Gemini - Ketu; and Pisces - Saturn and Mercury. Will the 7th lord Saturn's association with Mercury deny marriage?

Sukendu Bhardwaj, Jaipur.

Ans: Venus in the 4th promises marriage and Jupiter in the 5th indicates fatherhood too. Sooner or later.

Q. 10. In regard to Lagna Pramanas (duration), the calculations appear to have been made based on vishuvacchaya, and latitude of a place. It is again deduced. I give below above method. Please let me know how the second deduction is adopted and which has to be adopted in fixing Ghatikas. The second deduction is as per the local Ghatikangas.

	As per Vishuvachhaya Gh. Vgh.	Further deductions. Gh. Vgh.
Mesha (Aries)	4 - 07	4 - 21
Vrishabha (Taurus)	4 - 34	4 - 57
Gemini (Mithuna)	5 - 13	5 - 27
Cancer (Karkataka)	5 - 33	5 - 31
Leo (Simha)	5 - 24	5 - 19
Virgo (Kanya)	5 - 09	5 - 16
Libra (Thula)	5 - 09	5 - 26
Scorpio (Vrischika)	5 - 24	5 - 32
Sagittarius (Dhanus)	5 - 33	5 - 18
Capricorn (Makara)	5 - 13	4 - 42
Aquarius (Kumbha)	4 - 34	4 - 10
Pisces (Meena)	4 - 07	4 - 01
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P. Ramachandra Rao, Nellore.

Ans: This involves a complicated procedure known as Desantara Samskara that is too long to be given here. The easier way would be to take the average of two adjacent latitudes and arrive at the correct one for the needed latitude by direct proportion.

Q. 11. Rasi: Pisces - Sun 11-59, Mercury 16-53 and Rahu 20-17; Libra - Moon 7-53; Taurus - Mars 0-0; Scorpio - Jupiter 8-36 and Ascendant 9-39; Leo - Venus 14-43; and Sagittarius - Saturn 13-0. Will 10th lord in 12th delay employment opportunities or will the aspect of Mars on the 10th house career prospects?

Chavali Rama Rao, Peddapuram.

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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun Ravi	☽ Moon Chandra	♂ Mars Kuja	☿ Merc. Budha	♃ Jupiter Guru	♀ Venus Sukra	♄ Saturn Sani	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
	h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1. Thurs.	22 35 16	317 51 55	6 41 11	269 52	303 11	68 34	275 55	269 51	293 04	256 30	261 43	205 29
2. Fri.	22 39 13	318 52 08	21 12 06	270 36	304 51	68 35	276 34	269 56	293 00	256 32	261 44	205 29
3. Sat.	22 43 10	319 52 10	35 34 20	271 20	306 31	68 36	277 13	270 01	292 57	256 34	261 46	205 28
4. Sun.	22 47 06	320 52 30	49 44 31	272 04	308 12	68 37	277 54	270 07	292 54	256 36	261 47	205 28
5. Mon.	22 51 03	321 52 37	63 40 56	272 48	309 55	68 39	278 36	270 12	292 51	256 38	261 49	205 27
6. Tues.	22 54 59	322 52 43	77 23 00	273 33	311 38	68 40	279 19	270 17	292 48	256 40	261 50	205 27
7. Wed.	22 58 56	323 52 46	90 51 03	274 17	313 23	68 42	280 03	270 22	292 44	256 42	261 51	205 26
8. Thurs.	23 02 53	324 52 47	104 05 44	275 01	315 08	68 44	280 48	270 28	292 41	256 44	261 52	205 26
9. Fri.	23 06 49	325 52 46	117 07 51	275 45	316 55	68 47	281 34	270 33	293 38	256 46	261 54	205 25
10. Sat.	23 10 46	326 52 43	129 58 00	276 30	318 43	68 49	282 20	270 38	292 35	256 48	261 55	205 25
11. Sun.	23 14 42	327 52 38	142 36 45	277 14	320 32	68 52	283 08	270 42	292 32	256 49	261 56	205 24
12. Mon.	23 18 39	328 52 32	155 04 32	277 58	322 22	68 55	283 56	270 47	292 29	256 51	261 57	205 23
13. Tues.	23 22 35	329 52 23	157 22 00	278 43	324 13	68 58	284 45	270 52	292 25	256 53	261 58	205 22
14. Wed.	23 26 32	330 52 12	169 30 08	279 27	326 06	69 01	285 35	270 57	292 23	256 54	261 59	205 22
15. Thurs.	23 30 28	331 52 00	181 30 26	280 12	327 59	69 04	286 26	271 01	292 19	256 56	262 01	205 21
16. Fri.	23 34 25	332 51 45	203 25 07	280 56	329 54	69 08	287 18	271 06	292 16	256 57	262 02	205 20
17. Sat.	23 38 22	333 51 29	215 17 06	281 41	331 50	69 12	288 10	271 10	292 13	256 59	262 03	205 19
18. Sun.	23 42 18	334 51 12	227 10 06	282 25	333 47	69 16	289 02	271 15	292 10	257 00	262 04	205 18
19. Mon.	23 46 15	335 50 52	239 08 18	283 10	335 44	69 20	289 56	271 19	292 06	257 02	262 05	205 17
20. Tues.	23 50 11	336 50 31	251 16 27	283 54	337 43	69 24	290 50	271 23	292 03	257 03	262 05	205 17
21. Wed.	23 54 08	337 50 08	263 39 29	284 39	339 43	69 29	291 44	271 27	292 00	257 04	262 06	205 16
22. Thurs.	23 58 04	338 49 43	276 22 10	285 23	341 43	69 33	292 39	271 32	291 57	257 05	262 07	205 15
23. Fri.	0 02 01	339 49 17	289 28 34	286 08	343 44	69 38	293 35	271 36	291 54	257 06	262 08	205 14
24. Sat.	0 05 57	340 48 19	303 01 28	286 53	345 45	69 43	294 31	271 40	291 50	257 08	262 09	205 12
25. Sun.	0 09 54	341 48 18	317 01 37	287 37	347 47	69 48	295 28	271 43	291 47	257 09	262 10	205 11
26. Mon.	0 13 50	342 47 46	331 27 03	288 22	349 48	69 54	296 25	271 47	291 44	257 10	262 10	205 10
27. Tues.	0 17 47	343 47 13	346 12 47	289 07	351 49	69 59	297 23	271 51	291 41	257 11	262 11	205 09
28. Wed.	0 21 44	344 46 37	1 11 12	289 51	353 50	70 05	298 21	271 54	291 38	257 11	262 12	205 08
29. Thurs.	0 25 40	345 45 58	16 12 53	290 36	355 50	70 11	299 19	271 58	291 35	257 12	262 12	205 07
30. Fri.	0 29 37	346 45 18	31 08 26	291 21	357 49	70 17	300 18	272 01	291 31	257 13	262 13	205 06
31. Sat.	0 33 33	347 44 35	45 49 53	292 06	359 46	70 23	301 17	272 05	291 28	257 14	262 13	205 04

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AGASTYA

Sidereal positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-3-1990

Planets (Grahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
Ravi	340 08	341 40	0 S 00	7 S 46
Chandra	28 58	25 04	5 N 00	15 N 46
Guru	292 08	294 03	0 S 45	22 S 22
Budha	325 28	328 28	2 S 06	15 S 01
Guru	90 50	90 55	0 N 01	23 N 28
Sukra	298 12	299 15	5 N 04	15 S 34
Sani	292 07	293 51	0 N 14	21 S 24
Rahu	314 20			

THE SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward from 0° Aquarius to 19° Pisces entering it on 13th. The south declination of the Sun decreases from 7°46' till the Sun crosses the equator to the north on 20th. Then the north declination increases to 4° 21' at the end.

THE MOON

Starting from 7° Aries the Moon makes one complete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 0° Gemini. The north declination of the Moon increases from 0° 45' till it attains maximum value of 27° 27' on 5th. Then the north declination decreases till the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 11th. Thereafter the south declination increases reaching a maximum of 27° 21' on 19th. Thereafter the south declination decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the north on 25th. Then the north declination increases to 27° 16' at the end.

The description of planetary movements is given on Sidereal basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-3-1990 is 22° 16' 28".

MARS

Mars moves ahead from 30° Scorpio to 23° Sagittarius entering it on 1st. The south declination of Mars decreases from 22° 22' to 17° 26' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury moves ahead from 3° Aquarius, enters Pisces on 16th, Aries on 31st and ends at 2° Aries. The south declination of Mercury decreases from 15° 0' till it crosses the equator to the north on 21st. Then the north declination increases to 9° 57' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues its forward motion in Gemini from 9° to 10° at the end. The north declination increases from 23° 28' to 23° 29' at the end.

VENUS

Venus moves forward from 6° Capricorn, enters Aquarius on 29th and ends at 2° there. The south declination of Venus decreases from 15° 34' to 12° 07' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn moves forward from 30' Sagittarius to 2° Capricorn entering it on 2nd. The south declination of Saturn decreases from 21° 24' to 21° 2' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 293° 4' to 291° 25' at the end.

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Uranus moves ahead from 256° 30' to 257° 15' at the end.

Neptune moves forward from 261° 43' to 262° 14' at the end.

Pluto retrogrades from 205° 29' to 205° 3' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the times in I.S.T., noted: Jupiter at 14h.10m. on 5th; Pluto at 9h.22m. on 16th; Uranus at 16h.42m. on 20th; Neptune at 26h.28m. on 20th; Saturn at 20h.24m. on 21st; Mars at 23h.6m. on 22nd; Venus at 13h.25m. on the 23rd; Sun at 25h.18m. on 26th; Mercury at 15h.54m. on 27th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Square the Moon 4th, 19th; trine the Moon 6th, 16th; trine Pluto 8th; opposition the Moon 11th; parallel the Moon 12th, 25th; parallel Pluto 16th; conjunction Mercury 19th; conjunction the Moon 26th; square Uranus 30th.

Mars: Trine the Moon 2nd, 21st, 31st; parallel Neptune 5th; opposition the Moon 7th; square the Moon 14th, 29th; conjunction the Moon 22nd.

Mercury: Square the Moon 3rd, 19th; trine Jupiter 4th; trine the Moon 5th, 16th; opposition the Moon 10th; trine Pluto 13th; conjunction the Sun 19th; square Jupiter 20th; square Uranus 24th; square Neptune 27th; conjunction the Moon 27th.

Jupiter: Trine Mercury 4th; conjunction the Moon 5th; square the Moon 12th, 26th; trine the Moon 14th, 24th; opposition the Moon 19th; square Mercury 20th.

Venus: Trine the Moon 3rd, 12th; opposition the Moon 7th; square the Moon 15th, 29th; conjunction the Moon 23rd; square Pluto 24th.

Saturn: Trine the Moon 2nd, 11th, 30th; opposition the Moon 6th; square the Moon 14th, 28th; conjunction the Moon 21st.

Uranus: Opposition the Moon 5th; trine the Moon 10th, 29th; square the Moon 12th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 20th; square Mercury 24th; square the Sun 30th.

Neptune: Trine the Moon 1st, 10th, 29th; opposition the Moon 6th; square the Moon 13th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 20th; square Mercury 27th.

Pluto: Opposition the Moon 2nd, 29th; trine the Moon 6th, 25th; trine the Sun 8th; square the Moon 8th, 23rd; trine Mercury 13th; conjunction the Moon 16th; square Venus 24th.

I Full Moon: Dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 16h.29m. on 11th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of the Planets: The Sun 328° 20'; the Moon 148° 20'; Mars 277° 34'; Mercury 321° 22'; Jupiter 68° 53'; Venus 283° 30'; Saturn 270° 44'; Rahu 292° 31'; Uranus 256° 50'; Neptune 261° 56'; Pluto 265° 24'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses For New Delhi: The 1st 123° 18'; the 2nd 152° 28'; the 3rd 181° 38'; the 4th 210° 38'; the 5th 241° 38'; the 6th 272° 28'; the 7th 303° 18'; the 8th 332° 28'; the 9th 1° 38'; the 10th 30° 48'; the 11th 61° 38'; the 12th 92° 28'.

II. New Moon: Bright fortnight (Sukla Paksha) commences at 25h.18m. on 26th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of the Planets: The Sun 343° 37'; the Moon 343° 37'; Mars 288° 59'; Mercury 351° 28'; Jupiter 69° 58'; Venus 297° 13'; Saturn 271° 50'; Rahu 291° 42'; Uranus 257° 11'; Neptune 262° 11'; Pluto 205° 09'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 251° 10'; the 2nd 286° 16'; the 3rd 321° 22'; the 4th 356° 28'; the 5th 21° 22'; the 6th 46° 16'; the 7th 71° 10'; the 8th 106° 16'; the 9th 141° 22'; the 10th 176° 28'; the 11th 201° 22'; the 12th 226° 16'.

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Ans: The Sun is the 10th lord and he occupies 5th (not the 12th). Lagna lord Mars aspects not only the 10th but Lagna and 2nd too. This is a guarantee for advancement in career.

Q. 12. Rasi: *Leo - Ascendant; Libra - Saturn (R); Sagittarius - Ketu and the Moon; Aquarius - Jupiter; Pisces - Mars; Taurus - Venus; Gemini - Sun and Rahu; and Cancer - Mercury. The native born in 1926 has been suffering ill-health since 1984. Will things improve when Saturn in transit leaves Sagittarius thereby freeing his natal Moon?*

Lakshminarayana Mehra, New Delhi.

Ans: I should imagine so, especially as by that time Jupiter too would have moved into Cancer and aspect the 6th in strength which should certainly improve health. Yet, Saturn would need propitiation it being the last leg of *sade-sathi*.

Q. 13. Rasi: *Taurus - Ascendant; Leo - Ketu; Virgo - Mars; Libra - Venus, Sun, Jupiter and Mercury; Capricorn - Moon; Aquarius - Rahu; and Aries - Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Sun and Jupiter; Taurus - Venus, Mercury and Ketu; Gemini - Mars; Cancer - Moon; and Scorpio - Saturn and Rahu. (a) The 8th lord in the 6th with 6th lord is said to cause Raja Yoga. Is it present in the chart? (b) What are the plus points in the chart?*

Dhiraj Chhibbar, Chandigarh.

Ans: (a) Normally it does, but here the concerned planet is combust and loses title. (b) The Sun gets exalted Navamsa, Moon own Navamsa which help the 4th and 3rd *bhavas* progressively.

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[The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to railway time (IST) with the differecne that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Thurs.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 25h.21m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Aswini and Amrita Yoga till 16h.28m., then Bharani and Siddha Yoga. Upto 16h.28m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for purchasing or storing foodstuffs, for taking medicines, for fixing pumpsets. After 16h.28m. good for borrowing, for deepening wells.

2. *Fri.*- Shashti (6th tithi) till 23h.50m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Bharani upto 14h.35m., then Krittika. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for borrowing, for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for writing accounts.

3. *Sat.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 20h.35m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Krittika till 12h.57m., then Rohini. Amrita Yoga whole day. After 12h.57m. and before 20h.35m. good for storing food-stuffs, for testing instruments.

4. *Sun.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) till 18h.41m. (9th tithi), then Navami, Rohini upto 11h.42m., then Mrigasira. Whole day Siddha Yoga. After 18h.41m. good for testing instruments.

5. *Mon.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 17.09m. then Dasami (10th tithi). Mrigasira till 10h.41m., then Aridra. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 17h.09m. good for testing instruments. Afterwards good for writing accounts, erecting sheds.

6. *Tues.*- Dasami (10th tithi) till 16h.02m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Aridra and Marana Yoga upto 16h.02m., then Punarvasu and Siddha Yoga. After 16h.02m. good for testing instruments.

7. *Wed.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 15h.18m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Punarvasu till 9h.58m., then Pushya. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for travel, for taking medicines, for wearing new garments, for testing instruments, for appointing staff.

8. *Thurs.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 15h.00m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Pushya upto 10h.12m., then Aslesha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Till 10h.12m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new clothes or ornaments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for travel, for taking medicines, for testing instruments.

9. *Fri.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 15h.05m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Aslesha till 10h.50m., then Makha. Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

10. *Sat.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) till 15h.35m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Makha and Amrita Yoga upto 11h.51m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga. After 15h.35m. good for testing instruments.

11. *Sun.*- Poornima (Full Moon) upto 16h.29m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga upto 13h.16m., then Uttaraphalguni and Amrita Yoga. Between 13h.16m. and 16h.29m. good for wearing new garments, for testing instruments, for storing foodstuffs.

12. *Mon.*- Prathama (1st tithi) till 17h.47m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Uttaraphalguni upto 15h.04m., then Hasta. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments.

13. *Tues.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 19h.29m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Hasta till 17h.16m., then Chitta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for testing instruments.

14. *Wed.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) till 21h.32m., then

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MARCH CALENDAR

3.	Sat.	Holashtaka
7.	Wed.	Amalaki Ekadasi
8.	Thurs	Govinda Dwadasi (Pushya Nakshatra)
10.	Sat.	Holikaa Dahana, Masi Magham
11.	Sun.	Holi, Dola Yatra, Sri Chaitanya Jayanti, Poorim (Jewish)
12.	Mon.	Hola, Vasanthotsava
13.	Tues.	Shab-i-Baraat (previous night)
16.	Fri.	Ranga Panchami, Bijoy Govinda Hatankar (Manipura)
20.	Tues.	Seethalshtami, Varsita Paraamba (Jain)
21.	Wed.	Mahavishuva dina
22.	Thurs.	Smartha Ekadasi
23.	Fri.	Papamochani Ekadasi Vrata
24.	Sat.	Sani Pradosha Vrata
27.	Tues.	Chandramana Yugadi, Gudi Parva, Vasanta Navaratra aarambha
29.	Thurs.	Sowbhagya Gowri Vrata, Matsya Avatar Jayanti
31.	Sat.	Sri Panchami, Skanda Shasti, Kalpadi Tithi

Chaturthi (4th tithi). Chitta upto 19h.54m., then Swati. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for driving new vehicles, for borrowing, for taking medicines, for buying cows or dogs, for purchasing foodstuffs.

15. *Thurs.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 23h.52m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Swati and Amrita Yoga till 22h.36m., then Visakha and Siddha Yoga. Only routine work.

16. *Fri.*- Panchami (5th tithi) till 26h.21m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Visakha upto 25h.33m., then Anuradha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for borrowing, for wearing new garments, for dealing with members of the other sex, for buying cows or dogs.

17. *Sat.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 28h.48m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Anuradha till 28h.29m., then Jyeshta, Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for wearing new ornaments, for repaying debts, for testing instruments, for storing foodstuffs.

18. *Sun.*- Saptami (7th tithi) whole day. Jyeshta and Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

19. *Mon.*- Saptami (7th tithi) till 7h.02m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Jyeshta upto 7h.13m., then Moola. Siddha Yoga whole day. Till 7h.02m. good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets.

20. *Tues.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 8h.50m., then Navami (9th tithi). Moola and Amrita Yoga till 9h.32m., then Poorvashadha and Siddha Yoga. From 8h.50m. to 9h.32m. good for surgical operations; after 9h.32m. good for testing instruments.

21. *Wed.*- Navami (9th tithi) till 10h.01m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Poorvashadha upto 11h.15m., then Uttarashadha. Amrita Yoga whole day. After 11h.15m. good for gardening, for storing foodstuffs, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

22. *Thurs.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 10h.26m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Uttarashadha till 12h.14m., then Sravana. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for appointing staff, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

23. *Fri.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) till 10h.03m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Sravana and Marana Yoga upto 12h.25m., then Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga. After 12h.25m. good for travel, for dealing with members of the other sex, for taking medicines, for wearing new garments.

24. *Sat.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 8h.51m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga till 11h.49m., then Satabhisha and Amrita Yoga. Good for erecting sheds.

25. *Sun.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) till 6h.55m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 28h.21m., afterwards Amavasya (New Moon). Satabhisha upto 10h.10m., then Poorvabhadrapada. Siddha Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

26. *Mon.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 25h.18m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga upto 8h.35m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga. After 8h.35m. good for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments.

27. *Tues.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 21h.57m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Uttarabhadrapada till 6h.14m., then Revati upto 27h.36m., afterwards Aswini. Amrita Yoga whole day. After 6h.14m. good for testing instruments.

28. *Wed.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 18h.28m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Aswini and Marana Yoga upto 24h.53m., then Bharani and Siddha Yoga. Only routine work.

29. *Thurs.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 15h.02m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Bharani and Siddha Yoga till 22h.16m., then Krittika and Marana Yoga. Upto 15h.02m. good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

30. *Fri.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 11h.47m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Krittika and Siddha Yoga upto 19h.54m., then Rohini and Marana Yoga. After 12 noon and before 19h.54m. good for borrowing, for writing accounts, for dealing with members of the opposite sex.

31. *Sat.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 8h.54m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Rohini till 17h.57m., then Mrigasira. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for wearing ornaments, for storing foodstuffs, for testing instruments, for wearing new garments. □

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel.)

Aswini, Makha, Moola

3rd 12h.57m. to 20h.35m.; 7th after 9h.58m.; 8th upto 10h.12m.; 12th after 17h.47m.; 13th till 17h.16m.; 16th after 25h.33m.; 17th upto 28h.29m.; 22nd after 12h.14m.; 24th after 11h.49m.; 25th till 6h.55m.; 27th 21h.57m. to 27h.36m.; 31st upto 17h.57m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

1st till 16h.28m.; 6th after 10h.08m.; 7th upto 9h.58m.; 21st after 11h.15m.; 22nd till 12h.14m.; 23rd after 12h.25m.; 24th upto 11h.49m.; 27th after 21h.57m.; 31st after 17h.57m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

1st till 16h.28m.; 3rd 12h.57m. to 20h.35m.; 7th after 9h.58m.; 8th upto 10h.12m.; 12th after 17h.47m.; 13th till 17h.16m.; 16th after 25h.33m.; 17th upto 28h.29m.; 22nd after 12h.14m.; 24th after 11h.49m.; 25th till 6h.55m.; 27th after 27h.36m.; 31st upto 17h.57m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

6th after 10h.8m.; 7th till 9h.58m.; 21st after 11h.15m.; 22nd upto 12h.14m.; 23rd after 12h.25m.; 24th till 11h.49m.; 27th 21h.57m. to 27h.36m.; 31st after 17h.57m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

1st upto 16h.28m.; 3rd 12h.57m. to 20h.35m.; 6th after 9h.58m.; 8th till 10h.12m.; 12th after 17h.47m.; 13th upto 17h.16m.; 16th after 25h.33m.; 17th till 28h.29m.; 21st after 11h.15m.; 22nd whole day; 24th after 11h.49m.; 25th upto 6h.55m.; 27th after 27h.36m.; 31st till 17h.57m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

3rd 12h.57m. to 20h.35m.; 6th after 10h.8m.; 7th upto 9h.58m.; 12th after 17h.47m.; 13th till 17h.16m.; 22nd upto 12h.14m.; 23rd after 12h.15m.; 24th till 11h.49m.; 27th 21h.57m. to 27h.36m.; 31st whole day.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

1st till 16h.28m.; 7th after 9h.58m.; 8th till 10h.12m.; 16th after 25h.33m.; 17th upto 28h.29m.; 21st after 11h.15m.; 22nd till 12h.14m.; 23rd after 12h.15m.; 24th whole day; 25th upto 6h.35m.; 27th after 27h.36m.; 31st after 17h.57m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

3rd 12h.57m. to 20h.35m.; 6th after 10h.8m.; 7th till 9h.58m.; 12th after 17h.47m.; 13th upto 17h.16m.; 22nd till 12h.14m.; 24th after 11h.49m.; 25th upto 6h.55m.; 27th 21h.57m. to 27h.36m.; 31st upto 17h.57m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st till 16h.28m.; 6th after 10h.8m.; 7th whole day; 8th upto 10h.12m.; 16th after 25h.33m.; 17th till 28h.29m.; 21st after 11h.15m.; 22nd upto 12h.14m.; 23rd after 12h.25m.; 24th till 11h.49m.; 27th after 27h.36m.; 31st after 17h.57m.

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Farmers' Guide for March 1990

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(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed., A.M.)

1. Upto 16h.28m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for buying oxen or sheep, for sowing, for harvesting, for purchasing or storing, wheat, paddy, dhall corn etc. After 16h.28m. good for borrowing, for deepening wells.

2. Good for borrowing, for writing accounts.

3. After 12h.57m. good for testing instruments, for storing or harvesting wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

4. After 18h.41m. good for testing instruments.

5. Till 17h.9m. good for testing instruments; after 17h.9m. good for writing accounts, for erecting sheds.

6. Good for manuring, for testing instruments.

7. Good for manuring, for ploughing, for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments.

8. Upto 10h.12m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for ploughing, for sowing, for manuring, for testing instruments, for buying oxen or sheep.

9. Routine work only.

10. After 15h.35m. good for testing instruments.

11. From 13h.16m. to 16h.29m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing, for testing instruments, for harvesting or storing wheat, corn, dhall, paddy etc.

12. Good for testing instruments.

13. Till 17h.16m. good for testing instruments; after 17h.16m. good for borrowing.

14. Good for manuring, for disposing off agricultural products, for borrowing, for buying oxen or sheep, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

15. Only routine work.

16. Good for borrowing, for buying oxen or sheep.

17. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for repaying debts, for testing instruments, for harvesting or storing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

18. Routine work only.

19. Upto 7h.2m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets.

20. After 9h.32m. good for testing instruments.

21. After 11h.15m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for harvesting or storing wheat, corn, dhall, paddy etc.

22. Good for sowing, for fixing pumpsets, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

23. After 12h.25m. good for sowing.

24. Till 11h.41m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for erecting sheds.

25. After 8h.35m. good for testing instruments.

26. Good for borrowing, for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for storing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

27. Good for testing instruments.

28. Only routine work.

29. Upto 15h.2m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

30. From 12h.0m. to 19h.54m. good for borrowing, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

31. Good for testing instruments, for storing corn, paddy, wheat, dhall etc.

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How Is This Month (March 1990) For You?

UTPALA

The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these indications to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed. A.M.)*

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Aquarius till 13th and then enters Pisces. Mars in Sagittarius enters Capricorn on 1st and continues his progress there for the rest of the month. Mercury transits Aquarius till 16th and then enters Pisces. He moves into Aries on 31st. Jupiter continues his progress in Gemini. Venus transits Capricorn till 29th and then enters Aquarius. Saturn transits Sagittarius till 2nd and then enters Capricorn. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

MESHA (Aries)

General: The Sun in the favourable 11th till 13th *Vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 12th with check till 16th. Mars in the favourable 10th *Gotovedha.* Mercury in the favourable 11th with from 13th transits afterwards into the adverse 12th and 1st with check from 29th. Jupiter in 3rd and Saturn in the 9th and 10th are both favourable. Venus in the unfavourable 10th till transits thereafter the favourable 11th. In a of mixed results the bad side will be more in force. As the planetary transits indicate the of your being involved in criminal proceedings you should follow the laws of the land scrupulously both in letter and spirit. Influential friends however, come to your rescue in case of any such Krittika is better than Aswini and Bharani.

Health and Domestic: Rectal complaints may trouble you during the second half. Those suffering from chronic diseases pertaining to stomach should take good care of themselves. Relations outside family circle are likely to prove troublesome. You are likely to have a disturbed domestic life.

Finance and Speculation: The month is not likely to be satisfactory for finances. Pressure from creditors will increase as the month advances. Quarrels with business friends are likely on monetary matters. You should refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property matters may cause some problems but you will be able to surmount them. Yield and rentals will be more or less satisfactory. Setbacks are unavoidable for the services. There may be obstacles for businesses and professions but they will be able to get over them.

Women: It is mainly in respect of their health that the women should be careful. In club and social activities the conditions may not be entirely agreeable. Employed girls should steer clear of politics in office.

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Students: Ill-health and adverse domestic conditions are likely to hinder your progress in studies. As quarrels are indicated by the planetary transits it is advisable to avoid unnecessary talk in and outside the family.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-7-14	2-9-17
Money dealings and enterprises	6-11-21	3-10-18
Journeys	7-13-22	4-12-19
Real property matters and educational activities	11-14-24	5-15-20
Children and speculation	13-21-26	8-17-23
Services	14-22-28	9-18-25
Partnership	13-22-28	10-19-27
Insurance	13-22-29	10-19-30
Profession and business	13-22-31	8-18-30

Chandrashtama occurs from the afternoon of the 16th to early hours of 19th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

The Sun in the 10th and the 11th and Jupiter in the 2nd are fully favourable. Saturn in the 8th and the 9th is unfavourable. Venus in the favourable 9th till 29th is unfavourable for only two days, when transitting the 10th during the last two days. Mars in the adverse 9th is under check. Mercury in the favourable 10th and the 11th till 31st with *vedha* till 13th transits the adverse 12th on the last day. The month has an accumulation of favourable influences. You will be successful in all your undertakings. Gains and rewards are likely. Krittika is better than Rohini and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: You will have good health throughout. Chronic patients will have considerable relief. Your eldest son is likely to land a good job in a reputed industry. Domestic happiness of a high order will be vouchsafed to you practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be quite satisfactory for financial matters. You are likely to get good income from an unexpected source. You will be able to settle your past financial commitments on favourable terms. Speculative transactions are likely to yield excellent dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the *karaka* for properties, you will have a profitable period for all real estate transactions. Acquisition of new property is most likely. This is an excellent month for the services, businesses and professions. Unexpected promotions are likely for the services.

Women: Romance will blossom into happy wedding. Film artistes are particularly favoured. Outside activities will bring in much happiness and success. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice on promotion.

Students: You will make rapid progress in studies. You will be successful in the superior services competitive examination held by the Central Government. Those selected for service will get orders of appointment from Government during the month.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-13-22	9-19-3[illegible]
Money dealings and enterprises	7-14-24	2-10-1[illegible]
Journeys	11-16-26	2-10-1[illegible]
Real property matters and educational activities	1-11-22	5-12-2[illegible]
Children and speculation	1-11-24	5-12-2[illegible]
Services	1-11-26	5-12-2[illegible]
Partnership	16-26-29	10-18-2[illegible]
Insurance	11-26-31	10-18-2[illegible]
Profession and business	7-14-28	10-18-3[illegible]

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 19th to mid-noon of 21st.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: Mars in the 8th, Saturn in the 7th and 8th and Jupiter in *janma* are all unfavourable. Venus in the 8th and the 9th is fully favourable. The Sun in the adverse 9th till 13th transits afterwards the favourable 10th. Mercury in the adverse 9th till 16th with check transits afterwards the favourable 10th and 11th yielding to *vedha* till the last day. The planets are quite unfavourable for the month. The month leans very much on the evil. There are likely to be setbacks in your undertakings. As you are prone to accidents and physical injuries you should be careful in your movements. Quarrels are likely to arise on flimsy grounds and you should not get provoked at other's bidding. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: Diseases of the abdomen and bilious complaints are indicated by the adverse transits. The chronic patients may have to face an aggravation in their complaints. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: While there is likely to be a cut in the regular income, the expenditure will rise very sharply. Losses are likely in certain enterprises through deceitful friends. Speculative transactions may, however, yield good dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Damage to agricultural crops is likely. You may also experience difficulties in the realisation of rentals. The services are likely to find the month quite trying

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...ions and businesses may have a lean month. ...ment. The emphasis is on expenditure which, ...controlled, is likely to land the fair sex in a ...cial mess at the close of the month. Social ...ors will, however, have a helpful period. This ...month of difficulties for the employed girls.

...dents: Vidyakaraka will assist you to con...te on studies. You should cut down on extra...ular activities considerably. Those who are ...ted in fine arts will find the month quite ...ding.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
...ing	1-6-11	5-12-18
...al and domestic		
...dealings and ...ises	6-11-14	2-10-20
...ys	7-13-16	2-10-23
...perty matters		
...ucational activities	11-16-24	8-17-30
...en and speculation	7-13-26	8-17-27
...s	7-13-28	9-18-25
...ship	11-14-29	4-18-25
...ce	11-14-31	4-18-27
...ion and business	1-11-28	4-18-30

...*drashtama* occurs from mid-noon of 21st ...ing of 23rd.

...TAKA (Cancer)

...*ral:* The Sun in the 8th and the 9th, Mars ...7th and Jupiter in the 12th are all unsatis... Saturn's transit of the adverse 7th mostly ...se. Venus is unfavourable practically ...out when transitting the 7th till 29th; he ...the favourable 8th during the last two ...Mercury in the favourable 8th till 16th with ...ansits afterwards the adverse 9th till the ...when he moves into the favourable 10th. ...influences will be in predominance. Frus... will be the order of the day. You should ...temptation to resort to short-cut unortho...ods for achieving success. Pushyami is ...an Punarvasu and Aslesha.

...*lth and Domestic:* The planetary transits do ...rate any optimism in the field of health. ...ulcers are likely to worry you. Chronic ...should take all steps to prevent an aggra... of their ailments. You will find it very ...to save peace and harmony in the domestic

...*ce and Speculation:* This is altogether an ...atory month for finances. Every item of ...ure should be carefully checked by you. ...from creditors will be too severe to put up ...Speculative transactions should be com... avoided.

...*Property, Services, Professions, etc.:* Real ...transactions are best avoided during the month. Litigation is likely in property matters. The restive labour with their exhorbitant demands are likely to get on your nerves. Services, professions and businesses are likely to find the month quite trying.

Women: This is not a month for romances and love affairs. You should take particular care of your functional health. Social contacts are not likely to be beneficial. In view of the unsatisfactory tendencies of the planets the employed girls should take more than ordinary care in dealing with their superiors.

Students: You should curb a tendency to be listless. You should exercise your will and make a very serious attempt to concentrate on your studies. You should not fritter your time and energy on extra-curricular activities.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	16-26-31	12-19-30
Money dealings and enterprises	13-22-29	2-10-20
Journeys	11-21-28	2-12-23
Real property matters and educational activities	7-16-26	2-12-25
Children and speculation	6-14-22	4-15-20
Services	1-13-21	4-15-23
Partnership	6-13-21	8-18-27
Insurance	7-14-21	8-18-30
Profession and business	7-22-29	3-17-30

Chandrashtama occurs from evening of 23rd to night of 25th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: Mars in the 6th and Jupiter in the 11th are favourable; Jupiter yields to *vedha* from 13th. Venus is thoroughly unfavourable when transitting the 6th and the 7th; he is under check practically throughout till 29th. The Sun in the 7th and the 8th and Saturn mostly in the 6th are favourable. The Sun is under check throughout. Mercury in the unfavourable 7th till 16th with check transits afterwards the favourable 8th till the last day when he moves into the adverse 9th with check. The favourable influences will be more in evidence. General prosperity, accrual of money and renewal of contacts with old frinds are all likely. You should curb a tendency to undertake journeys without specific aims and plans. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: Surgical removal of the cataract in the left eye is indicated. The operation will be successful and your vision will be restored. Chronic patients could look forward to having temporary relief. Your eldest son will be successful in business activities. You will have a tempestuous domestic life practically throughout.

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Finance and Speculation: The month will be, more or less, satisfactory for all financial matters. An unexpected monetary legacy is likely to be conferred on you. Speculative transactions will yield excellent dividends during the first half and moderate profits during the second half.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Acquisition of new property is most likely during the first half. Yield and rentals will be at good level. There will be considerable improvement in the working conditions for the services. This is quite a profitable period for businesses and professions.

Women: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of Venus, the month will not be unsatisfactory for the fair sex. You will be a much sought-after person in social gatherings. Employed girls may, however, find the month quite trying.

Students: You will make good progress in studies. Medical students are particularly favoured. Fellowships with travel grants are likely to be offered to you. Contacts with the opposite sex should be reduced as far as possible.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-7-13	2-9-15
Money dealings and enterprises	6-11-16	3-10-17
Journeys	7-13-21	4-12-18
Real property matters and educational activities	11-22-28	5-15-19
Children and speculation	13-26-29	8-17-20
Services	13-22-31	9-18-23
Partnership	7-22-29	10-19-25
Insurance	7-22-31	10-18-27
Profession and business	1-26-31	10-19-30

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 25th to midnight of the 27th.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Mars in the 5th, Jupiter in the 10th and Saturn in the 4th and the 5th are all adverse; Mars is under check. Venus in the favourable 5th practically throughout till 29th transits the adverse 6th during the last two days. The Sun in the favourable 6th till 13th transits the unfavourable 7th afterwards with check from 16th. Mercury in the favourable 6th till 16th transits afterwards the adverse 7th till the last day when he moves into the favourable 8th. The unfavourable elements which are more may bring in their wake attacks from opponents, losses by theft and deceit and worried mind. Chitta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Hasta.

Health and Domestic: Stomach ulcer may appear. If this is not attended to when it is in acute stage it may develop into a chronic problem with serious consequences. Chronic sufferers should be extra careful. Domestic bliss, will, however, be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: Unsatisfactory financial position is indicated. There will be considerable expenditure for medicines and doctor's bills. Whatever may be the temptation you are urged not to run after public issues of equities. Speculative transactions should be avoided totally.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is not at all a favourable month for real estate matters. There is likely to be a gradual reduction in yield and rentals. Expenditure on properties may rise to unexpected levels. The services may have penal transfers. Businesses and professions are likely to experience troubled conditions and losses may be greater than gains.

Women: The month does not show much promise for the fair sex. Romances and love affairs are likely to lead to frustration and disappointment. This is a throughly bad month for employed girls.

Students: Conflicts with relatives, friends and teachers are likely. The extra-curricular activities should be totally avoided. Too much association with the opposite sex is not conducive to your interests.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-13-16	5-12-1[illegible]
Money dealings and enterprises	6-11-16	9-17-2[illegible]
Journeys 7-13-21	2-12-19	
Real property matters and educational activities	7-13-22	2-12-3[illegible]
Children and speculation	7-13-24	3-9-1[illegible]
Services	7-16-26	3-9-1[illegible]
Partnership	7-16-31	4-10-2[illegible]
Insurance	1-11-22	4-10-2[illegible]
Profession and business	6-11-24	9-17-3[illegible]

Chandrashtama occurs from beginning to the afternoon of 2nd and again from the night of 27th to mid-night of 29th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: Jupiter in the 9th is favourable. Venus in the favourable 4th and 5th has yielded to *vedha*. Mars in the adverse 4th is under check. The Sun transits the unfavourable 5th till 13th and then moves into the favourable 6th. Saturn mostly in the 4th is adverse. Mercury in the adverse 5th till 16th transits afterwards the favourable 6th with *vedha* till the last day when he moves into the adverse 7th. The good influences will be more in evidence. Relief from troubles and success over enemies are indicated. Official favours are also likely. Swati is better than Chitta and Visakha.

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Health and Domestic: Health troubles are likely to be there but there will not be any serious consequence. Chronic patients will have to be very careful. With tact and patience you should be able to have harmony and peace in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be, more or less, satisfactory for all financial matters. The planetary influences will guide you in the choice of securities suitable for investment. Speculative transactions will yield excellent dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: True, luck for properties, Mars is not helpful but the Lord in excellent mood helps you out in all real estate matters. Purchase of property at an attractive price is most likely. Labour problems are likely to be resolved satisfactorily. The month is quite useful for services, businesses and professions.

Women: There is a good possibility for courtship to blossoming into happy marriage. Unnecessary travelling and expenditure may be there for a few people. Employed girls may find the month satisfactory.

Students: Rapid progress in studies is indicated. You will shine extremely well in the field of sports, games and athletics. The chance of your inclusion in the national or state level teams is most likely.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-7-13	5-15-20
Money dealings and enterprises	1-11-14	5-15-23
Journeys	1-13-16	2-10-18
Real property matters and educational activities	6-13-21	2-10-19
Children and speculation	6-13-22	3-17-23
Services	6-14-24	3-17-25
Partnership	7-14-22	4-10-25
Insurance	7-16-24	4-10-27
Profession and business	11-21-28	4-10-30

Chandrashtama occurs from the afternoon of the evening of 4th and again from mid-night of 28th to mid-night of 31st.

VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The Sun in the 4th and the 5th and Venus in the 8th are unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check till 13th. Mars is fully favourable in the 3rd. Saturn mostly in the 3rd is favourable. Mercury in the favourable 4th till 6th with *vedha* from the adverse 5th thereafter till the last day when he moves into the favourable 6th with *vedha*. Venus in the 3rd and the 4th is fully favourable. The month shows both good and bad effects. The bad effects will be, however, slightly more. Persons in public life should be particularly careful in their speeches in public speeches. You may have to undertake long and tedious travels without any benefits acruing to you from such trips. Visakha is better than Anuradha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: Dysentery and diarrohea are likely to worry you. The chronic patients should take extra care to keep their illness under control. Domestic life will be quite peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position is likely to create some embarassment to you. Friends will, however, come to your rescue and provide you with necessary funds to meet your immediate obligations. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You will be successful in real property transactions. You will carry out improvements on your landed properties. Services, professions and businesses are likely to meet with mild frustration.

Women: The month will provide you with refined entertainment. You may also get relief from certain domestic commitments. You should, however, take care of your health. Broken social engagements are most likely. The month leans more on the evil for employed girls.

Students: Those having an eye on the army commission are likely to realise their ambition. Students puruing engineering courses are particularly favoured. You are prone to accidents in sports and games.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	16-22-29	12-19-30
Money dealings and enterprises	13-16-26	10-12-20
Journeys	11-21-28	10-12-23
Real property matters and educational activities	6-16-26	12-15-25
Children and speculation	7-22-29	4-15-20
Services	1-16-26	8-15-23
Partnership	6-13-21	4-18-27
Insurance	7-13-21	8-15-23
Profession and business	7-22-29	3-17-30

Chandrashtama occurs from evening of 4th to night of 6th and again from mid-night of 31st till the end.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: Mars in the 2nd and Saturn in *janma* and the 2nd are unsatisfactory; the former is under check. Jupiter in the 7th and Venus in the 2nd and the 3rd are both favourable making an allowance for the yielding to *vedha* by the latter. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 13th transits thereafter the unfavourable 4th. Mercury in the adverse 3rd till 16th with check from 13th transits thereafter the favourable 4th till the last day when he moves into the adverse 5th with check. The general effects are of a mixed nature as the good effects are only

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slightly more than the adverse ones. Of the three stars Poorvashada fares the best, Uttarashada comes next and Moola last.

Health and Domestic: This is not an unsatisfactory month for health. However, weakness and general debility may be present in a mild form during the second half. The period offers some encouragement to the chronic patients. With good effort you could save peace and harmony in the domesitic field.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will be generally satisfactory. There will be considerable improvement in the financial position during the second half, when you will get relief from your past finanical commitments. Speculative deals should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: In view of the favourable posture of the powerful 4th lord the bad mood of the *karaka* for properties, Mars, may be ignored. Yield and rentals will be at good levels. The services will find the month quite satisfactory. The businesses and professions will find the month fruitful.

Women: Love affairs and romances are likely to blossom into happy wedding during the second half. New contacts will enliven social life. The employed girls will find the month satisfactory.

Students: Those pursuing medical courses are particularly favoured. The month is full of promise for those seeking admissions in foreign universities. There will be an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of members of the opposite sex during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-11-14	2-9-17
Money dealings and enterprises	11-13-16	3-10-18
Journeys	13-16-21	5-12-19
Real property matters and educational activities	14-16-22	8-15-20
Children and speculation	16-21-26	9-17-23
Services	1-21-29	10-18-25
Partnership	1-21-31	12-19-27
Insurance	11-22-28	15-20-30
Profession and business	1-22-28	10-20-27

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 6th to dawn of 9th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: Mars in *janma*, Jupiter in the 6th and Saturn in the 12th and 1st are all adverse; Mars is, however, under check. Venus in the favourable 1st and 2nd yields to *vedha* only during the last two days. The Sun in the unfavourable 2nd till 13th with check transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. Mercury in the favourable 2nd till 16th transits afterwards the adverse 3rd till the last day when he moves into the favourable 4th. In a month of mixed results the bad side will be more in evidence. Health complaints and financial worries are likely to be present practically throughout. You will get opportunities of cultivating the acquaintances of persons wielding power and influence and this will be of great help to you in your activities. Dhanishta is better than Uttarashadha and Sravana.

Health and Domestic: Bilious and urinary complaints are indicated by the adverse transits. As the planetary influences indicate an aggravation in their ailments chronic sufferers should resort to prophylactic measures. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: Financial matters are likely to create problems for your. Past financial commitments will continue to worry you. There is, however, likely to be some improvement in the last week. Speculative deals may, however, prove profitable.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All property deals should be postponed. Litigation with adjacent property owners is likely. Labour problems may cause much annoyance. There is likely to be a deterioration in the working conditions for the services. This is not an encouraging month for the professions and businesses.

Women: The emphasis will be on expenditure. Unless you exercise restraint in your propensity towards extravagance in money matters, you may find yourself in a very embarassing position at the close of the month. The month cannot be said to be good for employed girls.

Students: Extra-curricular activities should be totally avoided. You are prone to accidents and consequent physical injuries. You should, therefore, refrain totally from sports, games and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-13-22	2-9-15
Money dealings and enterprises	1-14-24	2-10-17
Journeys	1-16-26	2-10-15
Real property matters and educational activities	1-21-28	2-10-19
Children and speculation	6-14-24	8-17-23
Services	6-16-26	8-17-25
Partnership	6-21-28	8-18-27
Insurance	7-22-29	8-18-30
Profession and business	7-22-31	4-12-23

Chandrashtama occurs from the dawn of 9th to afternoon of 11th.

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11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: Jupiter in the 5th is favourable. Venus is favourable 12th and 1st yields to *vedha* ...ically throughout till 29th. Saturn mostly in ...h is adverse. The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd ...is under check except between 13th and 16th ...Mars throughout. Mercury in the unfavour- ...1st till 16th transits afterwards the favour- ...d with *vedha* till the last day when he moves ...the adverse 3rd. There will be more favourable ...nces during the month. Gains and rewards ...ated by the favourable Jupiter. You will ...ssful in your undertakings. Poorvabhadra ...er than Dhanishta and Satabisha.

...lth and Domestic: Only minor health com- ...ts are likely to be there during the month. ...ic sufferers will have some relief. One of your ...is likely to establish a good business in the field ...ort. Great patience and tact are necessary to ...e peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

...nance and Speculation: The month will be ...factory for all financial matters. Income is ...from an unexpected source. You will settle ...past financial commitments on favourable ...s. Speculative transactions may yield moder- ...dividends during the second half.

...l Property, Services, Profession, etc.: You are ...ed to go slow on real property transactions in ...of the unhelpful posture of Mars who also ...s to be the lord of the 4th. Those in services ...d the month quite satisfactory. Professions ...usinesses will have good gains.

...men: The month will be quite enjoyable. ...e activities will bring in success and happi- ... Film artistes are particularly favoured. ...yed girls are likely to be transferred to places ...r choice.

...dents: The month is favourable to you both ...the point of scholastic progress and also ...s in the field of sports and athletics. The ...s of your inclusion in the national or state ...teams are very bright.

	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
...nal and domestic	1-16-21	9-17-30
...y dealings and ...prises	1-21-26	2-10-19
...ys	1-22-28	8-23-30
...property matters	1-24-29	4-15-25
...ducational activities	1-24-31	4-15-27
...en and speculation	6-22-31	5-20-27
...ces	7-24-29	5-20-30
...ship	7-24-31	10-20-30
...rance	6-26-31	10-20-27
...ssion and business		

...drashtama occurs from afternoon of 11th ...ight of 13/14th.

12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: The Sun in the 12th and the 1st and Jupiter in the 4th are inimical; the Sun is under check except between the 13th and 16th and Jupiter throughout. Saturn mostly in the 11th is favourable. Mercury in the adverse 12th and 1st till the last day transits the favourable 2nd for one day during the last day and that too with *vedha*. He is under check till 16th. Venus in the favourable 11th and the 12th yields to *vedha* from only three days from the 13th to 16th. The planets are quite unfavourable during the month. There is likely to be a setback in your undertakings. As you are prone to accidents you should be careful in your movements. As quarrels are likely to arise on flimsy grounds you should not get provoked at others' bidding. Uttarabhadra is better than Poorvabhadra and Revati.

Health and Domestic: Diseases of the abdomen are indicated by the adverse transits. Chronic patients should be prepared for an aggravation of their ailments. You will, however, be blessed with domestic bliss of a high order for most days in the month.

Finance and Speculation: While there is likely to be a cut in the regular income, the expenditure will rise very sharply mostly on account of medicines and doctor's bills. You may also incur losses in some enterprises. Speculative activities should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property matters are not likely to be satisfactory. Damages to agricultural crops may occur during the first half. Services may incur the displeasure of their superiors. The month may prove difficult for businesses and professions.

Women: You must curb your tendency to make extravagant purchases. You must make strenuous efforts to balance your domestic budget. The planetary postures are severe for you in the field of finance. The month will not be too bad for employed girls.

Students: This cannot be said to be a satisfactory month for the students. You should be careful about the food you consume. Health troubles on account of bad food are indicated. You are advised to go slow on extra-curricular activities.

	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	7-21-24	2-12-18
Money dealings and enterprises	7-21-26	2-12-29
Journeys	7-21-28	2-12-30
Real property matters and educational activities	6-22-26	9-17-23
Children and speculation	6-22-28	9-17-25
Services	6-22-29	3-15-25
Partnership	1-13-21	3-15-23
Insurance	1-13-22	8-18-27
Profession and business	1-13-24	8-18-30

Chandrashtama occurs from mid-night of 13th/14th to mid-noon of 16th.

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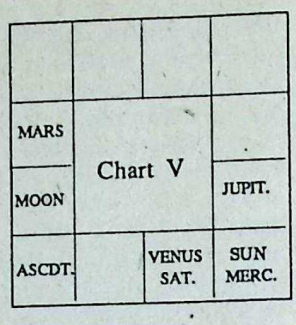

ence. (Mark Mercury lord of 7 and 10 in 10 with Surya, the Royal Bhagyadhipathi or lord of 9). According to me, this is a case, where Sani is an excellent benefic. For Sani as lord of 2 for Dhanur Lagna is in 11 in exaltation; and Sani as *Chandra Lagnadhipathi* is in 10 from Moon's sign in exaltation, combined with Venus, the *Yogakaraka* for Chandra Lagna. Sani, in a kendra, from Lagna or Chandra, in his own or exaltation house, produces a Pancha-Maha-Purusha Yoga called *Sasa-Yoga,* conducing to longevity, devotion to one's mother, and shrewdness to spot out and detect perfidy or treachery by others. He is 52 or 53 and is drawing more than Rs. 1000 per mensem, *now*; and he *must* rise higher, to be the "head", or to draw higher emoluments upto Rs. 2000 per mensem.

"Good Sani, in 3, or 6 or 11, from Lagna or Moon produces Yoga-prabhava. And, if such Sani has got the aspect of a good and powerful Jupiter, he will give very beneficial results, and that too, in an astonishing manner". Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer's best Dasa was that of Sani in Pisces in 6, for Thula Lagna, in exchange with Guru. Any lucky Libraman gets Sani and Budha Dasas in his life just as any Virgo native should get Budha and Sukra Dasas to be very lucky or to have phenomenal success.

Sani, if he is good by lordship or Adhipathya, as for (1) Libra or Thula, (2) Taurus, or Vrishabha and (3) Capricorn or Makara Lagna is mighty benefic. Sani is very good in Thula, his exaltation sign, and is good in his own houses, Capricorn and Aquarius and (4) in Jupiter's houses, Dhanus or Sagittarius, and Meena or Pisces. The *Uttara Kalamrita* says "Sani gives fortune when in Pisces, Libra and Dhanus".

It also says that Sani does good, when in Libra, or own house or in Jupiter's houses, even though he is in Lagna (where he is, generally bad, just as he is good in 7).

The *Brihat Jataka* attributes only good results to Sani in Jupiter's houses.

Of course, Sani in Dhanus, called *Kodanda-Sani* may have to be regarded as stronger, than Sani in Pisces; as Dhanus is the sign, just preceding Makara, Sani's own house, whereas Pisces or Meena, immediately precedes Aries, his debilitation-sign. But, the *Jataka Parijata* says that Sani in Meena gives "Thejas" and excelling kingly virtues. *Saravali* says, if Sani is in Guru's house and is aspected by Guru, he gives Rajayoga.

In experience, Sani in Meena, for Mesha Lagna, if well-aspected by exalted Jupiter from Cancer, is found to be benefic, especially if Moon is in Capricorn or Taurus, when Sani will occupy an Upachaya from Chandra Lagna, as lord of good houses from Moon's sign. Of course, some gentlemen explain by saying that, Sani, though very good as a malefic who is the lord of 10, is mainly baneful, as a lord of 11 for a cardinal sign, *viz.,* Mesha or Aries and so *badakadhipathi.* As Kumbha or Aquarius is Moolathrikona for Saturn, the lordship of 11, which is specially evil for a movable or cardinal sign, preponderates. And, so, when he is relegated to 12, the evil disappears? and when Guru, the lord of Pisces and the lord of 9 for Aries blesses him by his benignant aspect, Sani is transmuted or transformed into a benefic, and even a brilliant Yogakaraka? Such friends cite the instance of an Aries-native, who has Moon in Taurus, and Guru and Sani, in Pisces, in 12 (and not in 11, in Bhava) who, is a celebrity, and was the Dewan of a Native State, for 17 or 18 years in Sani Dasa. And, the late lamented Prof. B. Suryanarain Rao's *Astrological Self-Instructor* shows a Mysore Judge's chart, where Sani is in 12 in Pisces, for Aries-Ascendant with Guru and Moon in 4 in Kataka. The *Phaladeepika* by Sri Mantreswara, in Chapter VII, says, "If Sukra, Guru and Sani are in Meena, and Moon is exalted, as Full Moon, and the Sun for *Mesha Lagna* is aspected by Mars, the person becomes a king." *Vide:*

Query: Is the real or correct reason, for the Rajayoga, the fact, that (1) Badhakadhipathi is well relegated, or (2) is it the fact, that Sani is in Meena and has 9 and 10 benefic association, or (3) is it due to Chandra Lagna, mainly? Possibly (1), (2) and (3). Anyway, it is a point to be remembered that, when Sani is evil by lordship he may be relegated to 12, and when he has Jupiter's powerful aspect, perhaps the following *sloka* from the *Jathaka Rajeeyam* ascribed to Kalidasa, may perhaps, be applied to a malefic, by nature, in 12 though generally, Sani in 12 is bad indeed, next only to Sani in 8.

But, Sani in 8, in his own house, with benefic aspect by Jupiter or Venus, is found to be giving wealth, though very little is saved. For Mesha Lagna (Aries) and for Mithuna Lagna (Gemini) Saturn is deemed a *papi*, as lord of 11 for a cardinal sign, and as the lord of 8 (though lord of 9) *respectively*, and so, the apparent paradox, that Sani in 12 or 8, very bad generally, may be good in 12 or 8 for these two Lagnas provided there is benefic association, of course. When Sani becomes benefic, it is iron or steel transformed into gold. A person with Sani, rendered benefic, especially by Jupiter's association or aspect will have faith and be God-fearing and will have spiritual tendencies, besides *materialistic mundane* success. If I have given readers, sure thoughts to "feed on" and they are stimulated to study and do research, I shall be satisfied. — Reprinted from A. M., January

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MY EARLY EXPERIENCES IN ASTROLOGY—XXIX

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in God, (d) intuition and a clear psychologi- perception of the event and (e) favourable ions in the astrologer's horoscope.

The following extract from 'Notes' to my Eng- translation of *Prasna Marga* will be found to appropriate.

"Qualifications of an astrologer have been laid in stanzas 15 to 18. In this connection, ence may also be made to similar qualifica- laid down by Varahamihira, in his *Brihat hita*. One, who wishes to be a correct predic- should not only be an adept in Astrology, nomy, Vedas and Mantra Sastras, but also be a man of character, religious, righteous must have obtained *siddhi* of certain secret *tras* which would confer on the astrologer the any power of correct predictions.

The astrologer should be of noble birth and eable appearance. Humility must character- his behaviour. His personal habits must be plined and above opprobium. He should be versed in ritual and expiatory ceremonies. should be gifted to resolve independently any problems. Disciplined life, faith in God, a ful nature and scrupulous adherence to cer- types of austerity would enable him to de- his power of intuition considerably and this be a great asset to anyone who aspires to be cessful astrologer."

If we are to be a judged on the basis of the ous qualifications laid down by the seers, I afraid most of us may not be considered as logers at all.

Whether or not I am capable of intuitional ption, my predictions have mostly come when favourable Dasa and Bhuktis oper- in my horoscope. During unfavourable peri- my forecasts have sometimes been disap- ing. Ofcourse these thoughts never occurred fifty years ago when me ego dominated thinking and when inspite of well-wishers ming me I often entertained a high opinion my predictive abilities.

the next instalment of this series I shall e my predictions bearing on the course and ation of the second World War and how I able to anticipate things which no western logger could . This remark should not be ued as boastful, but only as an objective ation of facts then.

(to be continued)

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Unimaginable. His existence can only be felt, inferred or guessed intuitively.

"This something is so immense, that my thoughts cannot capture it. Knowledge has crippled me from seeing the Truth" said the well-known Indian philosopher Jiddu Krishna Murty in his book called *Ending of Time*.

"By what means shall we know Him?", asks Swami Vivekananda in his *Complete Works* and answers *"By no means, for He is the means"*.

"He who speaks knows not. He, who knows speaks not," said the Chinese philosopher Lao Tse.

The Absolute is, therefore, both existence and non-existence. Buddhism has been insisting that the Absolute is non-existence only. Since the absolute reality is *Achintya*, or undefinable in words, it has to be both Existence and Non-Existence. Finally the Absolute Reality is non-existence also in the sense that it is of non-material nature. That means that there is no substance behind matter. At the same time the Absolute is in the spiritual sense the only existence.

Anything which exists everywhere at all times can be said to move with infinite speed even without moving itself. Therefore, all physical parameters can be said to become infinite in magnitude in the realm of the universal Spirit ($S^0M^0T^0$). Therefore, in scientific investigations whenever a physical parameter becomes infinite, one may conclude that at that point, the realm of the infinite has been touched.

According to Vedanta, the end of all investigations is reached, when the unity behind the phenomenological universe is recognized. It has seen from the above study, that the mutual equivalence of space, mass and time leads to such a situation, in other words, to the recognition of the existence of the universal Spirit as well as an understanding of the different ways of interpreting the same Reality, $S^0M^0T^0$. It is thus possible to forge a relationship between scientific and religious thinking with all its consequences, opening up, thereby, a new vista of possibilities for the future.

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MY TURN

A. K. SINHA, BHAGALPUR

Bhagalpur Through Two Communal Disturbances

COMMUNAL riots started at Bhagalpur on 24-10-1989. Earlier they had occurred on 26-10-1946. A study of the planetary positions on the two dates will reveal the Lagna of this place.

		RAHU 19-02 HERS. 28-40(R)	
	Chart 1 5.30 a.m. IST 26-10-1946		PLUTO 19-04 SAT. 15-10
	VENUS 09-13 MERC. 01-50 KETU 19-02	MOON 20-19 JUPIT. 13-23 MARS 28-30 SUN 08-52	NEPT. 15-13

Bhagalpur is famous for its silk — a commodity ruled by Venus. We find Venus in Scorpio and Mars, the universal planet of arson and violence in Libra on the cusp of it. Mars is squared by Saturn who is afflicted. Thus affliction of the sign Libra seems to disturb the peace of Bhagalpur.

			JUPIT. 17-07
	Chart 2 5.30 a.m. IST 24-10-1989		KETU 29-51
RAHU 29-51			MOON 5-8
SAT. 15-02 NEPT. 16-11 HERS. 08-26	VENUS 23-12	SUN 6-50	MARS 28-48 MERC. 25-15

Neptune is afflicted by Saturn. Neptune is said to be the lord of Pisces which rules over holy waters. Bhagalpur is close to Sultanganj from where lakhs of pilgrims take water from the holy Ganga for offering to Lord Siva at Baidyanath Dham. Libra happens to be the 8th sign with respect to Pisces. The presence or aspect of Jupiter on Libra has not helped as he is a functional malefic, being lord of the 3rd and 6th houses.

The current disturbance was at its peak on 25-10-1989. On that day Mars was on the cusp of Libra and aspected by Rahu (9th house aspect). Rahu represents the "Yavana" and it is a fact that a particular community started the trouble by obstructing the path of Ram Sila. I attribute the anti-Hindu inclination of the Indian Government to the presence of Rahu in Lagna at the time of India's independence. God alone knows how this Rahu will continue to weaken India as a nation through corruption, hypocrisy and self deceit which pass off in the name of secularism.

ASTROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

Astrological Conference at Calcutta

The Thirteenth Annual Indian and Western Astrological Conference will be held under the auspices of the Astrological Research Project on 17th and 18th February 1990 at Calcutta.

Astrological scholars, well known astrologers and distinguished persons are expected to participate in the conference.

It will be inaugurated by DR. B. V. RAMAN, Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

Research oriented papers (written in English or Bengali) to be read at the conference are welcome.

No delegate fee will be charged and no travel expenses will be paid. Vegetarian meals and lodging will be provided free of charge.

A Souvenir will also be brought out on the occasion.

The subjects for discussion in the seminar sessions will be predictive, horary and mundane Astrology, palmistry etc.

For further details write to Pandit Ramakrishna Sastri, President, 8, Ashutosh Sil lane, Calcutta 700 009 (Telephone: 35-7708 and 35-8454).

Brihat Maha Yagna - 1990

A Brihat Maha Yagna - 1990 will be conducted between 10th and 12th March, 1990 to ward off the planetary afflictions due to Saturn's movement into Capricorn. For more details contact Mr. P. S. Iyer, President, Astik Samaj, 143, Perundurai Road, Opp: Satyamurti Hospital, Erode - 638 011, Tamilnadu. □

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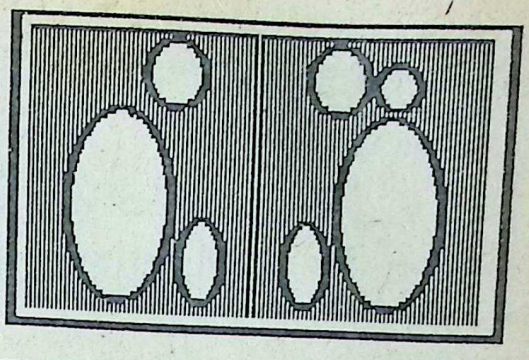

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Q. My daughter is doing her Final B.Sc. (Physics). I am interested in her qualifying in computer science but my wife wants to get her married. I am in a fix. Please guide me.

Born 29-11-1969

S. No. 11670

SAT.		
RASI		MOON
		KETU
SUN MERC.	JUPIT. VENUS	

		RAHU	SAT. VENUS
MERC.	NAVAMSA		MARS
	KETU JUPIT. SUN	MOON ASCDT.	

Ans: The present Dasa of Mercury will run up to February 1992. Mercury is the 7th lord placed in the 9th with 6th lord Sun. Therefore, marriage may not take place yet. The next Dasa is of Ketu who is in the 6th house. It would be better to conduct the marriage after Ketu Dasa, i.e., after about 1999. In other words, the present and next Dasa are more favourable for pursuing studies and taking up a career. Since the next Dasa lord Ketu occupies the 12th from the 7th, marital life may come up against severe problems which can be avoided by pushing the marriage itself a little ahead.

Q. My niece is a brilliant student. She will be appearing for premedical entrance examination in April-May 1990. Will she succeed in her attempt?

Born 3-1-1962

S. No. 16123

MARS		SAT.	ASCDT.
RAHU VENUS	RASI		MOON KETU
SUN	MERC. JUPIT.		

JUPIT. ASCDT. SAT.	RAHU		
MERC.	NAVAMSA		VENUS
MOON			
		KETU MARS	SUN

Ans: Let us see if the chart shows a medical career when your question will automatically get answered.

The 10th house has Mars aspected by 10th lord Jupiter. But the 10th house and the 10th lord fall in watery signs which is a pointer in this direction. In Navamsa again Jupiter is in Pisces, again a watery sign associated with healing. Dasa-wise, Venus rules and he is the 5th lord placed in the 8th with Rahu. Venus is in a *parivarthana* (exchange) with 8th lord Saturn who, in turn, is in the 12th. Therefore, the girl is slated for medical education and a doctor's career.

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Q. Several efforts to find a suitable match for my sister have been in vain. When will she get married?

Born 18-4-1955

S. No. 15546

MERC.	SUN	MARS	KETU JUPIT.
MOON VENUS	RASI		
RAHU		SAT.(R)	ASCDT.

MERC.	MARS	SAT. SUN RAHU	VENUS JUPIT. ASCDT.
	NAVAMSA		
MOON			
	KETU		

Ans: The Lagna lord Mercury *vargottama* in the 7th gets *neechabhanga* by virtue of his sign dispositer Jupiter being in a *kendra* from Lagna. Therefore marriage will not be denied. The *karaka* Venus is in the 6th in exchange of signs with Saturn in the 2nd house. Jupiter, the 7th lord, aspects Venus trinally. These factors indicate a fairly good match. Marriage is indicated in the closing year of Venus Bhukti.

Q. The native was married in November 1986. She had a daughter in October 1987. Eversince her marriage she has been ill-treated by the husband, even physically also. After the baby came she left him and has now sought divorce. What does her chart say?

Born 7-7-1960 at 1.00 noon.

K. V. R., Indore

	MARS		SUN VENUS
KETU	RASI		MERC. (R)
			RAHU
SAT.(R) JUPIT.(R) MOON			ASCDT.

	SUN MOON JUPIT.(R)	VENUS KETU	
	NAVAMSA		
			MERC.
	RAHU	SAT.(R)	MARS ASCDT.

Ans: The 7th house has a Papakartari Yoga. the 7th lord Jupiter in 4th is retrograde and in a mutually adverse position from Lagna lord Mercury. The same picture repeats with reference to the Moon-sign and the 7th lord from it. Venus, the *karaka*, is with the Sun in a common sign aspected by malefic Saturn (R) also from a common sign.

The developments right from marriage have fallen within the time-frame of Saturn's passage on the 12th and 1st signs from natal Moon. The Dasa is of the Sun who is the 12th lord from Lagna and afflicted by Saturn and in turn afflicting Venus. All these factors do not seem to indicate a reconciliation. The divorce may come through.

The native would do better to build her career rather than pursue marriage a second time.

Q. We have been making earnest efforts during the past 10 years or slightly more and would have considered, without exaggeration, more than 500 horoscopes. Yet our daughter remains unmarried—the match, every time, fizzles out for some reason or the other. Please look into her chart.

Born 14/15-2-1956 at 3.09 a.m.

S. No. 11281

VENUS MOON			KETU
SUN	RASI		
MERC.			JUPIT.(R)
ASCDT.	RAHU MARS SAT.		

MARS		JUPIT.(R)	ASCDT.
MERC.	NAVAMSA		KETU
RAHU			
		VENUS SUN	SAT. MOON

Ans: Ketu Dasa will run upto May 1993. Ketu is in the 12th from the 7th and is aspected by Mars (12th lord) and Saturn. His Dasa has to finish before marriage can take place. Even, then not much can be said for the quality of the match. Mars aspects the 7th house adversely. The Ascendant lord Jupiter and 7th lord Mercury are unhappily placed from each other—all factors that can hardly promise marital happiness. It is better you go ahead with your sons' marriages.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

A report of the lecture by the Editor delivered at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore on the 8th January 1990 and of Gayatri Devi Vasudev delivered at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore on 2nd January 1990 will be published in the next issue of the A.M. along with astrological activities covering the Seminars at Delhi, Erode, Hyd'bad and Rajahmundry.

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फलानि ग्रहचारेण सूचयन्ति मनीषिणः।
को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकम् वेधसम् विना॥

Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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PLANETS AND INDIAN AFFAIRS

THE Lok Sabha elections in November 1989 had all the excitement and trappings of a U.S. Presidential election. the contestants were vying for the prime-ter's post and not the presidential chair. Singh or Rajiv Gandhi was how the entire ns were spelt out by the common man he cast his all-important vote. And this w democracy emerge unscathed in one of most politically unpredictable peoples of the where only in the recent past democratic tions had taken a bad drubbing at the s of the Congress (I) Government.

all the parties which had until then been like cats and dogs displayed an unusual ly when they gracefully accepted the ver-of the voter. That even Rajiv Gandhi and his rators stepped back without a whimper the whole nation watched with crossed-s showed a deep awareness of the sanctity ocratic processes was yet alive and throb-the Indian psyche. Mutually antagonistic s, so far, readily extended support to V. P. to form the government. This vindication ocracy is largely the result of Venus Dasa in the Indian Independence chart (Chart s is the Lagna lord and therefore, a first-

The Bhukti of Venus in the Dasa of Venus points to the unfoldment of the psyche, the unfolding of oneself. In his Dasa, Venus as Lagna lord implies an assertiveness in the majority of a people steeped so far in a lethargic stupor. The Dasa of the shadowy Ketu had lulled the people into a spell of apathy to whatever the rulers did.

Lagna lord Venus shows one's origins, one's roots and a harkening back to the values offered by the rich heritage of the country. It highlights a process of revivalism, in slow but steady steps, of the glorious past of the country so far smothered in layers and layers of the dust of indifference and a craze for cheap imitation of the west.

Venus in his Bhukti has given a glimpse of these beginnings. As Lagna lord also he has proved his mettle by transferring responsibility from a coterie of arrogant politicians to a new government with a man of simple decency at its head.

The time at which V.P. Singh assumed office has a great bearing on the future of the government under him.

At first glance, the planetary arrangement (Chart 2) at the time of his swearing-in as prime-minister appears fairly satisfactory. The Ascendant is Aquarius, a fixed, philosophical sign which is associated, thankfully, with "democratic

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tendencies and finds its greatest power in solidarity and friendship of those of the same mind. The working capital of Aquarius is *brotherhood* which provides a constant inspiration to the workers when depressed. To an Aquarian all others are important and interesting.... Like all airy signs, Aquarius is ideal by nature, but more

		ASCDT. RAHU	MARS MANDI
	Chart 1 RASI		MOON SAT. VENUS MERC. SUN
	KETU	JUPIT.	

ASCDT RAHU SUN			JUPIT.
MERC. VENUS	NAVAMSA		
SAT.			MOON
MARS			KETU

even than the other three signs he tries to put his ideals into practice". The Navamsa falls in Sagittarius, another sign, which occupies itself with an ideal. Both signs are staid, sober, steady and incorporate in the new government and its functioning these virtues in strong contrast to the flighty, whimsical style of working of its predecessor.

The Lagna lord Saturn is in the 11th in Sagittarius again aspected by Jupiter. This combination gives the government idealism and also the confidence to reach its ideals and the understanding that all circumstances and units within it must cooperate for good. Saturn in Sagittarius has an another advantage, especially that it occurs in the 11th house ruling friends. It procures for the Government a large number of not only willing but also capable friends ready to help it overcome critical junctures. And of this, there will be plenty of evidence in the months from now to July 1991, especially.

Jupiter's aspect from the 5th on the Lagna and its ruler will let the winds of temperate reason and fairplay blow across the scene. However, the Lagna lord Saturn in a common sign aspecting Lagna in a fixed sign calls for caution and can make it fall into the opposite of only practicality. And this needs to be tempered so as to strike a balance between idealism and practicality to avoid serious damage to its image in the minds of the people.

also the 7th lord Sun and the two here make for a resourceful nature and an extraordinary will both of which will be necessary to thwart the attempts of manipulators ready to take advantage of problems in the country.

Both the 10th house and its occupants are hemmed in on either side by natural malefics which will seriously hinder the freedom of the Government to make decisions of import. The Moon in the 12th is another drawback. Venus is there, as also Rahu, the latter to be taken note of. These are flaws which could have been avoided for better results. These factors have already shown their influence in the circumstances of the birth of the Government. Firstly, in a well-meant and equally well-conceived manipulation to put V.P. Singh in the prime-minister's chair. Secondly, in the government's dependency for sheer survival on the support of parties with diametrically opposite ideologies and views.

			JUPIT.
ASCDT.	Chart 2 RASI		KETU
RAHU MOON VENUS			
SAT.	SUN MERC.	MARS	

KETU JUPIT. MERC.			MARS
	NAVAMSA		
MOON VENUS			
ASCDT. SUN			SAT. RAHU

Mars in the 9th house as 10th lord promotes the working of the Government on *dharmic* (honorable) lines. The dignity of Parliament and other august democratic institutions which had hitherto begun to wither under the Congress (I) rule will come in for a session of revival and rejuvenation. Mars, though in the 9th (which is the 12th from the 10th), is aspected by Jupiter and his sign-dispositor Venus, even if in the 12th, is *vargottama* supported by a *vargottama* Moon. The strong disposition of Venus as 9th lord (ruling *dharma*) will herald a new respect for the norms of democracy and a sincere regard for public welfare, both of which were missing in the former government.

Mercury and the Sun in the 10th reflect the quality of the prime-minister's team.

There are two vital issues that must be handled by the Government—secessionist demands and the Rama Janmabhoomi problem.

The Punjab and Kashmir problems have fea-

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being accepted as part of life with stoic resignation much in the same way as we do of a sore or carbuncle that does not respond to treatment. There is no way to identify Punjab or Kashmir in the horoscope of the Indian Independence (Chart 1) but both states form part of the family of Indian states. In this context, they come under the 2nd house (*kutumbasthana*) which comprises the family unit. Ketu Dasa has been long over and Ketu reflecting martian results and Mars in the 2nd let out rumblings against the parent body the country. Jupiter, however, aspects the 2nd this is a favourable indication that both Punjab and Kashmir will gradually cool down and leave the fabric of the country intact. And this applies other dissenting units that occasionally have the past and may in the future raise their with feeble cries for separation. Mars in the 2nd will allow an once-in-a-while whimper disgruntled states but without any splintering results.

We can also try the 4th house ruling land and if the country will lose territory which is what happen if the cry for Kashmir secession succeeds. The 4th house rules property, landed property and in a national chart, national territories. The 4th lord Sun is in the 12th from the 4th he is joined by the Lagna lord Venus, *yogakaraka* Saturn, 2nd and 5th lord Mercury as well sign-dispositor Moon. The Sun's position in the 12th from the 4th will give room for secessionactivity and apprehensions. But the same 4th joining as many as 3 functional benefics any fears on the Kashmiri issue. Jammu Kashmir, and mainly because Lagna lord joins 4th lord and Venus Dasa is running, continue to be an integral part of India. For same reason, the "Khalistan" demand may concretise.

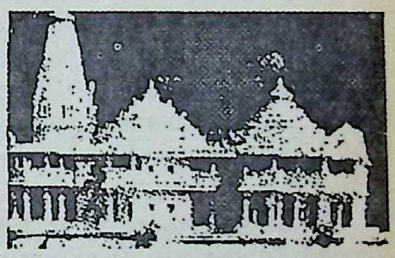
The period upto mid-April 1990 may be particularly significant in this regard and may require the new Government to to be extra-vigilant the Indo-Pak borders. Mars and Rahu conjoin Scorpio in the last week of March 1990 and conjunction has reference to the 3rd house in 1. Heightened tensions and hostility may off border skirmishes with Pakistan, although there may be no war itself in the real corn is indicative of sustained psychological war-mania in Pakistani leaders. Her insidious designs over Punjab and Kashmir will be forcefully met thanks to the Lagna lord Saturn (Chart 2) occupying the fiery sign Sagittarius.

The Rama Janmabhoomi issue is another important matter that will need attention. According to reports, exactly on the dot of 1-35 p.m. on November 10, 1989 a senior member of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and a former Director General of Police is said to have lowered the first brick symbolically to mark the construction of the temple.

MOON			JUPIT.	JUPIT. KETU		SUN MERC.	
ASCDT	Chart 3 RASI		KETU	ASCDT	NAVAMSA		VENUS
RAHU				MARS			
VENUS SAT.		SUN MARS MERC.			MOON		RAHU SAT.

The Lagna (Chart 3) is again Aquarius, a spiritual sign, fixed and *vargottama*, emphasising the religious sentiment of thousands of Hindus focussing on this point after years of nebulous uncertainty. That the Lagnas in both Chart 2 and Chart 3 come under the same sign Aquarius is a reassuring sign of steady and silent cooperation from the Government.

In Chart 1, Venus is the Lagna lord joining the 5th lord Mercury and aspecting the 9th or house of *dharma*. Naturally this Dasa can be expected to be helpful to the construction of the Ayodhya Temple. It may sound far-fetched but nevertheless no unusual coincidence that the backlash of the majority people began to gyrate round the issue of the Sri Rama temple just as Venus Dasa began with Venus in Cancer, the same sign attributed to Lord Rama.



The Moon too in Chart 3 is in a sign of spiritual growth, Pisces, free from blemish of any kind. The malefics Mars, Sun, Mercury and Saturn are all safely placed in *upachayas* and what is more, Jupiter's trinal aspect on Lagna and Lagna lord

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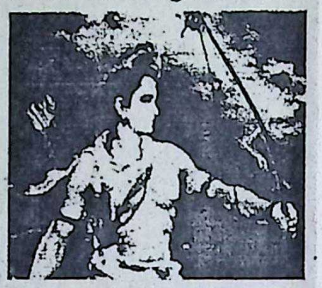
fully selected safeguards that help to take the digging to its logical conclusion. The exact conjunction of the Sun with Mercury in the 9th may make all intellectuals sit up and think and enlist their support also. The only disturbing factor is the *mrityu panchaka*. Everything has a price and the towers of the temple may swallow up some lives before finally emerging to stand out against the sky of this hallowed city.

Talking of minority and majority elements which is but another name for religion in our country, Venus as 9th lord with Rahu and the Moon (Chart 2) is an indication that religious sentiments will continue to influence politics *vis-a-vis* public sentiment. The Rama Janmabhoomi issue will dominate the scene if the horoscope (Chart 3) for the laying of the foundation-stone or the Ram Shila Puja is any indication.



Coming back to Chart 2, the Moon and Venus in Uttarashadha and Rahu joining them from Dhanishta ruled by Mars and the whole lot aspected by Mars could indicate unrest and riots in the capital and loss of foodgrains and property through acts of violence and rampage especially during the coming 15 months as Rahu moves close to the Moon in Chart 2, which will also carry transit Saturn after March 1990. Since 9th lord Venus is afflicted by both Rahu and Mars, North India, especially around Ayodhya, may see an outburst of emotions going haywire leading to major disturbances of law and order and carrying heavy streaks of violence and death.

Mercury, *vidyakaraka* as also 5th lord, is afflicted by a Papakartari Yoga and shows educational institutions and the teaching and student population may suffer setbacks and unexpected upheavals.

The first 3 months of 1991 are likely to be marked by certain developments which may not only further tarnish the image of the previous incumbent, but also adversely affect his future political career.

The 10th house coming under a Papakartari Yoga cautions against mutual antagonism amongst ministers leading to high voltage tension especially about the time of Saturn-Rahu conjunction in January 1991.

According to classical texts "the belt of the country between Punjab and Nepal (included) will be especially beset by increase in crime against women and boys.

"The Sun, ruling royalty, is also affected by Mars and Saturn flanking him and warns of difficulties besetting princely families as also personnel of the defence and police forces.

'Rains may be scanty and famine may cause much hardship in different pockets of the country.

"Bengal and Varanasi may face major problems, political as also natural."

Venus, *karaka* for women, is also the *yoga karaka* and he is *vargottama*. As 9th lord he also rules religion. He is with the 6th lord *vargottama* Moon. Religion has been, to a large extent, a weapon to discriminate against women. The law, despite the constitutional fundamental guarantee of the equality of the sexes, has been far from secular in its dispensation of justice to women. This is painfully true of non-Hindu laws of divorce. Displacing all these inequities by a uniform civil code is just not possible in one term of Parliament but the stage may be set for it. Attempts to bring in reform in family laws will begin to emerge under the new Government. Rahu also joins Venus and the Moon, and this may create obstacles particularly from those sections of the minorities that have a fundamentalistic and fanatical approach.

Perhaps Jupiter's aspect on the 9th house (legislature) taken together with Venus' strength involving the 6th lord Moon (judiciary) may be the indicator of humane laws gradually replacing unjust secular(?) laws in the country during the period of Venus Dasa with a beginning being made under the V.P. Singh Government.

Thanks to Jupiter's trinal aspect and Saturn's favourable influence on Lagna, people can look forward to a more straightforward government. However, a subtle element of appeasement of minority elements cannot be ruled out *ipso facto* in some major decisions and matters because of the Moon and Rahu occupying the same sign. But the strong disposition of the Dasa lord will ensure that the majority will no more be a neglected child.

The 12th house has an affliction from an afflicted Moon aspected by Mars. This can create strong notes of dissent from within the government itself against the leadership. And this gives the Papakartari Yoga on the 10th house unwanted but effective support to hurt where it strikes most. Treacherous designs may prove fatal

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portance of Astrology

IN THE course of a special lecture delivered at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore, DR. B. V. RAMAN, Editor, THE ASTROL MAGAZINE underscored the need for an open frank admission of the proved usefulness of logy in the day-to-day life of people.

Ramakrishna Hegde, former Chief Minister rnataka and Deputy Chairman of the Plan- Commission, presided.

RAMAN pointed out that scepticism, thanks thinking borrowed from the West, which was shion of the day, was not even skin-deep in of the cases. The high and the low whatever deological trappings, did consult astrologers en little things of life but what was hypocriti- but it was the air of scoffing that some of them on some public occasions. Such an attitude of the well known Kannada proverb *sankata- ga Venkataramana* — when in distress pray Venkateswara.

the course of his 70-minute lecture, DR. RAMAN kaleidoscopic survey of ancient Indian ethos, velopment of science, arts and philosophy, egration of Astrology into an individual's fabric and the indifference of many of the scientists to examine objectively and with our great scientific heritage of which natu- yotisha forms an important limb.

RAMAN described the intellectual ferment in India that spawned a wide array of disci- for which there was no parallel in the world. the scientific temper that informed Astrol- it took the latest scientific discoveries to how amazingly modern was the temper and of the ancient Indian astrological findings culates.

DR. RAMAN deplored that despite such overwhelming evidence in support of the pragmatic nature of Astrology, the powers that be in India adopted a cavalier attitude towards it. They did not mind the admitted wastage of colossal funds on fanciful schemes such as futurology.

DR. RAMAN likened the double-faced attitude of some of our so-called "intellectuals" to the ungrateful railery directed against a good-natured step-mother whose unfailing services the step-children availed themselves of but missed no opportunity to warn that after all she was a step-mother.

To the powers that be, DR. RAMAN posed the question as to what prevented them from including in their researches well-known astrological methods including astro-meteorological items for research and verification. This was strange indeed in view of the undoubted fact that Astrology down the ages had proved its usefulness to generations of Indians on most occasions of life.

DR. RAMAN congratulated Mr. N. T. Rama Rao, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, for introducing *Jyotisha* in the B.A. class in Telugu University and hoped the present Chief Minister Dr. M. Channa Reddy, himself a lover of Astrology and a man of bold thinking who never minced matters in upholding the validity of Astrology, would see to it that *Jyotisha* became a subject in the M.A. class also.

DR. RAMAN felt sorry that the great initiative taken by Mr. Govind Narain, a Governor of Karnataka, by way of having a post-graduate diploma course in Astrology in the Karnataka University was discontinued by a Vice-Chancellor who wanted to demonstrate his "progressive outlook". DR. RAMAN criticised the attitude of Bangalore University in giving undue importance to the fiction

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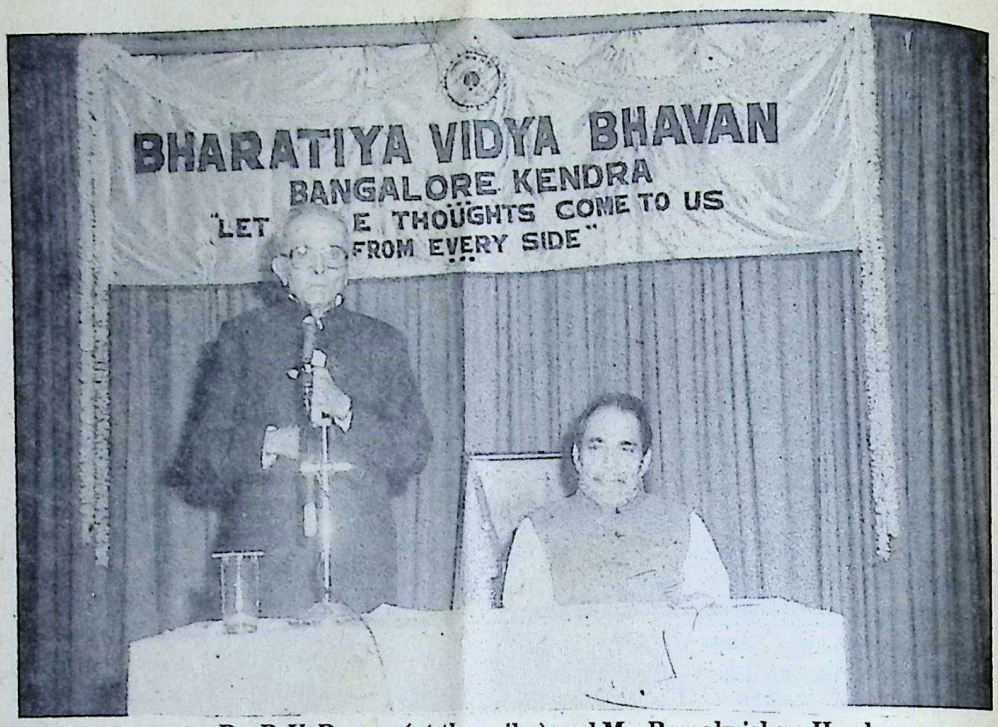

Dr. B. V. Raman (at the mike) and Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde

called "Futurology" while adopting a studied indifference towards the hoary science of Astrology. DR. RAMAN emphasised that Astrology was the most comprehensive of sciences concerned with humanity in all its aspects and that it merited the serious attention of all those interested in the well-being of mankind.

Concluding DR. RAMAN appealed to Mr. Hegde to divert some funds for research in Astrology under the auspices of one of the national laboratories in India.

In his presidential speech, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde said that Astrology was a science and there was no doubt about that. Astrology, Ayurveda and other aspects of our ancient culture had been neglected, largely due to an inferiority complex the rulers had been able to drill into the minds of Indians during the British days. Astrology had immense relevance to modern problems and was an amazing science which could break through the barriers of time. He recounted to the audience an incredible prediction when Sanjay Gandhi had been killed in an aircrash which had been made in the Central Hall of Parliament by an M.P., Murali Manohar Joshi, hailing from a family of astrologers, that an accident that was to occur within 48 hours would leave Mrs. Gandhi shattered.

Mr. Hegde said he hoped DR. RAMAN's crusade for Astrology would awaken our people to its greatness as a science. He said DR. RAMAN was not only a great scholar but an excellent human being. Humility which rarely went with erudition and simple living and high thinking were what distinguished DR. RAMAN said Mr. Hegde concluding his presidential remarks.

Earlier the welcome speech was delivered by Mr. G. K. V. Rao, Chairman of Bangalore Kendra and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Krishna Murty.

Astrology and Pseudo Scientific Temper

"Astrology is a term that is much maligned and misrepresented by certain elements calling themselves rationalists, wearing the mask of so called scientific temper. There is really no trace of scientific temper in their approach and this can only be called "pseudo scientific temper", said Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev.

She was delivering a lecture at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore, on 2-1-1992.

Justice Sri A. R. Somnatha Iyer, former Chief Justice and Governor of Karnataka, was in the chair. DR. B. V. RAMAN and Smt. Rajeswari Raman were also present.

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tistical Methods in rology

E.O Carter is a name to reckon with in modern Astrology in the West. s done pioneer work in a few branches. His contri- to mundane Astrology is today and his book *Astro- f Accidents*, a working model tistical research on the t.

the latter work he discusses ses of accidents with full d of such variety as as- , drowning, burns, scalds, ts, wounds, cuts, vehicu- , machinery, animals etc. ing collected them, he has ed the horoscopical data use-wise (b) sign-planet- and (c) elongation or as- ise.

this effort to ascertain the gical effects of accident- , he began as an icono- ended as a devotee.

es he in the introduction: phorisms and rules that been handed down to us the ancients on this ques- ay be ruthlessly thrown as worthless or nearly so". he started analysing the statements, he discovered to his chagrin large divergences between his assumptions and the facts.

He then slided into this position: "If this (his assumption) is supported by tradition, we have a two-fold foundation for our thesis;" and if "statistics produce a result that appears to have no traditional support, we ought to demand a very strong statistical case," but "if statistics and tradition concur, then we need not exact so high a frequency."

After full analysis and findings he warns: "A weak point in statistical work is that it actually dissects a map while actually it exists as a whole and has no real meaning except as a whole. Thus we may say, as those given above, they incline to accident. But such position as shown, is in isolation in which they never exist. They can even cancel each other!" He concludes: "In paying all due attention to statistics we must nevertheless not be blind to the limitations of such methods."

Where he errs totally is in this statement: "Tradition, as a rule, is founded on principle; for it was in this way that astrological knowledge has been handed down; not till modern times has the statistical method been developed; our forefathers neither could nor desired to use such a process."

Let me explain. It is common knowledge that any principle by itself is a child of empiricism, arriving after a period of gestation, nurtured by observation, later docketing and codification, and even incubation if need be, which in turn becomes a tradition attested by ratification, usage and gradual updating.

And the seers of India who could plot the course of stars and planets accurate to the second to the extent of correctly predicting events like the eclipses and seasons thousands of years ago, and who could master all the four *Vedas* and 18 *Puranas*, and what not by rote and, recall at split second any passage on demand any time, must be credited with a super method of statistical analysis (aren't our brains the super computer *par excellences*) by which they could arrive at the "principle" compared to which the modern statistical methods are pea-nuts.

And if we advocate statistical methods that are puny compared to those of the ancients' even today, it is because it still is a pale shadow of that method, the

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only one left to us, and even at that level, can help consolidate our knowledge of the subject gained through tradition, peripherally, but which can never dream to replace tradition.

Enthusiasts of statistical methods should never lose sight of this fact.

Sivaratri

A senior professor of Astronomy from Hyderabad provides a novel explanation for the observance of Sivaratri by the Hindus.

The traditional explanation provided by *Padma Purana* is that Siva incarnated Himself on earth in Linga form on Magha-*krishna-chaturdasi* with the object of helping humanity wash its sins by worshipping Him by fasts etc. annually on that day. In principle, therefore Maha-Sivaratri is His annual birth-day (Vardhanti) and the monthly Sivaratris are his monthly birthdays.

Our professor has an astronomical explanation. It is common knowledge that, after the full-moon day, the moon rises about 50 minutes later per day. On the 14th (Sivaratri) day it rises at the horizon about an hour earlier than the Sun; thus, the crescent moon will appear rising on the head of the rising Sun, together looking like Shiva wearing the crescent moon on His Head!

Distinguishing the Maha-Sivaratri from the monthly Sivaratri, he says Maha Sivaratri connotes one of a longer duration. Currently, Maha Sivaratri occurs on or about February 26 ±15 days, but if it occurs near the Winter Solistice, it will be of longer duration. December 26 ± 15 days provides that occasion, which must be the epoch when the phenomenon could have been so christened. Astronomically that epoch corresponds to 2600 B.C. ± 1600 years which is the period of the Indus Valley Civilization, when Siva was a prominent diety. Consequently, he says, the concept of Maha Sivaratri could have originated there. Now the Sun would have been during that period at Krittika at the vernal Equinox. And as Kritikadi prevailed during the *Yajur-veda* times, the *Yajurveda* too must belong to that era and the later Siddhantis adopted Kritikadi from that epoch! True or not, here is food for thought.

Nivritti

A reader wants to know how the formulae propounded by Prithuyasas in his work *Shatpanchasika* for solving problems by *prasna* in Verse 2 of Chapter 1, work and in particular *Nivritti*—as to how it could be used in a variety of contexts.

I am happy to be of help to this reader because, this verse holds the key for answering myraid questions that commonly confront an astrologer.

Let me quote the verse first:

च्युतिर्विलग्ना द्विवुकाच्च वृद्धि -
र्मध्यात्प्रवासोऽस्तमयान्निवृत्तिः।

On the face of it, it seeks to provide answers to questions relating to the movement of a person. The formulas are *Chyuti* for change of place (or job), *Vriddhi* for well-being of the event; *Pravasa* for going abroad or away and *Nivritti* for return. I shall start with *Nivritti*.

Prithyusas has used the term in the sense of return of a person from other countries; but Bhattotpala in his commentary on this verse has given us the clue for answering a number of questions from it. In fact, in Kerala *Nivritti* is deemed as the *sine qua non* for success of an operation undertaken on astrological advice.

Now, the work *Nivritti* besides meaning return, has many other connotations often met with in day-to-day Prasna. They are: resignation, rest, felicity, prevention, not binding, completion etc. Its antonym is *Pravritti!*

Before proceeding to explain the usage, let me provide the infrastructure for its solution in the words of Bhattotpala.

सप्तमस्थानस्य चरराश्यात्मकत्वात्
पापग्रहदर्शनयोगाच्च न प्रवास निवृत्तिः
अन्यथा
स्वामि सौम्य ग्रहदर्शनयोगाच्च निवृत्तिः

In other words, *Nivritti* in all its connotations should be declared in the negative when the 7th house from the Prasna Lagna is moveable, occupied and/or aspected by functional malefics and, in the positive when *not* moveable, occupied and aspected by own lord or by functional benefics.

Suppose a person gets the answer that a disease is not likely to be cured in the earlier part of the *prasna*, then the astrologer as the next step will prescribe remedial measures, based on the source of affliction. Its follow-up will be the next question: will that ailment be cured by those measures? For the answer to this question, the 7th house must be examined using the *Nivritti* formula.

Earlier, the 4th house should be examined for *Vriddhi* i.e., improvement or favourable turn and the formula for the same according to Bhattotpala is as follows: Should the 4th house be occupied or aspected by benefics *Vriddhi* should be the answer, and the opposite when not so. Should this test prove in the negative alone, we proceed to *Nivritti*.

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Mrs. Sophia Tenbroeck, the spirit behind the ...d cultural activities of this noted Institute, ...med the gathering.

Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev pointed out that the ...lled rationalists had a field day decrying ...logy and this menace could be stopped only by ...rstanding what Astrology was in the first ...e. Many people tended to confuse Astrology ... a whole lot of things such as numerology, ...al gazing, tarot cards etc., which really had ...ing to do with the science.

Mrs. Vasudev said that Astrology was a science ...edom and choices. Those who really did not ...rstand its vast scope and the range it allowed ...on one's life and resources dubbed it as fata-...

...Astrology was both art and science.

Ordinary intuition and sensory perception which ...e tools of gaining knowledge were not infallible ...d Astrology sometimes fell in the range of knowl-... quite beyond these two. Lambasting the claim ...-called rationalists (some officially designated ...ists included), Mrs. Vasudev showed how ... claims to omniscience and their premises that ...on sense was all, were untenable. She ex-...ed at length how impossible it was to under-... even a grain of salt in its ultimate details in ...present state of knowledge. When such was the ...how could anyone claim to have understood all ...Universe which was what the rationalist did ...n be poohpoohed Astrology, she asked.

Some of the rationalists and men of pseudo-...ntific temper who claimed they had tested ...logy were misleading people because when ...ioned they themselves betrayed ignorance of even the fundamentals of the subject. Mrs. Vasudev recounted her sad experience at a meeting when a noted astrophysicist made an irresponsible statement condemning Astrology without even trying to understand its basics. Many of those who professed to be "scientific" in outlook were really obscurantists tied down by the shackles of their own bias, ignorance and mis-conceptions regarding Astrology.

Einstein too had his share of ridicule and persecution in the hands of some scientists in Germany. It was therefore no surprise if orthodox scientists took upon themselves the obsessive task to run down Astrology, said Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev.

A section of the Audience

No scientist of intellectual honesty and objectivity had ever investigated Astrology. Astrology and its validity could be understood only when bias was shed and the subject was approached with humility, concluded Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev.

She thanked Mr. Anand Kundaji, Secretary of the Institute, a man who has keen interest in Astrology and ancient Indian culture for having taken the intitiative on arranging the lecture at this Institute.

In his presidential remarks Justice Somnath Iyer, a scholar of Sanskrit, Astrology and Vedanta and a legal luminary, called upon scientists to keep an open mind in judging Astrology. He said at one point of time scientists had protested against including law in the category of sciences but now law too was known as a science. He quoted extensively from *Vidya Madhaveeyam* on the role and qualifications of an astrologer and extolled the importance of the subject. He said he was happy to bless the young speaker on her maiden lecture at this cultural centre.

Mr. Sophia Tenbroeck proposed a vote of thanks.

L-R: L-Mrs Gayatri Devi Vasudev (at the mike), Justice A. R. Somnath Iyer, Dr. B. V. Raman and Smt. Rajeswari Raman

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Astrological Miscellany

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(In this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed astrologically. They may be about anything - birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, weather, animals and the list is endless - so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are invited to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa to ***Astrological Miscellany,*** *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)*

Intriguing Hostility

"RIGHT from my school days until I got married I have spent my life in hostels. It was after my marriage that I started living in Calcutta, not in the city proper but on the outskirts. Wherever I stayed in Calcutta I found that after a few days or months the neighbours would become hostile and unnecessarily interested in me and my family. They would spread rumours, pass comments, become too inquisitive about what we do and say without our least interference in their matters. We do not even get acquainted with many of the neighbours. We always try to be nice to them. Ultimately we become the laughing stock of the area and the environment becomes so bad and embarrassing that at the end we are forced to leave the house and go to another place. During my six years' stay in Calcutta I have had to shift my house 3 times.

"I was so relieved when I got a job at Nagpur. I thought that all this would be over and would start afresh with some peace. But at Nagpur also I am experiencing the same thing. We might have to shift from our present house in the near future after staying here only for one and a half years, due to the neighbours' unfriendly and hostile attitude towards us. We have not done anything untoward to any of them nor picked a quarrel with any of them. It is not all the neighbours but some 2 or 3 persons who do the work of spreading rumours about us.

"I would be grateful if you kindly throw some astrological light on this, whether it has got something to do with our planets and the real cause behind all this" says reader Monimay Bose of Nagpur.

Wife: Born 21-9-1955. *Rasi:* Libra - Ascendant and Saturn; Scorpio - the Moon; Sagittarius - Rahu; Gemini - Ketu; Cancer - Jupiter; Leo - Mars; and Virgo - Sun, Venus and Mercury. *Navamsa:* Aquarius - Ascendant and the Sun; Pisces - Jupiter; Aries - Rahu and Venus; Taurus - Saturn; Cancer - the Moon; Virgo - Mercury; and Libra - Ketu and Mars.

Husband: Born 24-8-1951. *Rasi:* Aries - Ascendant; Taurus - Moon; Cancer - Mars; Leo - the Sun, Venus and Mercury; Virgo - Saturn; Aquarius - Rahu; and Pisces - Jupiter. *Navamsa:* Scorpio - Ascendant; Capricorn - Jupiter; Pisces - Saturn, Rahu and Moon; Gemini - Sun and Mercury; Leo - Venus; and Virgo - Ketu.

Nodes and Neighbours

Neighbours and the neighbourhood come under the 3rd house in the extended interpretation of 'environment'. Afflictions to the 3rd house can create problems relating to neighbours such as nosey neighbours, indifferent neighbours or sometimes positively hostile neighbours.

Reader Bose's chart has Saturn aspecting 3rd house and the 3rd lord in the 5th with Ketu. The 3rd lord Mercury is caught between malefics

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...s and Saturn on either side in a Papakartari ...e. In the wife's chart, Rahu in the 3rd creates ...ular affliction. Remarkably coincidental is the ...d lord Jupiter's affliction by Ketu and Mars ...ting it. Naturally, relations with neighbours ...g to go off at a tangent for no apparent reason. ...In both charts, Jupiter influences the 3rd house ...m the respective Chandra Lagna (Moon-sign) ...ch is a happy indication that with a change in ...ts and transits, the neighbourhood reader Bose ...s to next can be friendly.

The Last Chance

A defence services officer plans to take up an ...remely important professional career examina... in April 1990. If he does not clear it then, he ...one more chance in April 1991.

Born 23-1-1957. *Rasi:* Virgo - Ascendant and ...er (R); Libra - Moon; Scorpio - Saturn and ...Sagittarius - Mercury and Venus; Capricorn ...Aries - Mars; and Taurus - Ketu. *Navamsa:* ...s - Ascendant; Cancer - Rahu; Virgo - Mer... Libra - Venus; Sagittarius - Saturn; Capri... - Ketu; Pisces - Jupiter; and Aries - Sun and ... with a balance of 16 years, 8 months and 8 ...s of Jupiter Dasa at birth.

The Ascendant Virgo has Jupiter in it in a ...rful exchange of signs with Lagna lord Mer... Mercury, in turn, is also the 10th lord joining ...e Venus and both these planets aspect the ...h house powerfully. This indicates career dis...tion and success especially in Mercury and the ...s thereafter.

Saturn Dasa which is now running will finish in ...ary 1992. The current Bhukti is the last ...ti in this Dasa nd can give some setbacks. ...petitive tests come under the 5th house as...d by Bhukti lord Jupiter as well as Rahu. ...fore, because of the inherent strength of the ...house, in spite of *Dasa - chidra*, the native ...succeed in the exam after an initial reversal.

...me Work (*A.M.*, October 1989)

...dless Forever

Reader Ramavarman writes "The couple has ...hope of ever becoming parents.

In the male horoscope *karaka* Jupiter is situa... the *putrabhava*, the 5th. Jupiter is also a ...malefic for Taraus Lagna. He is further ...ed by the *maraka* Mars. From the Moon also ...h house is afflicted by Mars and Jupiter. The ...s form the Lagna and Moon, namely Mer... Jupiter, are respectively afflicted by the ...d Mars. In the Navamsa also the 5th house from Lagna is afflicted by Mars and the 5th house from Moon is afflicted by Mars.

"In the female horoscope the 5th lord is afflicted by the Sun and the 5th lord from the Moon is afflicted by the *maraka* Moon. The 9th house of the female is also afflicted by Mars. In the Navamsa of the female the 5th house is afflicted by Saturn and the *kendra* lord Moon. The 5th lord is afflicted by Mercury, the lord of the 3rd and 6th, and the 8th lord Mars. In the Navamsa the 5th house from the Moon is also afflicted by Mars and Saturn and the 5th lord is also afflicted by them.

"In the circumstances the *vargottama* of Mercury, the 5th lord in the male horoscope, as also the *vargottama* of Jupiter in the 5th house and the *vargottama* of Mercury, the 9th lord in the female horoscope may not help the couple in the matter of progeny."

Santana Yoga

According to reader V. Ramakrishnaiah of Vijayawada "The 5th lord Mercury in the male chart posited in the 2nd in his own house in *vargottama* is associated with Yogakaraka Sun. The *karaka* for progeny Jupiter is in *vargottama* in the 5th house whose dispositor is very strong in the 2nd house. From the Moon the 5th lord who is also *karaka* Jupiter is aspecting his own house. Hence there is Santana Yoga. When?

"The 5th lord, *karaka* and the 5th house are all aspected by Mars. From the Moon Mars occupies the 5th house and aspects 5th lord Jupiter. As Mars is a Yogakaraka and occupies the 11th house, a watery sign, he cannot do much harm but can delay or cause abortion once. Lord Subrahmanyeswara is to be propitiated.

"He is now running the major period of the Sun who is associated with 5th lord Mercury in his own house. *Karaka* Jupiter is well posited in *vargottama* in the 5th house whose dispositer is very strong. Hence we can expect a child in Sun major, Jupiter sub-period in the early part of 1991.

"The 5th lord Venus in the female chart is posited in his own constellation in the 4th house with Yogakaraka Mercury. His dispositor is in a friendly house. *Karaka* Jupiter is in the 2nd house aspected by full Moon. Its dispositor is in his own house. From the Moon, Jupiter owns the 5th house and is in the 2nd house. Hence Santana Yoga is present.

"The 5th lord is in the house of Mars. From the Moon, the 5th lord and *karaka* Jupiter is hemmed between Mars and Saturn. Mars influences the 5th house here also.

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"The lady is now running the major period of the Moon. The Moon is in the constellation of Venus and is aspected by Jupiter. The sub-period of Jupiter (who is 5th lord from the Moon and *karaka* for children) may give a child in the first half of the year 1991."

No Blighting Factor

Reader Ramakrishnaiah's analysis sounds convincing. Jupiter, though in the 5th house, is not a blighting influence on his signification of progeny. The aspect of Mars on a host of factors related to progeny can give a mishap in the form of abortion but not deny issue. As Jupiter transits through Cancer between mid-1990 and mid-1991, he may help the couple beget an issue.

Maritally Marooned

"Here is a very interesting case. The chart particulars are of a man whose marital life was completely destroyed twice. The date of marriage was 5th June 1963. The wife expired on 19-11-1982 after a long sickness since June 1971. After a long gap the man got married again on 27-1-1989. But suddenly this wife also passed away on 2-4-1989.

"It may be mentioned incidentally that both wives died of heart failure.

"Born on 4-11-1942 at 7.00 p.m. (IST) at 26 N 46, 83 E 22. *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant and Saturn (R); Cancer - Jupiter; Leo - the Moon and Rahu; Libra - Mars, Venus, Mercury and the Sun; and Aquarius - Ketu. *Navamsa:* Gemini - Ascendant, Saturn (R) and Rahu; Cancer - Jupiter; Libra - Mercury; Scorpio - the Moon; Sagittarius - Ketu and Mars; Aquarius - Venus; and Pisces.- the Sun with a balance of 9 months and 27 days of Venus Dasa at birth.

"The lord of the 7th house Mars is badly posited in the 6th. The 7th is aspected by Saturn. In Navamsa the 7th is occupied by Ketu and Mars. From Moon-sign 7th is also occupied by Ketu and aspected by Saturn. From *karaka* Venus, Saturn is posited in the 8th aspected by Mars. Rahu in the 4th is also a sign of unhappiness. These combinations perhaps destroyed the conjugal life of the native", says reader P. K. Chakrabarti of Kharagpur.

Sixth Strong, Seventh Weak

Reader Chakravarti thinks it could be the Mars-Venus combination that could have led to a second marriage.

Saturn is close to the Lagna point and is retrograde. Saturn in Lagna is never a welcome factor since it causes long-drawn problems in life that may defy solution. That is but one of the reasons.

Four planets in the 6th which is the house of loss as far as marital life is concerned is another reason that failed to support marital life.

Jupiter, Useless?

A review of all houses that are relevant to family life will help understand the case better. The 2nd house is relatively free of affliction. The Moon and Rahu are strong malefics in the 4th house. The 4th lord is in the 6th with Mars, Mercury and Venus, all of whom are therefore combust. The 7th lord is combust, *karaka* Venus is combust. Both join the spineless Mercury in the 6th house.

From the Moon-sign, the picture is no better. The 7th lord Saturn is retrograde in the 10th dampening from there the 4th house (*sukhasthana*). The 4th lord Mars is afflicted and ill-placed from the 4th house. Jupiter aspects the 7th house from Lagna, the 4th from the Moon-sign and occupies the 12th from the Moon-sign. Why has he proved useless? Write to us before 15-4-1990.

Accident or Suicide (*A.M.*, May 1989)

The reader who sent us details of the tragic suicide case (*A.M.* , May 1989) sends in more details of the family.

"I am giving you the horoscopes of the parents of the same girl who was the youngest. Her eldest brother suffered from schizophrenia in 1980, the shock of which gave agitated depression to the mother. The girl was nursing the mother and she got affected. In September 1984 the mother had to be put in the asylum for some time. This is what gave a final blow and the girl found a way to end her misery. The parents had very humble beginnings. Life remained a hard fight. But they were able to raise 2 sons and 2 daughters. The eldest son recovered and returned to his duty as an engineer in 1981. The second son did his Ph.D. and proceeded abroad (USA) in 1978. The daughter, M.Sc., became a lecturer for 5 years' and married a judicial magistrate on 22-2-1985. And this girl expired on 16-4-1985."

Father: Born 22-11-1925 at 6-27 p.m. (IST) at Allahabad. *Rasi:* Gemini - Ascendant 10-40; Cancer - Rahu 5-40; Libra - Mars 13-17 and Saturn 25-47; Scorpio - Mercury 28-57 and Sun 7-02; Sagittarius - Venus 24-09 and Jupiter 27-46; Capricorn - Ketu 5-40; and Aquarius - the Moon 0-26 with a balance of 3 years, 3 months and 9 days of Mars Dasa at birth.

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Can Scriptural Hymns Cure Cancer?*

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Methodology

IN THIS new method of treating diseases the patient's unrectified bio-radiations in the form of radio frequencies are fed into an electronic rectifier. After the rectification, the rectified radio waves are passed back to the patient through his defective acupuncture points. The technical explanation of these instruments is beyond the scope of this paper. However, suffice to say that a healthy person does not emit high frequency waves at the acupoints due to their low electrical impedance. If any organ is defective or diseased the acupoints concerned with their specified organs are affected. The microcirculation of these neutro-transmitters gets blocked resulting in high resistance in the acupoints. Owing to the increased resistance, bio-electromagnetic waves are generated. The chronological biorhythms are disturbed subsequently.

Biorhythms Concept

Biorhythms are the basic characteristics of all living organisms. These rhythm-alterations occur in organisms with a supersonic speed. The synchronised nature of different rhythms in the organism creates a harmonious system establishing a perfect homeostasis. The pioneering author of this paper discovered that the biorhythms in man exist in the form of high frequency electromagnetic waves. These strictly rapid momentary signals last only for a thousandth of a fraction of a second and their voltage is several million fractions of a volt. With the help of this newly invented instruments the author studied and recorded the biorhythms in the form of bio-electromagnetic waves over the defective acupoints.

Bio-energy Concept

The bio-energy or "Chi" makes a complete circuit in all the meridians in 24 hours attaining a peak level for two hours in each meridian. During this process the radio-wave patterns are altered when the energy changes from one meridian to another meridian. It is observed that energy remains at peak level between 8 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. During these peak hours the energy is found highly active over St-36, and small intestine 3 acupoints. The digestion and absorption of the food will be very quick during this period. Taking vitamins, antibiotics between this peak level of the energy produces an optimum therapeutic effect. But antihistamine drugs, steroids and anabolic drugs have greater absorption between 2 to 4 p.m. However, the energy antihistamine anabolic distributions remain variable between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Further the author has observed that the biorhythm curve goes down to the lowest level from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. At this period the energy is circulating in gall-blad-

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der and liver meridians. The working capacity of the person is found to be the lowest during this period. This is corroborated by the fact that the Russian scientists have noticed more automobile accidents occurring during this period at night. When drivers were warned to be extravigilant during this hour of the night the accident rate was nearly halved. After this period Brahma Muhurtam commences.

Holy Quran

The *Quran* is the scripture of the Muslims. The contents are in the form of Arabic poetry. When the verses are recited accurately with correct intonation in a melodious voice it produces tranquillity of mind in both the recitor and the listeners. The *Quran* speaks of its usefulness in curing the sickness of the mind and body. The author used selected verses from various chapters in treating different types of diseases and particularly the first 21 verses from 36th chapter (*Yasin*) and discovered the curative effect in the treatment of different types of cancer. After 8 years' research the author is convinced of the definite healing effect of *Quranic* hymns in cancer and other diseases (diabetes, hypertension, brain tumors, functional cardiac disorders, migraine, renal failure, chronic skin diseases, etc.

Holy Bhagavad Geetha

The author also employed hymns from *Srimad Bhagavad Geetha* (Chapters 8, 9 and 16) which are found to have a remarkable curative effect in mental retardation, musculo-skeletal disorders and epilepsy. It is inferred by this research that the feeding of these hymns in the form of radiowaves through the defective acupoints results in the cure of diseases as a consequence of biophysical and biochemical changes in the body at the cell level resetting the cellular elements to function harmoniously. It is inferred that this treatment resets the physiology of erring oncogenes and prevents uncontrolled protein synthesis in cancer.

Mechanism of Cure

It is interesting to find that all cancer patients treated with RFA invariably emit radio-frequencies at the fire and water element points in all the meridians. However, the frequencies vary from person to person according to their general condition. When the patients are treated through these points using their own rectified bio-oscillations coupled with the hymns of *Quran* a definite beneficial change in them, namely, immense relief of pain is experienced much quicker than through the use of the most potent analgesics. This indicates that the body endorphins are quickly released in the brain by *Quranic* radio-frequency acupuncture treatment.

The cheerful attitude, improved appetite and the intense desire for living and getting cured may be a state of euphoria caused by the biosteroids in the body. The fall in the blood pressure, sugar, cholesterol level are also the indication of developing autonervo immunity in the body owing to this treatment. It is found cancer patients live longer cheerfully, and fight the disease heroically after this treatment, while, patients treated conventionally with surgery, radiation and chemotherapy were denied these benefits and were greatly disappointed.

Prewarning of Diseases

Every illness needs time to develop. Our body and the reactions of the various life processes are constantly exposed to all kinds of inflictions and disturbances. The body can cope with many insults by itself before the cells or cell compounds are damaged. When this happens we usually react with a slight uneasiness to which we attribute no major significance. Only when a large number of cells is destroyed does our body react with clinically manifest symptoms and we feel sick. In any case the least infliction causes energetic alterations.

These energetic alterations can be detected by the new instruments in the very beginning. Much earlier before most of the clinical data can be obtained RFA can come up with results. The physician can initiate counter measures to avoid severe illness or reduce to it a milder form. "Prewarned is Prearmed" (*Susrutha*).

The superiority of this new method, that is, early diagnosis and specific therapy that can be used along with any method of treatment without side effects should be taken advantage of and put forth to best use. However, RFA must not be regarded as a potential competitor to established medicine but rather as a new and valuable means of widening the scope of medicine and making up for some of its shortcomings by a preventive and holistic approach.

Limitations of RFA

RFA has its own limitations because detection of effective acupoints and treatment of the diseases without the help of sophisticated new electronic instruments is not possible except at Indo-American Hospital, Mysore, and International Institute of Medicine at Rome. It requires intensive training to

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ajayogabhanga and ndian Prime Ministers

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AHARISHI PARASARA has given valuable combinations for political power under the name of Rajayoga. In these days of racy persons having Rajayogas become ers, chief ministers, prime ministers, presi- etc., depending on the strength of the pla- rming the Yoga. He has also given a Raja- anga which means cancellation of Raja- But it does not mean that it completely the Raja Yoga. In the present social, al conditions it means that persons having gabhanga do not enjoy political power ously. They enjoy it for some time and stops. They may again enjoy the fruits of ga.

ere are different types of Rajayogas. These med under various combinations. One mbination is the relationship between a a quadrant and a trinal lord. Among the adrants (1, 4, 7, 10) the 10th house is the est. The 9th house is more powerful than h. The relationship between the lords of the and the 10th is known as Dharma-Kar- ati Yoga and constitutes the most power- ayoga. Even this powerful Rajayoga gets ed under either of the two conditions. when any one of the planets forming the also happens to be the lord of either the use or the 11th house. Second, if any one of ets forming the Rajayoga is related to the either the 8th house or the 11th house. asara has given four types of relationships en planets. These are:

When the two planets occupy each other's

(ii) When two planets mutually aspect each other;

(iii) When only one planet aspects; and

(iv) When two planets combine in a house.

Any one of the above four relationships is sufficient to form the Yoga. But a relationship of type one is the strongest.

First of all it is necessary to find out the relationship between the lords of quadrants and trines. Their relationship gives rise to Rajayogas. Then we have to see whether these planets have any type of relationship with the lords of the 8th and the 11th. This relationship gives rise to Rajayogabhanga. Planets causing Rajayoga and Rajayogabhanga are different for different Ascendants.

All planets give their effects in their Dasa, Bhukti, Antara, etc.; so planets causing Rajayoga or Rajayogabhanga give their effects during their periods. By Dasa is meant Dasa under Vimshottari Dasa system.

Let us illustrate the above theory with the help of the birth charts of Indian Prime Ministers.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was the first prime minister. He was born at 11.03 p.m. (LMT) at Allahabad on November 14, 1889. His Ascendant is Cancer with the Moon. Saturn in Leo; Mars in Virgo; Mercury and Venus in Libra; the Sun in Scorpio; Jupiter and Ketu in Sagittarius; and Rahu in Gemini. Mars being the lord of the 5th and the 10th houses is a Yogakaraka planet causing Rajayoga. However, this Mars aspects Jupiter, the 9th lord. Thus, Mars lord of the 10th forms a Dharma-Karmadhipati Yoga

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with Jupiter, the 9th lord. This is the best Rajayoga as lords of both the trines are associated with the lord of the 10th. For Cancer Ascendant, Saturn is the lord of the 8th and Venus, of the 11th. So any relationship of Saturn and Venus with Mars and Jupiter can cause Rajayogabhanga. But this is not present in this chart. As a result there is no Rajayogabhanga. Pandit Nehru enjoyed uninterrupted political power as prime minister till his death.

Now we come to Mrs. Indira Gandhi. She was born at Allahabad on 19th November, 1917 at 11.13 p.m. (IST). The Ascendant is Cancer with Saturn; Mars in Leo; the Sun and Mercury in Scorpio; Venus and Rahu in Sagittarius; the Moon in Capricorn; Jupiter in Taurus; and Ketu in Gemini. She had a balance of Sun Dasa at birth of 1 year, 11 months and 15 days.

Mars is Yogakaraka owning the 5th and the 10th. Jupiter as lord of the 9th aspects the Moon, lord of the 1st. Thus, Jupiter and the Moon are forming another Rajayoga. But they are related to Saturn and Venus. The Moon exchanges houses with Saturn who is lord of the 8th also. Jupiter exchanges houses with Venus, lord of the 11th. Ketu is aspected by Venus and thus acquires power for causing Rajayogabhanga. Thus, Saturn, Venus and Ketu can cause Rajayogabhanga in their periods.

In a politician's chart the Dasamsa chart is also to be examined for getting a clear picture. Dasamsa Ascendant is Sagittarius; Mars in Capricorn; Rahu in Pisces; Jupiter in Gemini; Venus in Cancer; the Sun in Leo; Ketu in Virgo; the Moon and Saturn in Libra; and Mercury in Scorpio. The Dasamsa Lagna is aspected by its lord Jupiter which is a Rajayogakaraka in the Rasi chart. It is also aspected by Saturn who is exalted and is in association with the Moon in the 11th. Ketu is in the 10th. Venus is situated in the 8th and is aspected by Yogakaraka exalted Mars. Venus is also aspected by Saturn.

She became prime minister for the first time in Jupiter Dasa, Sun Bhukti on 24th January, 1966. The Sun is aspected by Jupiter and counter-aspects Jupiter in the Rasi chart. The Sun is in his Moolatrikona sign both in Navamsa and Dasamsa charts. She became prime minister for the second time in March 1967 in Jupiter Dasa-Moon Bhukti which form the Rajayoga. She became prime minister for the third time in March 1971 in Saturn Dasa-Saturn Bhukti. Saturn is aspected by the Moon, lord of the 1st. Saturn is lord of the 7th representing general masses.

Mrs. Gandhi lost the elections in March 1977 in Saturn Dasa, Ketu Bhukti. Ketu Bhukti in Saturn Dasa indicates fall from position, fear, etc. Ketu was in the 12th to Saturn, the major lord, and situated in the 12th indicating bad results. Saturn gets 3 benefic points in his Ashtakavarga. On the election day he was transiting Venus' Kakshya in Cancer with 3 benefic points in Kakshya and 24 in Sarvashtakavarga. The minor lord Ketu was transiting Saturn's Kakshya in Aries with 2 benefic points in Kakshya and 33 in the house. Both directional influences and transits were unfavourable; and the effects of Rajayogabhanga were complete.

But she regained prime ministership on 14th January, 1980. At that time she was running Saturn Dasa, Venus Bhukti, Saturn Antara, Mars Sookshma. Saturn as lord of the 7th in Lagna is a great asset for a politician in a democratic country. The 7th rules the general public and Saturn is a *karaka* both for the general public and democracy. In January 1980 when the elections were held Saturn, the major lord, was transiting his own Kakshya in Virgo with 4 benefic points in Kakshya and 36 in the house. As a result, victory of Mrs. Gandhi was definite.

Now we come to the chart of Mr. Morarji Desai who became the prime minister at the age of 81. He was born on February 29, 1896 at 1 noon (LMT) at 20 N 36, 72 E 59. His Lagna is Gemini. Jupiter is in Cancer; the Moon and Ketu in Leo; Saturn in Libra; Mars, Mercury and Venus in Capricorn; and the Sun and Rahu in Aquarius. He had a balance of 2 years, 3 months and 27 days of Venus Dasa at birth.

In this chart major Rajayoga is formed by the combination of Mercury and Venus, lords of the 4th and 5th houses. Both of them aspect Jupiter and are aspected by him in return. Saturn, lord of the 9th though blemished due to his lordship of the 8th, also aspects Jupiter and causes Dharma-Karmadhipati Yoga. Jupiter and Saturn are also interrelated as they are situated in each other's constellation. But Rajayogabhanga is also there. First, Saturn, lord of the 8th, exchanges houses with Venus, lord of the 5th.

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Mars lord of the 11th is also associated Mercury and Venus. Thus Mars and cause Rajayogabhanga.

In the Dasamsa chart Mercury is situated the Moon in the 8th. It is aspected by Mars is situated in the 2nd. Mars also aspects situated in the 5th; and Jupiter and Rahu in the 9th. Saturn is situated in the and the Sun in the 11th. Ketu is situated in 3rd. The Dasamsa Lagna is Virgo. Jupiter the Lagna and Ketu.

Mr. Desai started his political career after from government service in Rahu Dasa. the lord of the 7th and 10th houses saw continuously rise till he became the chief of Bombay. In Saturn Dasa, Saturn he joined the Union Cabinet in Novem- 1956. He continued to rise till he was axed the Kamraj Plan. It happened in Venus of Saturn Dasa. Venus is afflicted by and Saturn has a tinge of blemish as above. Venus Bhukti continued till June, 1965. It was during this period that Nehru died (May, 1964). The unfavour- period of Rajayogabhanga planets and tran- deprived Mr. Desai of prime ministership the death of Nehru. He became deputy minister in March 1967 in Saturn Dasa, Bhukti. But the Moon is situated in the the Dasamsa chart and any event taking in the period of such a planet does not end ly. It was no wonder that Mr. Desai was out of office (July 1969) in Rahu Bhukti. is associated with the Sun and aspected by Moon. Such a combination does not favour ned power.

Planets causing Rajayoga are Mercury and Mercury Dasa started on 28th June Mr. Desai became prime minister of India Bhukti of Mercury Dasa. Ketu is exalted Dasamsa chart. Mr. Desai enjoyed the of Rajayoga for a major period of Venus which commenced on 22nd November, But he had to resign in this period as is afflicted by Mars. Thus the Rajayoga- also materialised. Mr. Desai resigned retired from active politics in July 1979. Saturn-Rahu conjunction in his Janma on 17th July, 1979 closed his political

Chaudhary Charan Singh was the next prime minister. He was born on 23rd December 1902 at 7.23 a.m. (IST) at 28 N 38 and 77 E 12. His Lagna was Sagittarius with the Sun, Mercury and Venus. Jupiter and Saturn were in Capricorn; and Ketu in Pisces; the Moon, Mars and Rahu in Virgo. He had a balance of 6 months and 22 days of the Moon Dasa at birth. The 9th lord Sun and the 10th lord Mercury associate in the Ascendant to form the Dharma-Karmadhipati Yoga. Mars the 5th lord also aspects this combination making it a very powerful Rajayoga. But Venus 11th lord joins this combination and constitutes the Rajayogabhanga. The Sun gets the Navamsa of Gemini and Mercury of Leo. Thus, the Sun and Mercury are also related in Navamsa. Jupiter and Venus also associate with Mercury. All these are aspected by Saturn and they also aspect him. In this way Saturn is also related to Rajayoga planet Mercury. In the Dasamsa chart Mercury and Venus combine in Aries in the 2nd house. They aspect Saturn in Libra situated in the 8th. Saturn is also aspected by Mars and Mars is aspected by Saturn.

Mr. Charan Singh like Mr. Desai had a long political career. But he mainly remained in the politics of U.P. He enjoyed various ministerial berths as a Congressman. But he became famous as a national leader in Mercury Dasa only. It was in the Sun Bhukti of Mercury Dasa that he became the chief minister of U.P. on 17th February, 1970. The Sun Bhukti was from 10th October, 1969 to 15th August, 1970. Thus, the Rajayoga caused by the Sun and Mercury was realised in Sun Bhukti. But the association of Venus caused Rajayogabhanga also. Mr. Charan Singh joined the Union Cabinet as a home minister in March 1977 when he was having Jupiter Bhukti in Mercury Dasa. He resigned on 30th June 1978 in Saturn Bhukti, Mercury Antara. This was indicated by Saturn's situation in the 8th in the Dasamsa chart. In divisional charts, the 3rd and 8th places are death-like places. Any planet situated therein causes death to that effect. Accordingly Mr. Singh had to resign. He was persuaded to join the Desai Cabinet as deputy prime minister. He became prime minister of India in Mercury Dasa, Saturn Bhukti, Moon Antara on 28th July, 1979. The effects of Saturn Bhukti (occupying his own sign) in Mercury Dasa are "gain of kingdom, great courage",

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etc. Coming to transits we see that four planets *viz.*, the Sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Venus were transiting Cancer having 31 benefic points in Sarvashtakavarga. Mars was transiting Lagna Kakshya in Taurus with 6 points in Kakshya and 32 in Sarvashtakavarga. Saturn was transiting Venus' Kakshya in Leo with 6 benefic points in Kakshya and 25 in Sarvashtakavarga. This was a superbly favourable transit. It was a unique political situation. He was the prime minister without a majority in the Lok Sabha and did not face the Parliament to prove his majority. The Lok Sabha was dissolved and Mr. Charan Singh did not get majority in the new Lok Sabha too. He had to resign in January 1980 when he was running Rahu Antara in Saturn Bhukti of Mercury Dasa. The effects of Rahu Antara are loss of wealth, loss of land, fear, etc. The Mercury period ended in July, 1980. In Ketu Dasa there was no Rajayoga and he continued as a Member of Lok Sabha till his death. This was possible because Ketu is in the constellation of Mercury the lord of the 7th and 10th, a planet causing Rajayoga.

Mr. Rajiv Gandhi is the last example who lost prime ministership because his party could not secure absolute majority in the ninth Lok Sabha. Mr. Gandhi was born on 20th August, 1944 at Bombay 19 N, 72 E 54. There is difference of opinion regarding the exact time of birth. So his Moon-sign is taken into consideration.

His Chandra Lagna is Leo with the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Venus. Mars is in Virgo; Ketu in Capricorn; Saturn in Gemini; and Rahu in Cancer. He had a balance of about 13 years and 27 days of Venus Dasa at birth. Mars is a Yogakaraka planet. Another Rajayoga is formed by the Sun, who as lord of the 1st associates, with Jupiter the 5th lord in the Ascendant. Venus, the 10th lord, also joins this Rajayoga. But there is Rajayogabhanga also. First, Jupiter is the lord of the 8th also. Second, Mercury lord of the 11th also joins the combination. In the Navamsa Jupiter is exalted and is situated in the 11th in association with Rahu who is Vargottama. Mars is exalted and in association with Vargottama Ketu. Both Mars and Jupiter aspect each other. In the Dasamsa chart Jupiter is in his Moolatrikona sign Sagittarius. Rahu is situated in Pisces whose lord is Jupiter. Rahu is also in the constellation of Punarvasu ruled by Jupiter. So Rahu is to give the effects of Jupiter. It was in Rahu Dasa, Jupiter Bhukti, Venus Antara that Mr. Rajiv Gandhi became the prime minister of India on 31st October, 1984. This was in accordance with the Dasa effects. Transits were also favourable. Saturn was transiting the Moon's Kakshya in Libra with 6 benefic points in Kakshya and 31 in Sarvashtakavarga. The Sun and Mercury were also transiting Libra. The major lord Rahu was transiting Jupiter's Kakshya in Taurus with 5 benefic points in Kakshya and 31 in the house.

Mercury Bhukti in Rahu Dasa started from 30th August, 1988 and will continue upto 17th March, 1991. In this sub-period worst effects were to be experienced in the Antara of the Moon who happens to be the natural enemy of Mercury. This period was from 23rd September, 1989 to 8th December, 1989.

To clinch the issue we have to study the transit of major planets on the days of the election. As Saturn represents the masses and is a *karaka* for democracy his transit must be favourable. But during the election period (November 22nd to 26th) Saturn was transiting Venus' Kakshya in Sagittarius with 4 benefic points in Kakshya and 25 in the Sarvashtakavarga. This is less than the average in Sarvashtakavarga. Hence only mixed results could be expected. Of the remaining planets only Jupiter was transiting a favourable place in Venus' Kakshya in Gemini with 6 benefic points in Kakshya and 50 in the house. Rest of the planets were indicating bad results. The result was that the Congress party lost the elections and its size was reduced to half in the new Lok Sabha.

Now the question arises, whether there was any alternative available to the ruling party to avoid the defeat? The answer is in the affirmative. This could have to be done by holding the elections at a time when the leader of the party was to run comparatively good period and favourable transits of major planets in *upachaya* houses as per Ashtakavarga system. This can be calculated well in advance.—9.90.

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idelights on ractical Astrology — I

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acy from Father

OF THE many books that I got from my father on Astrology, there were notebooks, one containing skrit *slokas* with the trans- in Telugu and another aining innumerable horo- es of men, women, kings, ors, police personnel, of- who worked in different ments - Central and State and poor, of people who become rich, of people who en to nose-dived a posi- begging from one of great t, of people who had Yogas, Panchanana Yo- Adhiyogas, Simhasana Kalasarpa Yogas and so so forth.

The books starts with the scopes of King George V King George VI and then down to the horoscopes ends and relatives who served in different posi- and had led different lives. was no order, of course. Probably, he had jotted down in the book horoscopes of those people who came to him for astrological consultations and, therefore, naturally, there could not be any order. Later on, he had set for himself a pattern, grouping the horoscopes according to the Lagnas. The first page of the book bears father's signature dated 1937; thereafter, it is full of horoscopes, each page accommodating two, and below each horoscope the indvidual's name is written, generally with his date of birth, the Dasa in which he was born and what sort of Yogas the horoscope contained. In some cases, numerological calculations are also made, like which number is lucky and which is not, while the Bhukti of the Dasa from which a Yoga started and education, as influenced by the planets and other aspects, are also mentioned. Not many details are noted but points worth noting are succinctly written down below the horoscopes. The horoscopes contained in the books create in one who is equipped with even a small degree of astrological knowledge, great curiosity.

My father was not an astrologer who learnt Astrology from a *guru* or from his father. He learnt it by himself. His hunger for knowing the subject was so much that he wrote the Sanskrit *slokas* by hand from the books he borrowed. Thereafter, gradually he had his own collection from publishers in Madras. His enthusiasm for Astrology was prompted by a prediction given to him by an astrologer who had said that his wife would die and that he would marry again. Inquisitive to know the veracity of the prediction so made, he had started his own study, and in course of time, became an astrologer of renown. He had great intuitive faculties. His predictions rarely missed and he even took challenges sometimes.

By talking to him, people got much relief. There was some sort of belief in the people that they would get solutions to their

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domestic problems if they consulted my father. He also had reacted equally well to their problems.

Very few of such planetary charts have found their place in these two books. He would answer such questions by casting the charts on pieces of papers which he did not preserve.

My father lived an active life upto his late fifties, so far as Astrology was concerned. Thereafter, due to ill-health, he was not very active using his knowledge only for his close friends and relations and, of course, for the household members. He would very often say "You must know how you are going to shape your life, what lies in the future. You should not grope in the dark. God is no doubt the ultimate giver of verdict but why not take the benefit of the subject available to you?"

Education to Women

He advocated education to all women, and considering the stigma attached to the marriage of widows, he advocated a careful study and analysis of the girl's horoscope so far as Kalatra Bhava (spouse) was concerned. Better not marry the girl if that part of the horoscope was not good, he used to say. Instead, he advocated that amount of money be spent on the girl's education so that she could thereby have a respectable place in society. In short, he was against hurried marriages. Boys and girls should marry no doubt, but after a careful consideration of the horoscopes.

Planets can do and undo anything in the life of a human-being he used to say. It's the power of the planetary action that might bring an unknown person into prominence and make him famous and renowned. It is also the power of the planetary action that may bring down the great and make them insignificant.

I may be branded as propagating the fatalistic theory. But whatever may be our efforts, unless the stars favour we shall be nowhere. One should know that nothing happens in life as per our plans. One has to be content with his achievements with deviations. These deviations are those which are not within our control. Some say it is the "star" and some "God" - whatever you may call it - there is some other remote, unseen influencing factor before which even the most uncompromising and despotic rulers had to submit, change their attitude or perish.

We very commonly use the word "Yoga" in Astrology. By Yoga we mean a particular type of result which must come to pass during the Dasa of a particular planet.

Yogas are varied. They can be Raja Yoga (position), Vahana Yoga (acquisition of vehicles), Dhana Yoga (fortune), Simhasana Yoga (becoming a minister), Bhagya Yoga (wealth), so on and so forth. Correspondingly, Daridra Yoga (poverty) and Maraka Yoga (death) also constitute Yogas. There are the rich and there are poorest of the poor and there are various graduations in between. In fact, there are various social strata in the society, when wealth is taken as the criterion for measuring the level. Planetary combinations and their placement in the Rasis reveal these conditions of a person.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Napoleon is one person in the world who fought to achieve glory from an unknown position. We refer to Napoleon whenever we want to speak of someone, a commoner, who has ruled the world. When we speak of oratory, Napoleon was great! When you speak of physical standards, Napoleon was endowed with rare health. He was intelligent, good looking and had a lot of courage and endless ambition. He rose phenomenonally and his fall was equally sudden. Within a period of fifty-two years, Napoleon conquered the world, became emperor, was defeated and exiled to St. Helena where he died. You can imagine how restless a person he was and how active he was all through his life.

Palmists say Napoleon's hand was an uncommon hand. His Jupiter finger was as long as the middle finger, a star was on the Jupiter Mount, the Career Line was straight, with branches as it went up, like a tree supported by a straight Sun Line; the Mercury finger was straight showing his capacity of oratory. That is, in fact, a rare hand, indicating that the person was destined to become great.

Excellent Yogas

My father had recorded the horoscope of Napoleon in one of his books. The date of birth or death was not given.

The horoscope was as good as his palm. The Yogas he had in the horoscope are enumerated in the next page:

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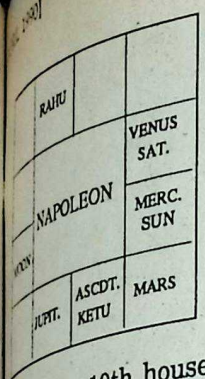

From the 10th house 7 ...s are in 5 houses one af... the other, placed continu... without break. This con... ...s Malika Yoga, a garland ...ets. If at least 5 planets ...n a row either from the ... or from any Rasi, it con... ...s Malika Yoga. If it is ... Lagna, it constitutes Lag... ...Na; if from the 2nd house, ... Malika; if from the 3rd ... Vikrama Malika and so ... Napoleon enjoyed Malika ... from the 10th house which ... Karmasthana also known ...yasthana. A person born ... Malika Yoga is certain to ...e a king or emperor. With ...alika beginning from the ... Rajyasthana, he was des... ...d to become a great ruler.

... The combination of Sun ...Mercury either in Aries or ...i or Leo or Virgo consti... ...Budhaditya Yoga. In Na... ...'s horoscope we find the ...ation in Leo. Such people ... enjoy wealth, name and ... will have very good body ...ution and will be pleas... ... to look at. I think ...on had all these attributes.

... The highly placed ...sana Yoga can be read ... the exchange between the ...and 10th lords. The 4th ... is Saturn and the Moon, ...th. We find the Moon in ...th and Saturn in the 10th. ... I have not found again ... horoscope with such a Yoga. I have seen horoscopes with 4th lord in the 10th; at the same time 10th lord was not in the 4th. But with the 4th lord in the 10th itself persons had occupied good official positions and enjoyed prestige and became famous.

The 4th house stands for education, wealth, travels, mother, agricultural wealth, luxuries, vehicles, victories, mansions, cattle, horses, elephants and what not! All that a person wants in life to live in comfort is associated with the 4th house.

The 10th house stands for profession, politics, fame, unexpected wealth, glory, kingship, travels, acquisition of wealth, education etc.

Unexpected wealth and glory may be understood due to the exchange of the above two planets. He had shot into fame from his 24th year itself through his knowledge, intelligence and courage.

(iv) Benefics like Jupiter, Venus and Mercury in 6th, 7th and 8th positions from the Lagna or Chandra constitute Adhiyoga. People born with such a Yoga win glory in their life, have long life and are free from disease and suffering. In Napoleon's horoscope Venus and Mercury are in the 7th and 8th positions respectively from the Moon.

(v) The 2nd house is as important, for one's development, just as the 4th and 10th, because it is associated with the personality of the individual, development of his family, happiness etc. Association of benefics like Jupiter, Venus and Mercury will heighten the qualities attributed to the 2nd house and make the person attractive. For Napoleon, Jupiter is in the 2nd house and he had the best qualities attributed to the 2nd house.

(vi) The combination of Venus and Saturn, who are the 1st and 8th and 4th and 5th lords in the 10th aspected by the 10th lord bestows on the individual name, fame, prestige, wealth etc. etc.

Everybody is born at a time when the planets occupy certain positions in the zodiac, but it makes a great difference between the person born with Yogas and the person who has none. The individual qualities, education, position and family will depend on the good planetary combinations constituting Yogas.

10th House Saturn

I would like to explain another aspect of Napoleon's horoscope which has been found to be true in the case of many others too. That is the 10th house Saturn. Saturn is the lord of the 4th and 5th houses and being in the 10th constitutes Rajayoga but his placement as such in the 10th made Napoleon fight his way from a very insignificant position to the highest position. But throughout his life he was never at peace with his occupation. It looked as though he was in the battle-fields always. Finally, the 10th house Saturn leads to one's downfall.

Of all the houses, the 8th house is the worst, likewise the 8th lord. Therefore, the association of the 8th lord, Venus, with Saturn and his aspect of the Moon are also the reasons for his ultimate exile and loss of empire. In any horoscope, the association or aspect of the 8th lord with the 10th or placement

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of 10th lord in the 8th will keep the person in a very low position or if he reaches a high position, a sudden downfall can always be expected. The 8th house can be taken to be an abysmal pit or black hole. In the same way, the 8th lord can be imagined to be a ghost in a castle that always haunts it. Any planet associated with or aspected by the 8th lord would spoil the Yoga of the planet with which the (8th) lord is associated or aspected.

Numerologically also, Number 8 is associated with Saturn. People ruled by Number 8 are brooding, pessimistic, always looking at the darker side of life. Number 8 brings success very late in life, after a long struggle. Hence, in a birth chart, planets associated with or aspected by 8th lord, or located in the 8th house give the individual bad results either in their Dasas or Bhuktis.

As I write about Number 8, 8th house and 8th lord, I am tempted to write more and more. The shadow cast by the 8th lord on any planet will lead to all sorts of ill-effects *viz.*, diseases, death, insults, quarrels, dangers, enemies, unknown fears, dismemberment of limbs, even beheading, battles and wars, change of official position most ignonimously and whatever other terrible things one can imagine. In the same way, any planet associated with the 10th lord gives the results of the 10th lord, even though the planet associated with the 10th lord is the 8th lord.

I would like to write about the 7th house Rahu. Rahu is considered a malefic or bad planet like the Sun, Mars, Saturn and Ketu. He is a *chandala*, interested in trekking the lonely paths in the forests in search of mysticism, wagers and women (of very low caste). He obscures the path, vision and thinking of individuals by some sort of a smoke screen. The 7th house is concerned with spouse, romance, perfumes, scents, music, flowers, foreign travels, business, charity, victory over enemies etc.

Napoleon had a 7th house Rahu. He was the most unhappy person so far as his wife was concerned. It is said that, with 7th house Rahu, one would marry a widow and it was true with Napoleon.

As Napoleon advanced in his career, he wanted only such a woman as his wife who would further his career. He set about choosing such a wife. His consort should be both attractive and also help advance his ambitions. Love was not necessary. He forsook his girl-friend from Nice and proposed to Madame Permon - Comnena, an attractive friend of his mother who was much older than him. But she rejected his proposal. Thereafter, he turned to Josephine who was a widow. Her husband, an aristocrat, was guillotined after the revolution and she was put in jail. After she came out of the jail, a trusted friend told her of the up-coming man, Napoleon (Josephine was also older than Napoleon). Though both got married, she never had any love for him. Napoleon was crazy after her. But she always preferred to stay in Paris moving in very high circles while Napoleon longed for her presence in Italy where he was fighting. There was no meeting point between them and love remained a one-sided affair in this case. Napoleon married again Marie Lousie of Austria.

Another thing to be noted of the 7th house-Rahu is that it will make a person rich and prosperous. This point is not anywhere in the text-books I have read but it is scribbled by my father in one of his note-books.

Numbers and Ruin

Some numerologists wrote that Napoleon's downfall was due to the change he had wrought in his name. It is said he used to sign as "Napoleon Bounaparte" but after winning battles and earning fame in Europe, he changed his signature to "Napoleon Bonaparte". Initially he was ruled by 5 and 5; later on, due to the omission of "u", he began to be ruled by 5 and 8 which made 13. This number was considered as very omnious and was responsible for his downfall, according to numerologists.

(to be continued)

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Astrological Personality of Mikhail Gorbachev

BEPIN BEHARI

WRITING in May 1988 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Argus had commented on Mikhail Gorbachev as "a symbol of for humanity". During the last decade or so, chev has undoubtedly created a niche for self in world history. His contribution to peace has been outstnading. His positive ch to riddled international problems has been humanitarian. He has liberated democratic manner millions of intellectual ers in the narrow cage of communistic n. He has made God a respectable entity e Soviet land. And now, the great stride s the European unity, emancipation of n Europe, non-interference in internal l evolution of other countries, amicable ent of ethnic problems in his own exten- otherland and his great contribution to de- isation enabling the future generation to e freely are some of his contributions for several future generations will be obliged . Such a soul is not born without a divine Such an entity is always provided with ry occult influences which unfold them- s at appropriate occasions according to the e Plan. Though this supreme Divine mis- y transcend human intelligence, yet the ical window does reveal some of the nec- arsenals at his command entrusted by the n order to discharge his responsibilities. exact time of birth of Mikhail Gorbachev not been available with the present writer the basis of several data culled from sources it appears that he was born on 2, 1931 sometime during the day. Such vague information is inadequate for deeper study of the inner motivations and far-reaching planetary influences, nonetheless these do suggest the possibility of working out the missionary unfoldment of this international leader. One will attempt to share some stray thoughts on astrological revelations on such scanty data of this personality. *Chart I* given below illustrates an integrated planetary position keeping the Moon and the Sun at the central position represented by the Ascendant. We are not incorporating the actual Ascendant sign as this information is not accurately available to me. The rationale of this approach has already been indicated to some extent in the Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. Chart II gives

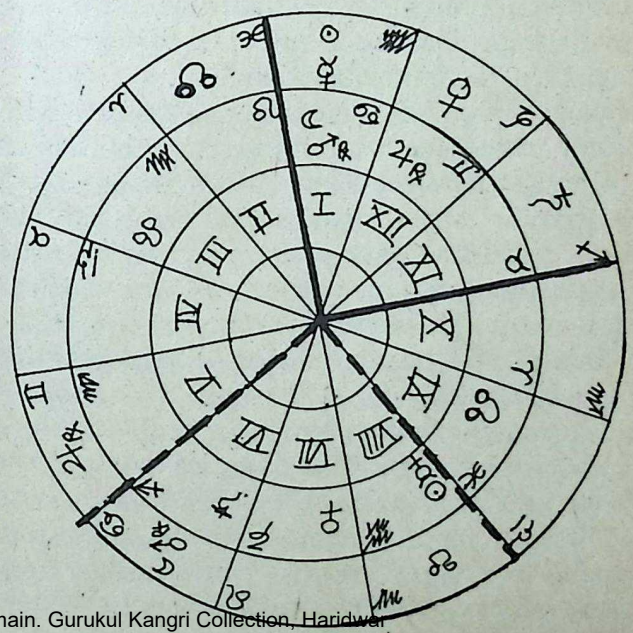

CHART I

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the Navamsa position of different planets and the position of the Ascendant has been indicated on the assumption of birth time being nearabout mid-day. This presumption is supported by Argus as indicated in the earlier reference (*A.M.*, May 1988).

SUN MERC. JUPIT.			
RAHU	Chart II NAVAMSA		
VENUS			KETU
MOON SAT.	MARS		

(*N.B:* Ascendant could be expected in Sagittarius or in Capricorn depending upon exact time of birth; the position of planets may not significantly chage from what is given above.)

An important feature of the planets in this horoscope is their concentration around the Sun and the Moon. Retrograde Mars and retrograde Jupiter are hovering around Moon, whilst Saturn, Venus and Mercury are approaching the Sun. The placement of the Moon in Cancer is conducive to immense expansion of one's consciousness enabling the individual to comprehend the lowest depth of the netherland as well as the highest realm of etheric spirituality; under the impact of the Moon in Cancer one could be pliable like water; at the same time as firm as *terra firma*. The Moon is placed in Aslesha Nakshatra which imparts the prime motivational impulse of Dharma and is represented symbolically by a serpent and is presided by the Serpent Naga. Such a Moon becomes extremely powerful, highly concentrated containing in itself mysterious spiritual influences and always desirous of revealing (to right persons) the hidden mysteries of Nature. Such a Moon in the present case is associated with Mars, retrograde, which imparts much unusual potential to the intelligence of the person. Being retrograde, Mars from its hind sight fully aspects the 10th house which happens to be its own house and it also aspects Saturn which in its own turn is spiritually oriented being in the house of Jupiter and receiving full aspect of this planet. The impact of Mars on the Moon makes it extremely positive, creative, unfolding new and original ideas. The distance between the Moon and Mars is about 15° which enables both of these planets to keep their characteristics completely intact. At the same time both of these receive mutually beneficial impulses. Mars being retrograde is more eager to associate with Jupiter rather than with Moon which suggests of ethical colouring to martian valour, enthusiasm, initiative and courage. Mars, furthermore, in the Nakshatra of Pushyami having primary motivational impulse of *Dharma* (same as that of the Moon) is symbolised by a flower (even an arrow is associated with it) and Brihaspati is its Vedic deity. All these reveal the ethical nature, which can be dauntless in carrying out a spiritual mission. The association of such a planet with the Moon will make the mind of the person highly fruitful, productive and creative for the welfare of the people. The nature of Moon, or the mind of the person, besides being influenced by Mars will also have the influence of Venus which aspects both of these fully. Venus by itself is soaked with primary motivational impulse of *moksha* or liberation. Venus is ruled or controlled being in Uttarashadha by Viswadeva who is concerned with cosmic unity. The influence of Venus on Mars will enable the martian valour, enthusiasm, initiative towards unfoldment of cosmic, or at least universal unity. Jupiter being retrograde in Gemini is also (being retrograde) desirous of associating itself with Taurus ruled by Venus thus the impact of venusian sensitivity, release of life force, feeling for the suffering masses and providing the masses the life saving nectar will be an outstanding characteristic of Mikhail Gorbachev. There is no hypocrisy or political deceit in his efforts. He is born with a mind which feels for the masses, wants their liberation and in all his efforts and urges he is guided by some kind of religious or spiritual urge. He feels for the world and in the unity and welfare of the people.

The second concentration of planets is around the Sun. By itself, the Sun is in Aquarius, the highly spiritual sign which attains its perfection in working for some spiritual, Divine mission, otherwise it would sink in grossest materialism and selfish earthiness. The Sun is in Satabhisha Nakshatra ruled by *karmic* planet Rahu, saturated with primary motivational impulse of Dharma governed by Varuna, the regent of the ocean, and symbolised by hundred flowers. It imparts the primary impulse of maintenance of Divine Law: Nature in Bloom. Working on evolving side it leads to blending of consciousness with Infinity whilst on the materialistic side it leads to psychological pain. The Sun is

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Pandit Bolanath on Rajiv

ARGUS

PANDIT BOLANATH was scouring the pages of a ponderous tome ...after a long time I called ...him.

Seeing from under his steel-...ed bifocals my goose-step-...g into his study he let out a ...t and exclaimed hilariously, ...y, chap, I thought you had ...ppeared from this world! ...t happened to you?"

"Nothing, Panditji, Be easy. ...as busy with the elections. ...ng Nair in his shop on my ...opening a new consignment ...ght this; I thought you ...d love it," so saying I handed ...the small tin of fresh Madras ...whose flavour titillated ...

...ndling it as if it were a ..., he asked me mischie-...ly: "I hope you were not a ...ress (I) candidate?"

"No, Panditji; nevertheless, ...candidate lost his deposit!" "I am not surprised!"

Concealing my chagrin I ..., "Panditji, what is that ...you were pouring over?"

"*Mahabharat!*"

"How come that it came into ...hands now? Did the elections remind you of the Pandavas and Kauravas?"

"No, no," said he laughing: "I was really searching for clues for many Draupadis referred to by Ekalavya in his columns in *A.M.*!"

"Oh, that's mere sensation-mongering; that is the way he does; whoever heard of such a thing?"

"Anyway it was interesting even if it was chasing the will-o-the wisp! Now, what is all the news?"

"I just wanted to know your reaction to the 9th Lok Sabha election."

"I am not a politician and I am least interested it!"

"But then you are a citizen and a voter. As one interested in the welfare of our nation, I want your reaction."

"You mean that?" Saying so, the Pandit opened the small tin I had brought him; indulgently transferred part of it to his favourite oval snuff-box and to my wonder drew in the spill-over on his left palm through his nostrils dexterously, just as one would play music on the mouth-organ.

The thin film of tear that covered his eyes as a result of this exercise indicated his supreme satisfaction with the stuff. Out of empathy, I too felt happy that the stage had been set and the proper atmosphere created for the Pandit's genius to unfold itself.

Started he: "To me, as a citizen and voter, the election result indicated that our democracy has come of age and the inclusion of the newly franchised younger generation has catalysed the process."

"You mean to say that the electorate has become more knowledgeable and articulate in its perception?"

"Yes; more than that, it has exercised its will relentlessly by dislodging a well-entrenched party for its non-performance.

"What do you think is its lesson for political parties?"

"The electorate can no longer be taken for granted; governments will be judged by their performance and they have to be on their toes."

"Do you think that our political parties have taken note of it and will behave in future?"

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"It is too early to judge the present government-combine, but nevertheless it is a warning to it; but the Congress (I) appears to be too thick-skinned and like the Burbons would not learn from its mistake judging from its behaviour in the Parliament."

"Such as?"

"Playing the hypocrite and calling its weakness magnanimity in the first instance; then by its indiscretions in strategy, and above all continuing to hold the interest of the party above the nation's which further alienates it from the people."

"Who is to be blamed for this state of affairs?"

"Its president, no doubt, and his advisers."

"Now, what do you think of Rajiv Gandhi, astrologically?"

"I have not seen his chart. Give me his birth data and I shall work on it. They say, his birth time is not certain?"

"That is right; yet you can try with one or two current data and see if it provides any useful information."

"Such as?"

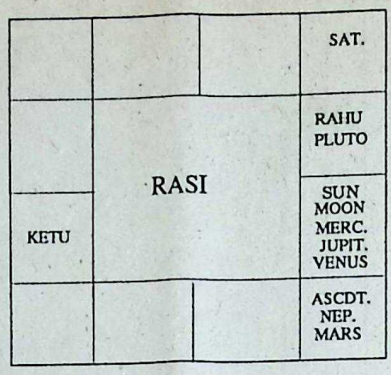
"He was born on August 20, 1944 at Bombay. One says it is 9.50 a.m., and the other 8.11 a.m." "Both these charts are popular."

"I see; let me work the first out without prejudice to others; if it corresponds to known factors, we shall accept it and reject others."

II

The Panditji enjoyed another whiff of his favourite ammunition after which he tabbed his Casio deftly, when he got the chart given alongside.

He looked at it with his bushy brows closely knit and rising high and low; it was a sight for the gods, the way his facial



muscles contorted one way and the other while his eyes kept revolving reflecting his moods.

When finally he slipped the Casio into its jacket, he wore a relaxed demeanour. In an aside, he blew his nose covertly and faced me, and I knew he was ready for the dialogue.

Started he: "I feel this must be the correct one because of several reasons, the first being Saturn in the 10th house with 49 *bindus,* Saturn himself contributing 7 out of them. A large figure such as this occurs in the case of exceptional men — like his friend Amitabh Bachhan and his enemy NTR — perhaps they had a few less, but nevertheless large ones. Secondly, Saturn so powerful in the 10th raises its native to dizzy heights and later pulls the rug from under his feet. You remember Willy Brandt, the ex-Chancellor of West Germany, had this and he paid the price?

"Yes, I remember," I chimmed in. "He had to resign on moral grounds, because of some mistake of his assistant."

"You know, I am an enthusiast on the role of extra-saturnine planets in the lives of modern men and women!"

"Yes; I know."

"Uranus in the 9th house within chart shows one's interest, according to western Astrology, in high-tech and electronics and here, the native's involvement in aeroplanes as pilot."

"I see!"

"Unfortunately, this Uranus is afflicted by squares from no less than four planets occupying the 12th which has the lowest number of benefic bindus, 19. I shall come to it later. Before that, I recollect a significant verse from *Saravali* which describes the man exactly. This specific five-planet combination in any one Rasi will mean:

यन्त्रज्ञो बहुविभवो नृपसचिवो दण्डनायको वा स्यात् ।

"He will be a mechanic, wealthy, a minister or judge. What I mean to say is that the above two statements concur, although for different reasons.

"Reverting to Uranus, an afflicted Uranus in the 9th can, according to an authority, produce fanatical adherence to esoteric cults/political or social philosophies, or the native can be an arm-chair philosopher whose pat answers for the world's ills are not based on any practical experience. Often they have Utopian ideas."

"Pardon me, Panditji if I am being impertinent; could you show me the authority? I am just curious, as similarities appear to be too close."

"Ha, ha!" laughed the Pandit hilariously and pulling out a bulky volume published in America, he skipped the pages and gave me the section and pages to verify his statements. In the rest of the article, I am just crossing the t's and dotting the i's in his statement according to the book, just to carry conviction to the readers.

Proceeding, he said: "I shall now explain the effect of the

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The Moon or Chandra in Astrology

GOMATHI ANNAPOORNI

दधिशङ्ख तुषाराभं क्षीरार्णव समुद्भवम् ।
नमामि शशिनं सोंम शंभोर्मकुट भूषणं ॥

THE Moon is so important in Astrology, that, it is said, the sign occupied by Moon may be treated as a Lagna, called Chandra-lagna and predictions made, according. The *Jathaka Thatwa* says:

लग्नाद्वा चन्द्रलग्नाद्वां धर्मकर्मपा अन्योन्यगौ भूपतिः ॥

Lords of 9 and 10 from Lagna or from Moon associate, there is Rajayoga. The rule is, if Lagna not with or aspected by a benefic, or by its lord, lord of Lagna is weak, but Chandra is, then, Chandra-lagna may be preferred. And, above 30 Chandra-lagna is deemed more important. Why?

Even from the time of delivery, the Moon is important. Moon in a good place and well aspected is important for safe and easy delivery. A and strong Moon is said to resist and avert Arishta. This planet is nearest the Earth, we occupy; and so, presumably, exerts the strongest influence on us. It is a watery planet; like water, it is most potential, good or evil. It represents "mind, mother (in night-birth especially) and affluence"

See (1) "चन्द्रमा मनसो जाता ॥"
(2) "चेतो वृद्धि नृपप्रसाद जननी संपत्करश्चंद्रमाः ॥"
meaning, that Moon denotes *chitta* or mind, intelligence, the king's favour, mother, and prosperity or affluence. It denotes popularity, too, as it is is an "जनग्रह" or "delighting" planet.

Chandra is strong, in Kataka or Cancer, her own house, in Vrishabha or Taurus, in her exaltation in *Virgotamamsa*, and in 4. She is very strong in Cancer, as, then, she would be also in her element, a watery planet being in a watery sign. It is a mistake to suppose, that the efficacy of a planet, being in his element, was discovered, by Westerners. For *Phaladeepika* attributes, to Moon in Pisces or Meena, a watery sign aspected by a benefic, especially by Jupiter in exaltation, say, a Rajayoga (See Chapter VII). Chandra in 4, 5, 7 or 9 or 10 aspected by good and strong Jupiter or Venus makes a native, kingly. The rule, that Chandra is better in a *kendra* or *kona*, other than Lagna, has got two exceptions: (1) when Moon is in Lagna in Taurus, as in the case of the chart of Lord Sri Krishna, and (2) when Moon is in Lagna in Cancer, as in the case of Sri Rama, with Jupiter in Cancer, especially. *The golden* planet Jupiter, and the *cold* planet Moon, combining in Cancer, is a first-class yoga, conducing to great knowledge, prosperity and position, especially when the Lagna is Pisces or Aries or Cancer. Naturally, the yoga is rare indeed. They may combine in Cancer; but, the Lagna may not be such, that they, both, own good houses. *Sarvartha Chinthamani* says: Full Moon in a *kendra*, and aspected by a benefic, like good Jupiter or Venus, gives one prosperity and Rajayoga, and also a pure reputation. *Jataka Parijata* says that "if Full Moon is in 10, aspected by a benefic, the native becomes a King".

See:

कर्मस्थित शुभनदृष्टियुक्त सपूर्णगात्रे शशिनि क्षितीशः ॥

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It also says: "If Moon is strong and full, it makes one a victorious king, even single-handed. See:

प्रधानवल संयुक्तः संपूर्णश्शशलातभ्छनः ।
एको पि कुरूते जातं नराधिपमरिदमं ॥

Of course, I must say, that, *Saravali* requires benefic aspect for Moon, for those born, in a family, other than a Royal Family. *Phaladeepika*, in Chapter VII, gives a number of Rajayogas, on account of Moon. It says, if Moon is full and radiant in a *kendra* 4, 7 or 10 and is aspected by a planet in *oocha* or *swakshetra* even a hunter (*i.e.*, low-born) becomes a king. See:

निषादमापि पार्थिव जनयतींदुरूच्चस्वभस्थितग्रह-
निरीक्षितो धवलकांति ज्वलोज्ज्वल . . ॥

It also says, Moon in *Meena* and well aspected, is excellent; and it is found, in practice, that, Moon in Pisces and Jupiter in Cancer, with a good exchange of houses between them, and with Jupiter aspecting Moon does give Rajayoga and prosperity, even Moon is combined with Mars and Saturn. For, then, the malefics tell Jupiter, as *Valmiki's Sabari* told Sri Rama:

चक्षुषा तव सौम्येन पूतास्मि रघुनन्दन ॥
गमिष्यामि अक्षय्यान् लोकान् त्वत्प्रसादात् अरिदम ॥

The reason is, Mars like Jupiter is a *Yogakaraka* for Meena Rasi; and Chandra-Mangala Yoga is good for prosperity, though bad for mother and peace of mind. But, Moon-Saturn conjunction or opposition is mostly very bad, like Moon-Ketu conjunction. But, when Moon exchanges places with Jupiter, whose house he occupies, and aspected by that Jupiter, the good, due to Jupiter and Moon-association, overrides the evil, due to Moon and Saturn. There is a picturesque *sloka* of Sri Mandavya, which says, that "when Moon is full, and in a Rasi other than Scorpio (where she will be debilitated) and is aspected by Jupiter, then a native, who is very famous, is born. And, the fame is such, that it is like the fame of the dark (नीलमेघश्यामल) Vishnu, who became so white, by his fame, that His consort, Lakshmi, who came near Him withdrew, modestly, doubting if it was the white Lord Siva, the husband of her Lord's sister!

The texts emphasise the strength due to Kalas for Moon. She must have more than 10 out of 16 Kalas to be deemed, to be Full Moon. Moon is said to be full, for astrological purposes, between the 10th of the bright fortnight and the 5th of the dark half of the month. For mental happiness, Moon is all important; and, with mental worry, even a sturdy person, of good physique, will get reduced; for, worry, not work, will kill a man. Of course, one can wax eloquent about full-Moon, being aspected by good Jupiter or Venus, more, for a night-birth.

If Moon is aspected, by Jupiter or Venus, who is not in Neecha or Maudhya (*i.e.*, combustion by the Sun), or if Moon is in a *kendra* (quadrant) from Jupiter, there is Gajakesari Yoga, conducing to good intellect, longevity and popularity and fame. That is why, some Telugu writers have gone to the extent of praising Moon (Chandra) and Jupiter (Guru) in opposition (180°) even more than the two planets, in conjunction. Of course, Jupiter and Moon in Cancer in Lagna or in 4, is a great exception, to their theory. But, I should point out, that when Jupiter and Moon are combined, the former is stronger, due to "Samagama" strength, whereas, when they are in opposition, Moon is stronger, as she is not only in a *kendra* (7) from Guru or Jupiter, but also enjoys the benefic aspect of Jupiter(See "दृक्देवेड्ज्ञ केंद्रस्थे") When Moon and Jupiter, both own good houses from Lagna and are in good places from Lagna, Gajakesari Yoga is a very powerful yoga, to reckon with. Even for Libra, it is a fairly good Yoga, especially when they are in Capricorn in 4 with Guru in Neecha. For Pisces, Aries, and for Cancer, it is positively a very good Yoga.

If the three natural benefics, Guru, Sukra and Budha, are in 6, 7 and 8 from Chandra or Moon there is Chandradhiyoga (*vide* article published in the January 1950 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE). If the three natural benefics are in 3, 6, 10 and 11 from Lagna, or next to it only, from Moon, there is *Vasumati Yoga*, giving one riches, and cancelling poverty.

One word about Moon, as lord of 6 or 8. It is said that the lordship of 8 does not affect Sun or Moon, who are the King and Queen of the planetary hierarchy. The dosha (affliction) does not make them marakas or killers; that is all. But, as the learned author of the *Uttara Kalamrita* has pointed out, they don't kill but they do give trouble. See "न तु मारका, अहितपौ अर्तिदौ"

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The Udayakala System of Prediction

D. N. JAKATI

ASTROLOGERS predict the present, the past and the future by studying the planets and the planetary ...ons in a horoscope. Gene...ally, the prediction is on the ...is of Dasa, Bhukti and the ...chara (transit) of planets. But ...re is another important ...stem called the Udayakala ...stem. Every planet has its ...dayakala defined by ancient ...ts. During the last 50 years ...my experience and research ...dies this system has helped ...e in predicting correctly fu...re events. The effects of Uday...la of planets are so power...that even if the Dasa is bad ...d the transit of planets unfa...rable, if the Udayakala of a ...t powerful and favourable ...et starts, the individual will ...good, favourable, prosper...and happy results.

The first Udayakala for every ...is of Jupiter. This Udaya...a starts from the 16th year ...d ends on completion of the ...year. If Jupiter is favour...e and powerful in the horo...e without the aspect of any ...efic planet, the individual ...get success in his educa...and will experience encouraging and happy days. He will enjoy sound health. But on the contrary, if Jupiter is bad and occupies the 6th, the 8th or the 12th house forming Asubha Yogas with the Moon and other planets in the horoscope, he will face failures in all activities, examinations, will be disliked by relatives and face difficulties.

The next Udayakala is of the Sun. This is for a period of 2 years *i.e.*, from the 22nd to the 23rd year. If the Sun is favourable, strong and well placed in the horoscope aspected by benefics forming Subha Yogas in the horoscopes, the individual will be successful in his undertakings. He will become prosperous and will get a job. He will enjoy sound health. If the Sun is not well placed and occupies the 4th, the 8th or the 12th house in combination with malefics and forms bad yogas without the aspect of benefic planets, there will be alround failure and disappointment. He will suffer bodily. The individual will meet with accidents or suffer from typhoid or there will be danger to his father in his 22nd year, if the Sun occupies the 8th house. Next is the Udayakala of the Moon. This is for a period of one year only. That is upto the 24th year. If the Moon is well placed aspected by benefic planets occupying *kendra* or *trikona* and forms Navapanchama Yoga with other planets, the person will be very famous and liked by the public. He will get success and will be happy and jolly. But if the Moon is weak occupying the 6th, the 8th or the 12th house along with malefic planets, without the aspect of benefic planets and is also in Papakartari the person will suffer terrible mental trouble. He will be disappointed in all his activities and will suffer mental disease. Such natives may go mad or attempt suicide in their 24th year. Or, there will be danger from water or he will be drowned.

Then starts the Udayakala of Venus which starts from the 25th year and will be over on completing the 27th year. This will be an eventful period in life. If Venus is powerful aspected by benefic planets occupying the Lagna, the 3rd, the 7th, the 8th, the 9th or the 11th

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house, the marriage of the individual will take place in his 25th year. He will get all sorts of family happiness. But if Venus is bad and occupies the 2nd, the 6th or the 12th houses aspected by malefic planets forming Asubha Yoga with other planets, marriage will be delayed or if the person is already married, he will have to face unwanted troubles in the family. There will be difference of opinion between husband and wife or sometimes they may even be separated. The family tension will remain upto the 27th year. The person will be disappointed in his love affairs.

After this, the most ambitious period of Mars will start and run from the 28th year to the 31st year. Generally, this period will be most eventful in life. If Mars is powerful in the horoscope and occupies the 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house or Lagna, the person will be prosperous and get success in all his efforts. He will get promotion in service and will occupy a post of authority. If Mars is unfavourable forming Asubha Yogas or with Saturn and Rahu, the person will have to face many difficult problems in family affairs. He will meet with accidents in his 28th or 29th year. If Mars is the lord of the 10th, house he will lose his job or change his profession or he will come into trouble in service.

The Udayakala of Mercury comes next. It starts from the 32nd year and ends in the 35th year. If Mercury is well placed in the horoscope, he will give success in all undertakings. The person will be happy. Any differences of opinion between the husband and wife in the Udayakala of Mars will disappear and both will lead a happy life. If Mercury is placed in the 6th, the 8th or the 12th house, there will be bad days and failures in life. If the 8th house is badly afflicted by Mars, Saturn the Sun and Rahu and if Mercury forms Asubha Yoga, the individual will meet with accidents or death comes suddenly in the 32nd or 33rd year.

After this period, the most eventful Udayakala of Saturn begins. Saturn is called the Great Teacher of the solar family. His Udayakala starts from the 36th year and runs upto the 41st year. If Saturn is powerful occupying Lagna or the 3rd, 6th, 10th or 11th houses without the aspect of Mars or Sun, he will give all sorts of happiness. He gives one a promotion to the highest post unexpectedly, if a man is in service or the person will be a great leader. But if Saturn forms Asubha Yoga with the Sun, Moon and Mars or if he is in combination with Mars, Rahu, the Sun and the Moon, he gives terrible mental trouble. The person will meet with accidents or lose everything in life or he will suffer bodily throughout the period of his Udayakala. He will face failures and becomes helpless.

After the Udayakala of Saturn, Rahu period starts. This will be from 42 to 48 years. If Rahu is well placed with the aspects of benefic planets forming Subha Yoga in the horoscope, the individual will get success in his efforts. He will get promotion in service. Thus the entire period will be prosperous and happy and eventful. If Rahu forms bad yogas in the horoscope, he will suffer from peculiar diseases or he will be poisoned or will die of snake-bite.

The last Udayakala of Ketu is from 49 to 58 years. If Ketu is well placed and forms Subha Yoga will give good results. The person will lead a happy life. He gets success in his efforts. He will be free from his family responsibility. But if Ketu is bad in the horoscope and is in combination with Saturn, Mars or the Sun or the Moon, the person suffers from family troubles and monetary difficulties. After the Udayakala of Ketu, the rest of the life depends upon Dasa and Gochara (tranist) of planets.

I suggest that learned astrologers take up this Udayakala system, and use it with Dasa and Gochara to predict correctly future events.—142.89.

In the experience of their fructifying Karma, the enlightened and the unenlightened alike have no choice; but the knower is patient and undisturbed; whereas an ignorant man is impatient and suffers pain and grief.

—Panchadasi

Both the illumined and the deluded suffer from their fructifying Karma; the deluded are subject to misery, the wise are not. As the deluded are full of desires, of impracticable and unreal things, their sorrow is great.

—Panchadasi

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How Saturn's Transit in Capricorn Affects You

PULIPPANI

SATURN being a major and the most malefic planet, his entry into a new sign can produce significant changes both at the mundane and the individual levels, the latter being of very great importance, in that, it affects the individual more for the better or worse in various planes of life with reference to his occupation from one's Janma Rasi.

Saturn enters Capricorn, his own Rasi, on 19-3-1990 at 6.08 a.m.* His movements through the three stars Uttarashadha, Sravana and Dhanishta in Capricorn, after getting retrograde force in that Rasi, come under the following periods:

Uttarashadha	From	19.3.1990	To	6.7.1990
	"	08.10.1990	To	13.03.1991
	"	24.07.1991	"	10.12.1991
Sravana	"	14.03.1991	"	23.07.1991
	"	11.12.1991	"	14.04.1992
	"	11.07.1992	"	06.01.1993
Dhanishta	"	15.04.1992	"	10.07.1992
	"	07.01.1993	"	04.03.1993

Note: (While in retrogression Saturn enters Sagittarius on 20-6-1990 and re-enters Capricorn on 14-12-1990 which may be noted and the results may be reckoned for periods as given in our earlier article in January 1988 Annual Number, page 93, for Saturn's transit through Sagittarius.)

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*This is according to Lahiri's Ayanamsa. The entry will be on 22-3-1990 according to Raman Ayanamsa.

I. General Effects

According to the ancient Tamil work *Choodamani Ullamudaian*, Saturn is said to produce the following results when he passes through the five stars reckoned from Jyeshta:

Kari keattai mudhalaindhum
Karudhip pasi noai pagai peridham

which means that when Saturn transits Uttarashadha and Sravana "he makes the people to suffer from hunger, various diseases and much enmity will prevail among one another".

The same work gives good results for Saturn's passage through Dhanishta.

Veari itta mudhal moonrum vellam peridham
vilaium paar

meaning that when Saturn passes through the three stars reckoned from Dhanishta there will be much rain and floods and due to this, yield of food grains will increase by leaps and bounds.

According to another ancient Tamil work *Kumaraswamiyam* the following results are given:

Seai sani kat sevi nalathaadhipan searil
alladhu
Eadhirkkil naaga manal panganaiyil - - -
Ubaya mooraindhivai ner thottulathich sugan
Kanalutridil janamum agamum surungudhalea

which means that if Mars, Saturn, Rahu and Jupiter join together or aspect each other by opposition, or Saturn, Rahu and Mars conjoin or when Saturn and Mars join in the five stars beginning from Jyeshta, the production of crops will come down. The economic situation in the world will be disturbed and there will be heavy loss of human life.

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In the previous page the author lays down the following conditions:

(1) Saturn, Jupiter, Rahu and Mars should join or aspect each other. Saturn and Rahu are already in association from the beginning. Jupiter aspects them from 17.7.1990. Only Mars will not be combining with them till March 1992, after his initial conjunction with Saturn just before his entry into Capricorn. Hence the conditions are almost fulfilled.

(2) As a second condition Saturn and Mars should join together in the five stars beginning from Jyeshta. In February-March 1992, these two planets conjoin in the star Sravana. Hence we can expect extremely bad conditions in world finance (inflation etc.) and heavy loss of human life due to various calamities.

In addition, Jupiter-Saturn opposition from the end of July 1990 may cause earthquakes in parts of the world, especially in Iran, Assam, China, Russia, Mexico etc. The Saturn-Mars opposition during the beginning of June 1991 may also create similar disturbances in addition to calamities like fire accidents, accidents due to poisonous gases etc. in the countries indicated by Capricorn and Cancer. According to *Hindu Predictive Astrology* by Dr. B. V. Raman, the countries involved may be parts of India (Northern), some parts of Arabia, Russia, Denmark, Lower Sudan, Abyssinia, etc., coming under Capricorn and Holland, Scotland, New Zealand, New York (Northern part of North America), Tripoli, Algiers, Tunis, Italy, etc., coming under Cancer.

The Saturn-Mars conjunction occurring in February-March 1992 may result in still bitter results among the countries indicated above.

According to *Brihat Samhita* (Chap. 10, Sl. 15) of Varahamihira, the following results are ennumerated for the passage of Saturn through the three stars Uttarashadha, Sravana and Dhanishta:

(1) For Uttarashadha he says that people of Dasarna, Ujjayini, Sabaras, people living in western parts of Vindhya Mountain, and the Kunthi Bhoja Rajya will be destroyed. All these regions indicate parts of Northern India. Hence we cannot expect elimination of unrest till the end of 1991. He also says that Yavanas will also be destroyed, which refers to Greece and there will be fear of famine in the countries indicated including Lanka.

(2) For Sravana Varahamihira says (Chap. 10, Sl.16) that Saturn destroys high government officials, eminent spiritualists (*brahmins*), doctors, priests and the people of Kalinga (Orissa?) (beginning of 1991, end of 1991 and beginning of 1992).

(3) For Dhanishta (Chap.10, Sl.16) he says that Saturn in Dhanishta makes the government in North East India flourish well and banking and financing will generally improve (economic inflation will come under control during this period to a certain extent—beginning of 1992 and 1993).

In addition, another Samhita *grantha*, *Adbhuta Darpana* declares the following results for passage of Saturn through Capricorn, quoting, Sage Garga.

प्रभूतदुःखं खलसङ्गरक्तं श्लेष्माधिकं
मूर्खतमं नृशंसम् ।

which, according to the first *sloka*, means that when Saturn passes through Capricorn (Manmatha) there will be the worst famine ever all over the world. People will suffer due to thirst and hunger. And dangerous epidemics of new kinds will break out.

The second *sloka* is figurative. It says that people in villages and jungles will fight with each other, there will be rebellions, the heads of people will be cut and the death devils will dance. This means that there will be heavy loss of human life everywhere.

In the context of Varahamihira's observations made above, the declaration of Garga may mean that unrest in the vulnerable parts of Northern India like Kashmir, Punjab and other places will continue to be so and these problems including that of Punjab cannot be solved until few more years. Hence it goes without saying that the world will pass through a very difficult period upto the beginning of 1993, till Saturn remains in Capricorn.

II. Individual Results

Saturn is said to give good results only in 3 Rasis namely, the 3rd, the 6th and the 11th from one's Janma Rasi. Saturn passes through the entire zodiac in about 30 years. He transits each Rasi in 2.5 years. Saturn makes three rounds in the life of an individual.

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From the above it could be seen that Saturn gives good results only for 7.5 years in each and if the individual lives upto about 90 he gives good effects only for a period of years and for the remaining 67.5 years the individual has to suffer in various ways. Is it Can Saturn be blamed for this? We will try and an answer to this and proceed further. Actually this is not so. By a process of elimination of Saturn's bad effects, due to Moorthy Trayya, good stellar occupation, *vedha* etc., Saturn becomes less malefic for major portions of transit periods as can be seen from what is explained below.

Conventional Aspect

Generally Saturn gives results in 4 ways under conventional aspect:

a) Janma Sani (Saturn in the Moon-sign)

b) As 7.5 years' Saturn (*sadesathi* period of Saturn excluding Janma Sani).

c) Ardhashtama Sani (Saturn in the 4th from one's Moon-sign).

d) Ashtama Sani (Saturn in the 8th from the Moon-sign).

But the cumulative bad effects under these heads get cancelled or modified for the following reasons:-

a) *Janma Sani:* Saturn remains in each sign for about 2.5 years. Janma Sani is the middle portion of the 7.5 years' Saturn. Though Saturn is said to give bad effects in all the houses other than the 3rd, the 6th and the 11th houses, the ancients have weighed the bad results of transits of all planets and have specified only one house for each planet wherein the planet is said to give very bad effects as can be seen from the following Tamil palm leaf reading:

Ravi eaindha midathum thingalettum
Eazadhanir chevvayum irandil pundhi
Vyavu guru moonridathum sungan arril
Mekka sani janmathum irupambu onbaan

which means that the planets produce very often bad effects only during their stay in the following houses from the radical Moon during transit: The Sun in the 5th, the Moon in the 8th, Mars in the 7th, Mercury in the 2nd, Jupiter in the 3rd, Venus in the 6th, Saturn in the 1st house and Rahu and Ketu in the 9th house will produce intensified bad effects. It is to be noted that the learned sage has selected only Janma Rasi for Saturn for the entire life-span during his 3 rounds. This time those born in Capricorn will have very bad time due to Janma Sani.

Mantreswara observes as follows with regard to the effects of Janma Sani:

जन्मन्यायासदाता क्षपयति विभवान्
क्रोधरोगाध्वदाता वित्तभ्रंशं ....

which means "that when Saturn goes through the Janma Rasi the person concerned will suffer fatigue and loss of wealth. He will become afflicted with excess of anger for unwanted things and will suffer from diseases; he will also lose much money" (*Phaladeepika*, Chp. 26, Sl. 9).

For the same Janma Sani Varahamihira gives the following results. "The person will suffer from food-poisoning and fire. Relatives and friends will forsake him. He will be cheated of his shelter. He has to go on exile (unwanted transfer). His children will go against him. His earnings will decrease and he will be wandering all the time without any purpose being achieved".

(b) *Sadesathi Sani:* The 7.5 years' Saturn as it is otherwise called is the period of his passage through the 12th, the 1st and the 2nd houses from one's Moon-sign. The period of 7.5 years is supposed to be very malefic.

Sadesathi Sani effects the individual in the following ways:-

(i) *General:* During the first round the native will have untold sufferings (Mangu Sani). During the 2nd round the native will get generally elevated (Pongu Sani), of course not without some pinpricks now and then. During the 3rd round the native will meet his end (Marana Sani). According to this dictum each individual will have 22.5 years suffering in the entire life-span. In this context an ancient Tamil work says:

Kelappa kadagamdhan singam janmam
Keduthi nigach chaivandaa veadalundu
Nelappa nalamaagum matra rasi

meaning that during the 7.5 years period Saturn will give adverse results only to Cancer and Leo as well as Janma Rasi. In other Rasis he will give good results rather than bad effects. Here the learned author has named Cancer and then Leo reckoning 6 Rasis anti-clockwise from and including Cancer and other 6 Rasis clockwise including Leo. Since Cancer is a movable sign and Leo a fixed sign, it is usually understood

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View Point

Pushkara Yoga

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THERE are many yogas in our astrological texts. Pushkara Yoga has no place there. This yoga refers to the time of death. There are two such yogas which are inauspicious. One arises from the combination of the lunar *tithi* (day) and the weekday.

There are two kinds of lunar days (*tithis*) in this connection. The 1st, 6th and 11th lunar *tithis* are called Nanda. The 2nd, 7th and 12th are Bhadras. If these lunar *tithis* fall on Sunday, Tuesday and Saturday at the time of death, it is dvi-Pushkara Yoga.

There are two groups of Nakshatras (constellations) involved in the second variety. The biped Nakshatras are Mrigasira, Chitta and Dhanishta. The Nakshatras having three feet are Krittika, Punarvasu, Uttara, Visakha, Uttarashadha and Poorvabhadra. If in the above dvi-Pushkara Yoga, any of these constellations is present, then it becomes tri-Pushkara Yoga.

Generally death is inauspicious for the living if it falls on any of these: (a) Lunar *tithis* 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 14; (b) Weekdays Sunday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; (c) constellations Krittika, Rohini, Mrigasira, Punarvasu, Makha, Uttara, Chitta, Visakha, Uttarashadha, Dhanishta, Satabhisha, Poorvabhadra, Uttarabhadra and Revati. Death in these constellations forebodes malefic results.

This malefic nature is doubled in dvi-Pushkara Yoga and trebled in the tri-Pushkara Yoga.

An illustration will make this clear. If on the day of death there are the first lunar *tithi*, Tuesday and Mrigasira, then it is a case of dvi-Pushkara Yoga. If on the day of death we have the 11th lunar *tithi* Sunday, and Punarvasu, then there is tri-Pushkara Yoga.

Of the bad constellations for death we have to find out which have two feet and which have three feet. If the bad constellation does not fall in these two categories, then it is only dvi-Pushkara Yoga. If the *tithi* is neither Nanda nor Bhadra, but the weekday and the two-feet or three-feet constellation is present, then it is a case of dvi-Pushkara Yoga.

What is the result? The text states *"grihe na sthatavyah"*: one should not stay in the house. It should be closed for how long? Counting the constellations from Aswini and giving only their number we get the periods thus:

5 and 14 - two months; 3, 7, 12, 16 and 21 - three months; 4 and 10 - five months; 23 to 27 - six months.

Some texts give the following: 23 - six, 24 - five, 25 - four, 26 - three and 27 - two months. Some state that if the dead one is a parent, then one need not close the house. In these days, it is not possible to close the house for its rental or any other significance. The basic question is - should the house be deserted? Our answer based on the Dharma Sastras and Vedic texts is an emphatic negative. The authorities are clear that the best *shanti* (propitiation) is "Udaka-Shanti" found in the Vedic texts. This is far more efficacious than leaving the house deserted.—203.89.

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Ancient Classical Writers of Jyotisha

Aryabhata II

K. R. KRISHNAMURTHI

General

HIS author who flourished during the latter half of the 10th century has written a work in Arya metre in Astronomy, as *Arya Siddhanta*. If *Aryabhatiyam* be *Arya Siddhanta*, this is the second *Arya* by Aryabhata II. the first *sloka* of work observes as below.

Khagagana Paatikuttaka Bijaadi
Totashta Sastrena
Ghatena Kriyathe Siddhanto Ruchira
Anyambi

beautiful *Siddhanta* has been compiled metre by Aryabhata who has studied sciences on planetary motions, mathe- and algebra.

copy of this work is one among the Deccan Collections. The author does not call it as *Laghu* or *Brihat Arya Siddhanta*.

Date

has mentioned his date, but has given in the mean places mentioned by another known as *Parasara Siddhanta*. He both these *Siddhantas* thus: *Siddhanta Devayam Eeshath Adhyante Kalow Yuge* (Adhy. 2). Both have been compiled small part of Kali Yuga had elapsed.

Simhaganka Karana (1042 A.D.) has adopted motion for the equinox for all time. In absence of sufficient proof of the measures by earlier writers in this respect, not Aryabhata II, it can be inferred that he lived sometime before the equinoctial motion was correctly known. Further Bhattotpala (966 A.D), the noted commentator who quotes from several works, has not quoted the second *Arya Siddhanta*. As such Aryabhata II should have flourished during the closing period of Bhattotpala if not earlier.

His Work

His work consists of 18 chapters covered by 625 *slokas*, dealing with all the usual subjects of earlier writers. Chapter 15 is devoted to *Paatiganitha*, namely arithmetic and mensuration. Chapter 17 deals with a theory of the mean motions of planets, while Chapter 18 covers algebra, particularly *Kuttaka* problems.

The author also uses letters of the alphabet to denote numbers in his work, but a little differently from Aryabhata I. Aryabhata I is a follower of the general rule that figures move from right to left, while this Aryabhata adopts the method of writing the digits from left to right. Even in respect of giving numbers of consonants, he differs from the earlier Aryabhata.

The word *Ghadapha*, if split up letterwise, would give different values as below:

4	3	2	
Gha	da	pha	- As per Aryabhata II
4	13	22	- As per Aryabhata I.

Though this Aryabhata speaks about Parasara and his *Siddhanta*, he differs from him in many cases, like the number of revolutions of stars, planets, apsides, and nodes in a *Kalpa* besides other elements.

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Length of the Year=365 days 15 gh. 31 pals 17 vip 6 pvp as per *Arya Siddhanta II*.

Length of the year=365 days 15 gh 31 pals 18 vip 30 pvp as per *Parasara Siddhanta*.

The author remarks about Parasara thus:

"Parasaraya Divichara Yoga Nychanthi Drishtiphalam (Adhy.- II.)

The followers of Parasara Siddhanta do not accept any *phala* (result) for the mutual aspect of planets". It is not known how it is followed in practice.

He has said of Parasara also as below:

Kali Samugye Yugapade Parasaryam Matham Prasastha Mathaha Vaksheye Thadaham (Adhy. II) *Meaning:* "I describe here Parasara's view, since it is best in Kali Yuga." From this we can infer that *Parasara Siddhanta* was well known and popular during his time. But we miss a copy of this in our times.

According to *Arya Siddhanta*, it is assumed that some years have been spent over creation. But no such assumption has been made in *Parasara Siddhanta*, as quoted by the author. According to both the *Siddhantas*, the planets appear to come together not in the beginning of Kali Yuga, but at the beginning of creation!

Some are found to refer to this *Siddhanta* as *Maha Siddhanta*. No printed version of this work seems to be available.—206.89.

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that the *sadesathe* Sani will gave bad results only for Chara Rasis (moveable sign) in Apasavya Veedhi reckoning from Cancer namely, Cancer and Aries and Sthira Rasis (fixed signs) in Savya Veedhi reckoning from Leo, namely Leo and Scorpio.

From the above it is clear that the 7.5 years Saturn will affect none too badly the Ubhaya Rasis (common Rasis) namely Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces. As such Aries, Cancer, Leo and Scorpio are the 4 signs which will bear the brunt of the 7.5 years' Saturn, that too during his passage through Janma Rasi only.

According to the above, Capricorn suffers Janma Sani this time. Though this is a Chara Rasi it will not get affected that much since it is in Savya Veedhi reckoning from Leo. Sagittarius though affected has already been covered by Janma Sani, that too it is a Ubhaya Rasi and hence 7.5 years' Saturn will not affect it much. Aquarius has 7.5 years' Sani just started and hence need not worry now.

(To be continued)

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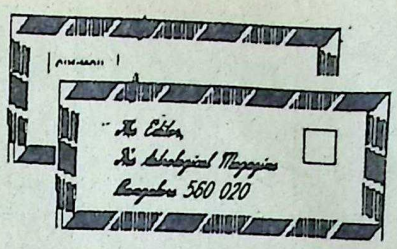

Letters to the Editor

Jupiter and Saturn Nexus

Sir, - In the article "Jupiter-Saturn Nexus - An Exposition" (*A.M.*, January 1990) Mrs. Trivedi has expounded her conviction that "Whenever Jupiter and Saturn are opposite each other, they exchange their characteristics". In support of this view a horoscope chart (Chart No.1) of a Libra Ascendant native is given, with Saturn in the Ascendant and the 7th house occupied by Jupiter and the Moon. According to the writer, the wife of the native will have very ordinary complexion, as Jupiter has exchanged his characteristics with those of Saturn!

It is an elementary principle of Astrology that planets influence the houses they occupy and aspect. Here the 7th house is occupied by Jupiter and the waxing Moon and it is aspected by exalted Saturn. The colour attributed to Jupiter is bright yellow (golden) and to the Moon, white. Saturn's colour is black. It is only logical to conclude that the blending of the influences of fair and dark planets in the 7th house bestows on the wife of the native a very ordinary complexion.

Similarly, Saturn is well placed in the Ascendant in his own or exaltation sign. Here exalted Saturn in the Ascendant is aspected by two benefic planets Jupiter and waxing Moon, conferring on the native "handsome physique, delightful manners....etc."

Thus the physical and mental characteristics of the native or the complexion of the wife can be easily determined on the basis of well-recognised principles of Astrology without propounding the theory of "exchange of characteristics" of the planets.

The writer further makes the amazing statement that "in my opinion it is always safer not to consider the exaltation or debilitation of planets at all". Saturn in exaltation in the Ascendant in Chart No.1 discussed by the writer effectively refutes this erroneous view and highlights the imperative need to specifically look for exaltation or debilitation of planets in the judgement of horoscopes. For, it is the exaltation of Saturn in the Ascendant that has made all the difference between healthy and sickly constitution of the native of Chart No. 1.

Astrological classics abound in rules and ample guidelines to interpret planetary influences, and it is left to the astrologer to intelligently interpret them making due allowances for the changed social conditions of today.

Madras. *C. A. Padmanabhan.*

Upapada Lagna

Sir, - There has been some controversy regarding selection of the Upapada as that of either (1) the 2nd house or (2) the 12th house for even signs ascending. I strongly support the view of Dr. B. V. Raman as expressed in his book - *Studies in Jaimini Astrology* (standard horoscope) where the *pada* of the 12th house has been considered for Taurus Ascendant.

In support, I am furnishing two horoscopes, both Taurus Ascendants. In Case 1, the wife of the native has developed a serious problem in her legs. The Upapada falls in Sagittarius with Saturn and Rahu conjoining in a sign of Saturn.

In Case 2, the Upapada again falls in Sagittarius. Rahu is placed in the 2nd from Mercury (ruling the 7th from Upapada). The native had ugly protruding teeth and underwent treatment for cure (benefics are also present).

Instead, if we had chosen the *pada* of the 2nd house, in both the cases it would have been

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: July 1950

Malefics as Benefics

Sir, - There seems to be some misconception about the basic truths outlined by Gomathi Annapoorni in her article "Malefics as Benefics" in the 1950 Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. I have gone through the article and I wish to state that there are no inconsistencies at all.

According to Parasara if *subha* planets stand in the 6th, 7th and 8th Bhavas, separated from *papa* planets, then a person born with such a Yoga becomes a king; else he will be like unto a king by virtue of the comforts he enjoys. Such an individual gets long life, great victories, fame, knowledge, fortunate wife, children, friends, vehicles and various other benefits.

It is clear therefore that what Parasara means is that good planets *according to the Lagna* should occupy the said positions, even if they are natural malefics like Saturn, Mars, Rahu and Ketu.

Varahamihira subsequently brought in the Chandra Adhi Yoga by the following *sloka*: - "Saumiyak amtari nidhanesavadhiyoga indok - thasmin svamupa sachivakshithipalajanma; Sampanna soukhya vibhava hatha shatrashva - dirghayuho roga bhayascha jatha". Here *saumya* planet from the Moon refers to the *bhavadhipati i.e.*, in relation to the rising sign, whatever the inherent nature of the planet may be according to the A.B.C. of Hindu Astrology.

Now this Adhi Yoga is formed in seven different ways. Let me quote Sruta Kirti, *viz.*, - "Nidhanan duinan sashtan chandrashtanad yada subhyeer yuktham - Adhiyogak saproktho vyasa kruthauw sapthabda purvyeek".

1. From the Moon If all the *subha* planets are in the 6th, 7th and 8th Bhavas. 2. Such benefics in the 6th or 7th. 3. Such benefics in the 6th or 8th. 4. Such benefics in the 7th or 8th. 5. Such benefics in the 6th alone. 6. Such benefics in the 7th alone. 7. Such benefics in the 8th alone.

Once again it is clear that benefics mean according to the Lagna not Jupiter, Venus or Mercury, which are by nature benefics. Of course these planets are not excluded if they happen to be there at birth.

For the benefit to materialise the benefics must be possessed of the several *balas* and then only the three forms of good could be realised. When the question of *bala* enters, then we know that it is in relation to the Ascendant. According to Badarayana's commentary if the creator of the Adhi Yoga is in full power, then the subject will be a king. If it is having middling strength, then he will be a Manthri (equal to a minister); if it is weak, then he will be a Senanayake (Commander-in-Chief).

Colombo. *Cyrus D. F. Abayakoon.*

Aquarius giving misleading results.

Case 1: Male born on 12-11-1934 at Cuttack at 18h.19m. IST; *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant; Ketu - Cancer; Leo - Mars; Libra - Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and the Sun; Capricorn - Saturn, Rahu and the Moon; Upapada - Sagittarius.

Case 2: Female born on 21-5-1965, Jackson USA, 6 a.m. Summertime. *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant, Jupiter, the Sun, Rahu and Venus; Leo - Mars; Scorpio - Ketu; Capricorn - the Moon; Aquarius - Saturn; Aries - Mercury; Upapada - Dhanus.

Faridabad. *Sanjay Rath.*

The R.S.S.

Sir, - Mr. Chandrakant G. Kothari in his article "Epoch-making Conjunctions" in the 1990 Annual Number has mentioned some important events in relation to Indian politics due to the conjunction of Mars and Saturn in Libra in December 1925. I may invite his attention to the most important event of the formation of the R.S.S. on the auspicious day of Vijaya Dasami by Dr. Keshav Rao Hedgewar. May I request him to throw some light on the re-emergence of the R.S.S.? Does the Mercury-Saturn conjunction in its chart mean the R.S.S. will achieve its objective of transforming society. At the moment the R.S.S. is a well-knit disciplined cadre and extremely patriotic organisation.

Delhi. *Ishwar Dayal Srivastava.*

Horoscope Evaluation

Sir, - I am unable to digest the rule laid down by Mr. P. N. Oak, in his article "Evaluating Horoscopes and Predicting Events" in the 1990 Annual Number.

The Moon is the satellite of our earth and has a key role on earthly events and lives. However, it has no light of its own, and we know pretty well that it transmits solar light.

The author states that all planets except the Moon are like dead hulks, and that the Moon is the animator.

What about the energising Sun? The author could have included that the life current passes on

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...other planets *via* the Moon, and not from the ...itself, giving due significance to the Sun. Kindly let me have a clarification.

C. Krishna Raju.

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...reign Travel

Sir, - Reference to the letters of Mr. N. C. ...di and Mr. K. D. Grover (*A.M.*, January 1990, ...118) the Nirayana longitude of Saturn on ...1966 is 333°. Saturn was in Pisces and not in ...arius as shown in the chart. The native went to ...on 28-2-1976 when Jupiter-Saturn period was ...ing (29-4-1974 to 11-11-1976). This is quite ...fied according to my observations on the sub... of foreign travels. Bhukti lord Saturn owns the ... and the 8th, occupies the 8th and is in the 9th ... the major lord Jupiter. Jupiter Dasa must ...e taken her abroad as he is the lord of the 8th ...occupies the 12th in a moveable sign Cancer ... where he aspects the 4th and Bhukti lord ...urn.

The native married the foreigner on 11-2-1985 ...Jupiter-Mars period (11-11-1984 to 17-10-...) was operating. Mars owns the 4th and the ... and joins 8th lord Jupiter. Thus Mars and ...er both indicate travel abroad. So after mar...e she settled there. I regret the calculation ...rs.

...know.

Mridula Trivedi.

Sir, - The September issue - "Planets and For...n Travels" is a timely one. It is rich in its ...ts on the subject and students of Astrology ...find it very useful.

Authors of different articles have, it seems, ...e a lot of research on the subject. Different ...s have been expressed by each one of them.

Regarding the 12th house Mr. Buell D. Huggins ... "Nevertheless the 12th house .... permanent ...ence and good fortune in a foreign country." Mr. P. W. Mandvikar says: "Malefics occupying ...12th house denote foreign travel".

Mr. Pulippani says: "When Saturn is in the ... suffers separation from the wife".

At the same time I am reminded of the late Mr. ...Lakshmanan's comment (one of his articles - re...ished in one of this year's magazine) that "if ...n is placed in the 12th house the horoscope ...d be rejected outright".

Does it mean that all these persons having ...n in the 12th house are persons of shadow and ...worth and that they shall remain unfortu... U.S.A.

T. N. Qo...

Untenable Answer

Sir, - Regarding question No. 6 at page 224, *A.M.*, February 1990 and the answer given to it, while the horoscopic details given by the questioner were patently incorrect, Mihira, instead of dismissing the query on that ground, chose to give an equally untenable answer. Incidentally, his reply to part (b) of the question indicates something which many astrologers may not agree with.

Mihira's answer to question 10, page 225, of the same issue, is another example.

Hyderabad.

B. P. Sastry.

[***Mihira answers:***

The data no doubt provides positions for Saturn and leaves out Jupiter. By dismissing it as absurd, I would discourage the questioner and, perhaps the editorial assistant too, who could have committed the error while typing. Rather than do so, I made a positive use of the ***faux pas*** *by treating Saturn in Libra as Jupiter in the first part of the question, and answered in the way I have, illustrating a useful formula. Often I correct questions if I am able to place my hands on the particular date.*

Regarding second part of it, the question is asked hypothetically; that is how I have taken it. I do not see why the answer to this part is not acceptable to many astrologers. Jataka Chandrika is categorical in stating —I believe after the famous verse "Kashmira gardabha" — that evil planets when exalted do not yield favourable results. The same text also avers that the 9th lord, when ruling 8th or 11th, forfeits the right to form Raja Yoga with the 10th lord. Saturn, being an evil planet and retrograde at that, is much more so. Regarding question 10 I have explained the position fully.

While I do not claim infallibility, I do spend more time in studying the questions than the reader on my answers which I frame as constructively as possible, consistent with the object of this section, subject of course, to the vagaries of the printer's devil.]

Budha-Aditya Yoga

Sir, - The 1990 Annual Number contains an article by Mr. K. K. Pathak on the above Yoga which he thinks is caused "when Mercury combines with the Sun in any sign in any house". Our understanding is that the combination must take place either in the house owned by Mercury or the Sun. Will you please enlighten us in the matter?

Also I shall be obliged to know if the Sun in Aquarius and Mercury in Capricorn form Budha-Aditya Yoga.

Howrah.

K. K. Mukherjee.

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Sir, - The 1990 Annual Number is a splendid in every respect. All articles are very carefully selected and all of them are interesting indeed. Mr. Iranganti Rangacharya has become a specialist in calculating life span on Jaimini system. The article on Budha-Aditya Yoga is also unique and I have not yet come across any article or any book giving the details on Budha-Aditya Yoga as it has been done in this article. It is a very common Yoga found in many horoscopes but not all these give the same effects. Readers can easily verify their own birth charts according to the theories advocated by Mr. K. K. Pathak.

Calcutta. *A. N. Bhattacharji.*

The Astrological Magazine

Sir, - Many thanks for sending the January 1990 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. The cover page is very attractive with the picture of the Sun's temple. The inclusion of photos of the contributors is welcome. I have been reading the Annual Number with great interest.

V. Rajahmundry. *V.K.S. Prakasa Rao.*

Sir, - Just a few months back, quite accidentally, I happened to read a copy of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, and though my knowledge of this subject was barely minimal to understand and appreciate its contents, I was delighted with the style and high degree of professional standard with which this noble subject is discussed and presented in your magazine.

I was so much impressed that I bought all the back issues available with the news agent, together with current issues that followed regularly each month, and I am reading each article over and over again, with an eager desire to learn something about this fascinating subject.

Ruwi, Oman. *Wimal Kalapuge.*

Sir, - In the 1990 Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, apart from a very good presentation, articles of Mr. H. R. Shankar, Dr. P. S. Sastri and Mr. V. A. K. Ayer are quite informative and clear the doubts of readers on vital points.

On the other hand, some of the articles create controversies and more doubts than solving them.

As per Mr. P. N. Oak, Mars in Cancer yields good results concerning the houses it governs. He further adds that Mars in Capricorn is worse as Capricorn is the worst of all the twelve signs.

Mr. S. R. Gupta in the 1988 Annual Number has said that he studies divisional charts independently and keeps the Rasi chart aside. Would he like to share views for shifting the stand now with the readers as he is considering both Rasi chart and Saptamsa together, in his latest article? It is also not understood as to what he is now working on Amsa Dasa which he had propounded earlier.

Mrs. Mridula Trivedi wants to shake the very pillars of Astrology when she states that in her view, it is always safer not to consider the exaltation or debilitation of planets at all.

Mr. S. N. Kapoor has not been clear when he states "should it mean that when the 4th lord and Bhumikaraka Mars are both comparatively well placed and well aspected in Chaturthamsa a man may own and when only one of them is not so well placed or aspected especially when 4th lord is in *satru rasi*, he may live in mansions and bungalows without owning them". Will he clarify the tricky problem?

In fact, the articles of Messrs. Gupta, Oak and Kapoor and Mrs. Mridula are worthy of debate.

New Delhi. *Anil K. Sharma.*

Political Forecasts

Sir, - Mr. Jasbir Singh's article (*A.M.*, February 1990) was very interesting.

While cataloguing the fulfilled and unfulfilled forecasts, he has not mentioned the predictions of Mr. Raman Thakkar. Mr. Thakkar had predicted correctly the defeat of Congress (I) and Rajiv Gandhi's fate in the *Jansatta* (Indian Express Group) dated 31-12-1988 and 21-2-1989 respectively.

Bombay. *Rohit Ganatra.*

Sir, - "Predictions About Recent Elections in India" by Mr. Jasbir Singh involving a total of 37 astrologers have been very timely and interesting. It is unfortunate that only 7 amongst the 37 could correctly forecast the ascension to power of Mr. V. P. Singh. My hearty congratulations to them for their successful prediction, and our grateful thanks to the other 30 for their best efforts in forecasting and in disregarding the risk of failure.

In V. P. Singh's horoscope (see page 176 of *A.M.*, February 1988 as per analysis by Mrs Mridula Trivedi), Mercury and Saturn are in mutual aspect and both confer Vipareeta Raja Yoga. Further, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn are Vargottama. Jupiter is exalted, and both Moon and Jupiter have directional strength. Jupiter is the lord of 10th house in the Indian Republic horoscope, and V. P. Singh's destiny has squarely matched this. The point about mutually aspecting Mercury and Saturn conferring Vipareeta Raja Yoga in V. P. Singh's

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

...letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are put ...ing to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some ...doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at ... This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE—Ed., A.M.)***

...Rasi: Taurus - Ascendant; Cancer - Mars ...Rahu; Leo - the Moon; Capricorn - Saturn, ...Ketu; Aquarius - the Sun and Mercury; ...ces - Jupiter. ***Navamsa:*** *Pisces - Ascendant; ... the Sun and Venus; Gemini - Saturn; ...Jupiter; Leo - Rahu; Libra - Mars; Scorpio ...; Sagittarius - Mercury; and Aquarius - ... In the book* ***Jyotisha Ratnakara*** *written ...ti Nandana Singh, it is given if Venus is ...d in the 5th, 7th or 9th from Ascendant ...th any malefic, then the native will have ...rriage or if it all happens Striviyoga Yoga ...here. My question is, Saturn is Yogakaraka ...rus Ascendant. Here Lagna lord and the ...karaka Venus is along with Saturn in the ... this combination deny the native marriage? ...t will be the effects of Ketu in the 9th and ... Mars combination in Cancer, 3rd from ...t, being debilitated position for Mars? (c) ...ho occupies Pisces and Cancer in Navamsa, ...have a beneficial influence in this case? ...y running with Rahu Dasa and Rahu ...from 5-3-1989.*

Dr. S. R. R. Chakravarthy, Varanasi.

...(a) Here, Venus and Saturn are func... ...efics and hence they will not stand in the ...marriage. Ketu, of course, is a trouble ...and he can at best cause minor marital ... Jupiter's aspect on the 7th ensures ... From the Moon too, its 7th is well occupied underscoring the conclusions. (b) Mars' debilitation is cancelled by the aspect of Saturn, its exaltation lord. Yet their occupation of the 3rd house is adverse for brothers/sisters, communication etc. (c) Answered in the first part itself.

Q. 2. Rasi: *Gemini - Ascendant, Jupiter and the Moon; Virgo - the Sun; Libra - Mercury; Scorpio - Mars, Venus and Ketu; Aquarius - Saturn (R); and Taurus - Rahu. What means of livelihood does the current Dasa of Jupiter and Bhukti of Mercury show?*

P. S. Prakash, Madras.

Ans: The position of Jupiter, Moon, Sun, Mars and Mercury suggest the career of medical representative. Gaja Kesari is useful for salesmanship.

Q. 3. Rasi: *Ascendant 186-00; the Sun 201-31; the Moon 108-06; Mars 226-16; Mercury (R) 203-18; Jupiter (R) 347-27; Venus 219-41; Saturn 293-21; Rahu 79-37; and Ketu 259-37 with balance of Mercury Dasa at birth 15 years, 2 months and 2 days. The native is not at all serious about getting settled in his career. Is it due to the weakness of the 10th lord or is it only a passing phase?*

K. B. Singh, Dehra Dun.

Ans: Who told you that the 10th lord is weak? He occupies his own place and retrograde and hence very strong aspecting the 2nd. I wish you had given me the date of birth. My guess is the native runs Venus major period. His position as 5th lord in the 6th in the company of malefic Mars

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provides an adolescent mind. Inferentially this is a passing phase. He can cure it by curbing his fantasies.

Q. 4. *Please refer to Chart No.1 at page 74 of* ***Hindu Predictive Astrology*** *(Dr. B. V. Raman) about the female born on 11-1-1928 who died within 16 months due to affliction of the Moon. My wife was born 11 days later whose horoscope is given below where fast-moving planets, the Moon, the Sun and Mercury only have proceeded a bit. This lady remained very ill in the childhood and at one stage even suffered from bone T.B. From 1981-86 she got agitated depression and was also kepth in a mental hospital for one month. Finally she was recovered and is doing much better now despite the third cycle of* ***sade-sati*** *still on. I have had a hell of a time for the past seven years. Please be good enough to report on the longevity aspect. She has crossed 60 years this January. In view of similarity between her horoscope and the example quoted by Dr. Raman I shall be happy if you could enlighten me.* ***Rasi:*** *Aquarius - Ascendant; Pisces - Jupiter; Taurus - Rahu; Scorpio - Venus, Saturn and Ketu; Sagittarius - the Moon and Mars; and Capricorn - the Sun and Mercury with a balance of Sun Dasa at birth 4 years, 6 months and 25 days.*

G. C. Srivastava, Dombivali (W).

Ans: The Lagna lord in fixed and 8th lord in movable makes the native belong to the category of *madhyayu* which extends till 75 years. Its actual period depends upon the current and forthcoming Dasa-Bhuktis which should be worked out and found when a *maraka* element intrudes.

Q. 5. Rasi: *Cancer - Ascendant, the Sun and Mercury; Leo - Saturn; Virgo - Mars and Ketu; Libra - the Moon; Aquarius - Jupiter; Pisces - Rahu; and Gemini Venus.* ***Navamsa:*** *Leo - Ascendant; Virgo - the Sun, Mars and Rahu; Scorpio - Saturn; Sagittarius - Mercury and Venus; Capricorn - Jupiter; Aquarius - the Moon; and Pisces - Ketu. What is the result of Lagna lord Moon's aspect on the 10th?*

S. R. Rao, Nagpur.

Ans: Whichever Bhava the Lagna lord occupies or aspects improves. Here the 10th house or career/profession is benefited. But 10th lord Mars occupies the 3rd. In consequence, the nature of the job may involve movement, such as agent and the product may be linked to chemicals, food products or textiles. Saturn's aspect on the Moon is a limiting factor while Jupiter's aspect shows ultimate relief.

Q. 6. *I am separated from my family due to job away from home since 1973 ever since Rahu Dasa began. I tried my level best to keep my family with me, but always failed. Is there any chance of keeping my family with me? Kindly suggest me Gemstone, Japa, etc., for remedy.* ***Rasi:*** *Scorpio - Ascendant; Capricorn - Ketu; Aquarius - Mars; Aries - the Sun and the Moon; Taurus - Mercury, Saturn and Venus; Gemini - Jupiter; and Cancer - Rahu.*

B. C. Jat, Bombay.

Ans: Rahu occupies the 6th from the 4th, hence the experience. When Jupiter Dasa starts you will surely live with your family as Jupiter aspects both 4th house and Lagna lord in it.

Q. 7. Rasi: *Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Saturn; Capricorn - the Moon and Jupiter; Aquarius - Ketu; Leo - Venus and Rahu; and Virgo - the Sun, Mercury and Mars.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aries - Venus and the Sun; Virgo - Mars and Mercury; Libra - Ketu and Ascendant; Sagittarius - Saturn; Capricorn - the Sun; and Aquarius - the Moon and Jupiter. Mars is placed in the 11th being the lord of the Ascendant and the 6th. The Moon is placed in the 3rd house along with* ***neecha*** *Jupiter (lord of the 9th) being the 2nd and 5th lord exchanging places with Saturn in the 2nd who is the 3rd and 4th lord (R). Ketu is placed in the 4th opposing Rahu placed in the 10th house. Venus placed in the 10th is the lord of the 7th and the 12th house. Mercury placed in the 11th house is the lord of the 8th and 11th. The Sun in the 11th is the 10th lord. The native, though a graduate with very high qualification in typewriting, joined the Electricity Department as casual labourer in 1980 and worked hoping to get a full appointment. There was an end to the work after three months without any result. From then there was only an employment on daily wages here and there till now. He worked as Junior clerk in the Mandal Revenue Office in a regular cadre during strike period of NGO's for 53 days. A G.O. was created to appoint them after the strike in Government service. But it did not take shape. As the Electricity Department did not care he had to seek recourse to be appointed by the management. He was successful but the management is deaf even to the mandates. There were numerous interviews attended without success during these days. Finally there is a newspaper announcement by the Electricity Department to take him into service with immediate effect. Yet he is still waiting without a job. Why is it so? When will things improve?*

B. K. Gundu Rao, Kalyandurg.

Ans: You have given all details except the Dasa-Bhuktis which are essential for answering your questions. Anyway the ordeal is because

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...'s aspect to the 10th, 11th and Lagna lords. ...ing by Gochara, it will not be long before the ...gets the appointment order.

...& Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant and Saturn ...Pisces - Jupiter (R); Gemini - Rahu; Virgo - the ...the Moon, Mercury (R) and Venus; Libra - ...and Sagittarius - Ketu. Navamsa: Aqua- ...Ascendant, Jupiter, Mercury and Venus; ...the Moon; Taurus - Rahu; Leo - Saturn; ...Ketu; and Capricorn - the Sun and Mars. ...this chart indicate Government service in ...future? Will he be successful in own business? ...what type of business will suit him and when?

R. Shrikant, Raipur.

Ans: Badhaka lord in the 10th with Sun in 12th ...cludes Government service. Saturn in Lagna ...the 3rd, 6th and 10th with 10th lord in the ...suggests movement; Gajakesari gives power of ...ship. Hence with Rahu in the 6th, elec- ...business will suit. As to time, Dasa-Bhukti ...are needed. Gocharawise July 1990 may ...it.

Q. 9. Rasi: Ascendant 345-50; the Sun 353-41; ...252-91; Jupiter 318-5; Saturn 227-14; Rahu ...the Moon 317-08; Mercury 327-37; and Venus ...Lord of the 10th (and Lagna) Jupiter, lord ...4th and 7th Mercury, lord of the 5th Moon are ...12th from Lagna. Lord of the 9th (and 2nd) ...10th. These combinations lead to Raja Yoga ...Kesari Yoga. How do you read the prospects of ...tion and education?

S. V. Sortur, Dandeli.

Ans: Karaka and 4th lord in the 12th favours ...medical or science education as Mars also ...Lagna and 4th house. The 9th lord in the ...a Raja Yoga. The Moon-*cum*-Jupiter consti- ...Kesari. As I said, only para-medical will ...

Q. 10. Rasi: Scorpio - Ascendant and Mercury; ...rius - the Sun and Venus; Aquarius - the ...and Saturn; Aries - Rahu; Cancer - Jupiter ...Virgo - Mars and Uranus; and Libra - Ketu and ...Navamsa: Cancer - Ascendant and ...Libra - Jupiter and Rahu; Scorpio - Mer- ...Capricorn - the Moon; Aries - the Sun and ...Taurus - Mars; and Gemini - Saturn. At ...Jupiter Dasa Venus Bhukti from 20-5- ...Jupiter and Venus are 6/8 positions. Seve- ...ts are being made for this girl's marriage ...success. What is the reason for the delay?

P. G. Krishnamurty, Bhimavaram.

Ans: Saturn's aspect to the 7th, Lagna and ...to the Moon is the cause of delay. The 7th ...venus gets Cancer Navamsa and its lord occupies its 8th, Aquarius, in the Rasi. Currently Jupiter in transit aspects him. Hence marriage is likely to take place before July. Saturn may be propitiated.

Q. 11. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant; Scorpio - Rahu; Sagittarius - Mars and Jupiter; Pisces - the Moon and Saturn; Taurus - Ketu; Leo - Mercury and Venus; and Virgo - the Sun.* ***Navamsa:*** *Pisces - Ascendant; Taurus - Mars and Venus; Gemini - Ketu; Leo - Saturn; Libra - Mercury; Sagittarius - Rahu and Jupiter; and Aquarius - the Moon and the Sun. The native is in APSEB as lineman. He fell from electric pole two times and recently recovered. Domestic quarrels and unnecessary expenditure are there. Mars Dasa Saturn Bhukti are on. (a) What will be the present position in the case of his family and job (he continues his job now)? (b) Which results are seen in future? Rahu Dasa who is debilitated in Rasi in 2nd house. Balance of Mercury Dasa 4 years, 9 months and 4 days.*

P. Rama Rao, Yellamanchili.

Ans: (a) Mars in the 3rd is the culprit who in collusion with Saturn in the 6th aspecting 9th brought about the tragedy. The 4th is the house of family and Saturn is its lord. Mars' aspect to it could cause ripples but not damage. The 10th is the house of profession. Along with its lord Moon, Saturn occupies its trine. Hence there is fear about it although there could be rubbings because of the aspect of Mars. (b) The next Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury Bhuktis should prove favourable till Ketu.

Q. 12. Rasi: *Ascendant 228; the Sun 221; the Moon 73; Mars 226; Mercury 208; Venus 205; Saturn 273; Jupiter 281; and Rahu 120-07.* ***Navamsa:*** *Sagittarius - Ascendant; Capricorn - the Moon; Aquarius - Saturn; Aries - Jupiter and Rahu; Taurus - Venus; Gemini - Mercury; Libra - the Sun and Ketu; and Scorpio - Mars. Native's eyesight is growing worse every year. Six years back he had healthy eyes. He is very anxious. Is it due to the Moon receiving the aspect of Mars or due to Venus receiving the 10th aspect of Saturn; What are the remedies to overcome the defects. When will he get complete relief? (Saturn Dasa is running from June 1987).*

C. S. P. Verma, Patna.

Ans: Saturn's aspect to the 12th and Venus in it; the 2nd lord Jupiter in the 3rd with Saturn coupled with Lagna lord's combustion contribute to the condition. Fasting on Saturdays; Surya Namaskara and recitation of Akshi Upanishad will help ameliorate conditions.

Q. 13. Kindly clarify the following with reference to the chart given here. When Jupiter owns two

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kendra houses, he is said to be afflicted with kendradhipatya dosha. Will it also be same, even if Jupiter is not the lord of ***kendra*** *in Bhavas but lord of 1, 4, 7, 10th signs. If not, will he give results as per Bhavaadhipatya alone? How to interpret the Dasa effects of Jupiter in such cases especially the present Venus Bhukti in Jupiter Dasa? Whether the period is fruitful or not with reference to profession?* ***Rasi:*** *Aries - Mercury; Taurus - the Sun and Rahu; Gemini - Venus, Saturn and Lagna; Cancer - Mars; Leo - Mandi; Virgo - Jupiter (R); Scorpio - Ketu; and Capricorn - Moon.* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant; Scorpio - Venus and Mercury; Capricorn - Mars; Pisces - the Sun and Ketu; Aries - the Moon; Taurus - Mandi; Gemini - Saturn; Leo - Jupiter; and Virgo - Rahu.*

Dr. M. Ganesan, Madras.

Ans: First of all *kendradhipatya dosha* applies only in the case of longevity. Secondly, *kendra* is usually referred to only in terms of houses and not Bhavas, and the latter can be used only preferably and not substantially in critical matters. Indeed many people ignore their consideration in view of the multiple *vargas*. Under the circumstances, I don't see why the present Dasa-Bhukti should not make a grand success to one's job or career especially in view of the *kendra-kona* relationship between the two as Raja Yoga.

Q. 14. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant 29-16, Saturn 6-13, the Sun 5-12, Mercury 29-17; Capricorn - Rahu 5-17; Pisces - the Moon 29-16; Gemini - Jupiter (R) 3; Cancer - Ketu 5-17; Leo - Pluto 1-28; and Virgo - Mars 0-16 and Venus 11-5.* ***Navamsa:*** *Gemini - Ascendant and Mercury; Leo - Ketu; Libra - Jupiter (R); Scorpio - the Sun; Sagittarius - Saturn; Capricorn - Mars; Aquarius - Rahu; and Pisces - the Moon. (a) How is Mars 2nd lord in 12th house exalted in Navamsa in 8th house both from money and marriage point of view, considering Kemadruma Yoga in horoscope? Will the native be able to build her own house, if yes, when? (b) How are the chances of further studies (post-doctoral courses) as the native has 4th and 5th lord Saturn exalted (but combust) (so far academic success has been quite satisfying) and 10th lord Moon -* ***Vargottama*** *(Full Moon too)?*

Dr. Renu Singh, M.B.B.S., M.D., Jaipur.

Ans: (a) Kemadruma is cancelled because lunar *kendra* is occupied:

हिमत्विपि चतुष्टये ग्रहयुतेऽथ केमद्रुमे
नहीति कथितो ।.....

Mars position both in Rasi in the company of Venus and 8th in the Navamsa are adverse for happy marriage. As Mars is exalted in Navamsa, it can give money in later years. (b) The combination of the 4th lord could cause obstacles to P.G. although profession can be good. Saturn could be propitiated appropriately.

Q. 16. Rasi: *Aquarius - Ascendant; Pisces - Mercury; Aries - the Sun and Venus; Taurus - Jupiter; Gemini - Ketu; Virgo - the Moon; Libra - Saturn; and Sagittarius - Rahu and Mars. Navamsa:* ***Libra*** *- Mercury and Venus; Aquarius - Saturn; Aries - the Sun (Vargottama); Pisces - the Moon; Scorpio - Rahu; Taurus - Ketu; Gemini - Mars; and Virgo - Jupiter. Does the chart show a career in Astrology or the life of a monk?*

Pankaj Y. Nayar, Ahmedabad.

Ans: It is certainly not a monk because 10th lord occupies the 11th in the company of Rahu and Moon is in the 8th. It could be some intellectual and occult subjects as Ketu occupies 5th and Jupiter the 4th aspecting the 10th. Strength of the 3rd house suggests success in media, communication and the like.

Q. 16. Rasi: *Sagittarius - Ascendant; Taurus - the Sun and Rahu; Gemini - Venus and Mercury; Cancer - Saturn; Leo - Mars; Virgo - Jupiter and the Moon; and Scorpio - Ketu. (a) Will 4th lord Jupiter aspecting the 4th give the native a house of his own? (b) How will Lagna lord Jupiter in the 10th influence career in Saturn Dasa?*

G. V. Hegde, Siddapur.

Ans: (a) Yes; I should think so, especially as Venus, *karaka* too, occupies the 4th in the company of 4th lord. (b) Better than any other planet.

Q. 17. Rasi: *Virgo - Ascendant; Libra - Jupiter and Rahu; Sagittarius - Saturn (R); Capricorn - the Moon and Mars; Aquarius - Venus; Pisces - the Sun; and Aries - Mercury and Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Pisces - Ascendant, the Sun and Saturn; Aries - Mercury; Gemini - Ketu; Leo - Mars; Scorpio - Jupiter; Sagittarius - Rahu; and Capricorn - the Moon and Venus. (a) The 2nd and 9th lord in the 6th and the Lagna and the 10th lord in the 8th is not good for money or profession. What are the counteracting features in this chart? (b) The Sun is in the 7th and the 7th lord joins Rahu. What is the significance of these factors on marital matters?*

Rajesh Kumar, Jodhpur.

Ans: (a) Lagna lord Mercury's aspect to the 2nd is a feeble counteracting influence. (b) Not very happy with misunderstandings and quarrel.

Q. 18. Rasi: *Aquarius - Ascendant and the Moon; Pisces - Mars and Ketu; Taurus - Jupiter and Saturn; Gemini - the Sun and Mercury; Cancer - Venus; and Virgo - Rahu. Rahu is placed in the 8th which is considered to be quite benevolent. Also*

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roscope appears to have been missed by many in r forecasts owing to the dominant impression the current Dasa period of Mercury, which is efic for Cancer Ascendant, would not be fa- ble to him.

The Indian Independence horoscope had Sat- as lord of 10th house which Mr. Rajiv Gandhi ched well so far, and with his exit the horo- e of the republic is in operation.

The forecast about elections in editorial of *A.M.* Annual issue proved quite correct even though h was not specifically named as the next e Minister. I had wisely relied exclusively on *A.M.* editorial to answer queries from friends rding the election prospects.

K. M. Iyer.

hapatnam.

Sir, - Apropos the article, "Prediction About t Elections in India" by Mr. Jasbir Singh one on factor in all the predictions quoted by the r was that there was a tough time ahead for ling party. Also, the majority of astrologers ed that Mr. V. P. Singh had a good chance to ed. All deserve congratulations.

However, the most brilliant prediction came Dr. B. V. Raman. He has (*A.M.*, January 1989) ly and specifically sounded that the transit of r through Taurus and Gemini has played a part in Indian political affairs in the past and me too, it would influence the political scene a and that the country was heading towards ected political transformation at Delhi.

R. A. Parmar.

dri Mantra

Sir, - In The Astrological Magazine of June t page 464 significance of Pradosha has been

s say that the Vrata has to be observed in a l manner and 'Rudri' is the *mantra* for

e would appreciate if you could give details of Mantra. None of my astrologer-friends enlighten me in this regard. What is that prayer for this occasion which is indicated e 524?

abad.

Darshaney Lokesh.

ices and Monthly Forecasts

Sir, - Ref. page 939 (*A.M.*, December 1989 I fully endorse the views expressed by Mr. Sharma in the second para on the analysis of the nodes on monthly forecast.

Mandsaur.

P. K. Padliya.

Printing Errors

Sir, - Recently I was going through an old issue of The Astrological Magazine (May 1989). At page 452, under "Astrology and Women's World", in answering a question (S. No. 16382) in the last sentence the word 'believe' is printed instead of 'belie' which gives exactly the opposite meaning the writer had intended and also confirms the fear of the querist regarding the longevity of the mother, even though grammatically the sentence is incorrect. Such printing mistakes should be carefully avoided. Obviously, the alphabets 've' have been added by some person who had no knowledge of what he was doing and such corrections could bring disastrous results in the minds of persons who are not well versed in Astrology.

Madras.

N. Ravichandran.

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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun *Ravi*	☽ Moon *Chandra*	♂ Mars *Kuja*	☿ Merc. *Budha*	♃ Jupiter *Guru*	♀ Venus *Sukra*	♄ Saturn *Sani*	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
	h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1. Sun.	0 37 30	348 43 53	60 11 50	292 50	1 31	70 29	302 17	272 08	291 25	257 15	262 14	205 03
2. Mon.	0 41 26	349 43 03	74 11 43	293 35	3 33	70 35	303 17	272 11	291 22	257 15	262 14	205 02
3. Tues.	0 45 23	350 42 14	87 49 25	294 19	5 24	70 42	304 17	272 14	291 19	257 16	262 15	205 01
4. Wed.	0 49 19	351 41 22	101 06 35	295 04	7 10	70 49	305 18	272 17	291 16	257 16	262 15	204 59
5. Thurs.	0 53 16	352 40 27	114 05 51	295 49	8 54	70 56	306 19	272 20	291 13	257 17	262 16	204 58
6. Fri.	0 57 13	353 39 31	126 50 05	296 34	10 33	71 03	307 20	272 23	291 10	257 17	262 16	204 57
7. Sat.	1 01 09	354 38 32	139 21 55	297 19	12 09	71 10	308 21	272 26	291 07	257 18	262 16	204 55
8. Sun.	1 05 06	355 37 31	151 43 43	298 03	13 39	71 17	309 23	272 28	291 04	257 18	262 17	204 54
9. Mon.	1 09 02	356 36 28	163 57 15	298 48	15 05	71 25	310 26	272 31	291 00	257 18	262 17	204 52
10. Tues.	1 12 59	357 35 23	176 03 51	299 33	16 26	71 32	311 28	272 33	290 58	257 18	262 17	205 51
11. Wed.	1 16 52	358 34 16	188 04 37	300 18	17 42	71 40	312 31	272 36	290 54	257 19	262 17	204 50
12. Thurs.	1 20 52	359 33 07	200 00 46	301 03	18 52	71 48	313 34	272 38	290 51	257 19	262 18	204 48
13. Fri.	1 24 48	0 31 56	211 53 42	301 48	19 57	71 56	314 37	272 40	290 48	257 19	262 18	204 47
14. Sat.	1 28 45	1 30 43	223 45 23	302 33	20 56	72 04	315 41	272 42	290 45	257 19	262 18	204 45
15. Sun.	1 32 42	2 29 28	235 38 24	303 18	21 49	72 12	316 44	272 44	290 41	257 19	262 18	204 44
16. Mon.	1 36 38	3 28 11	247 36 08	304 03	22 36	72 20	317 49	272 46	290 38	257 19	262 18	204 42
17. Tues.	1 40 35	4 26 53	259 42 25	304 47	23 17	72 29	318 53	272 48	290 35	257 19	262 18	204 41
18. Wed.	1 44 31	5 25 33	272 02 26	305 32	23 52	72 38	219 57	272 50	290 32	257 18	262 18	204 39
19. Thurs.	1 48 28	6 24 12	284 40 34	306 17	24 21	72 46	321 02	272 51	290 29	257 18	262 18	204 37
20. Fri.	1 52 24	7 22 49	297 41 47	307 02	24 43	72 55	322 07	272 53	290 26	257 18	262 18	204 36
21. Sat.	1 56 21	8 21 24	311 10 03	307 47	25 00	73 04	323 12	272 54	290 22	257 18	262 18	204 34
22. Sun.	2 00 17	9 19 57	325 07 40	308 32	25 10	73 13	324 17	272 56	290 19	257 17	262 17	204 33
23. Mon.	2 04 14	10 18 27	339 34 19	309 17	25 15	73 22	325 17	272 57	291 16	257 17	262 17	204 31
24. Tues.	2 08 10	11 16 59	354 26 16	310 02	25 14	73 32	326 28	272 58	290 13	257 16	262 17	204 29
25. Wed.	2 12 07	12 15 28	9 36 08	310 46	25 07	73 41	327 34	272 59	290 10	257 16	262 17	204 28
26. Thurs.	2 16 04	13 13 54	24 53 42	311 31	24 55	73 51	328 40	273 00	290 06	257 15	262 16	204 26
27. Fri.	2 20 00	14 12 19	40 07 30	312 16	24 38	74 00	329 46	273 01	290 03	157 14	262 16	204 24
28. Sat.	2 23 57	15 10 41	55 06 59	313 01	24 16	74 10	330 52	273 01	290 00	257 14	262 16	204 23
29. Sun.	2 27 53	16 09 02	69 44 20	313 46	23 50	74 20	331 59	273 02	289 57	257 13	262 15	204 21
30. Mon.	2 31 50	17 07 21	83 55 03	314 31	23 21	74 30	333 05	273 03	289 54	257 12	262 15	204 19

*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-4-1990 is 22°16' 32".

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Astronomical Notes for April 1990

AGASTYA

Sayana positions of Planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-4-1990

Planets (Grahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
Ravi	11 07	10 07	0 00	4 N 21
Chandra	82 28	81 32	4 N 03	27 N 16
Rahu	315 07	317 57	1 S 11	17 S 26
Budha	23 58	21 56	0 N 42	9 N 57
Guru	92 46	93 01	0 N 05	23 N 29
Sukra	324 33	326 25	1 N 18	12 S 07
Sani	294 25	296 17	0 N 12	21 S 02
Ketu	313 42			

THE SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward from 0° Pisces to 18° Aries entering it on 12th. The north declination of the Sun increases from 4° 21' to 14° 56' at the end.

THE MOON

Starting from 0° Gemini the Moon makes one complete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 8° Cancer. The north declination of the Moon decreases from 0° till the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 7th. Then the south declination increases reaching a maximum of 27° 06' on 15th. Afterwards the south declination decreases till the Moon crosses the equator to the north on 22nd. Thereafter the north declination increases till it attains a maximum of 27° 03' on 28th. Then the north declination decreases to 21° 12' at the end.

MARS

Mars moves ahead from 23° Capricorn to 15° Aquarius entering it on 10th. The south declination of Mars decreases from 17° 26' to 10° 12' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury starts from 2° Aries, moves ahead till it becomes retrograde at 25° on 24th. Then Mercury moves backward in Aries to 23° at the end. The north declination of Mercury increases from 9° 57' till it becomes a maximum at 19° 46' on 21st. Then the north declination decreases to 17° 36' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues its forward motion in Gemini from 10° to 15° at the end. The north declination of Jupiter decreases from 23° 29' to 23° 23' at the end.

VENUS

Starting from 2° Aquarius Venus moves ahead, enters Pisces on 27th and ends at 4° there. The south declination of Venus decreases from 12° 07' to 2° 29' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn continues its forward motion in Capricorn from 2° to 3° at the end. The south declination of Saturn decreases from 21° 02' to 20° 54' at the end.

The description of planetary movements is given on Sayana basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-4-1990 is 22° 16' 32".

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RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 291° 25' to 289° 51' at the end.

Uranus moves forward from 257° 15' till it becomes retrograde at 257° 19' on 13th; then it moves backward to 257° 11' at the end.

Neptune moves ahead from 262° 14' till it becomes retrograde at 262° 18' on 16th. Then it moves backward to 262° 14' at the end.

Pluto retrogrades from 205° 03' to 204° 18' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the times in I.S.T. noted: Jupiter at 23h.13m. on 1st; Pluto at 15h.09m. on 12th; Uranus at 24h.45m. on 16th; Neptune at 10h.32m. on 17th; Saturn at 7h.01m. on 18th; Mars at 23h.12m. on 20th; Venus at 27h.57m. on 21st; the Sun at 9h.57m. on 25th; Mercury at 29h.32m. on 25th; Jupiter at 13h.17m. on 29th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Square the Moon 2nd, 18th; square Neptune 4th; trine the Moon 4th, 15th; opposition the Moon 10th; square Saturn 15th; conjunction the Moon 25th; trine Uranus 30th.

Mars: Square Pluto 3rd; opposition the Moon 5th; trine the Moon 10th, 29th; square the Moon 12th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 20th; trine Jupiter 29th.

Mercury: Square Saturn 1st; square the Moon 3rd, 19th; trine the Moon 6th, 17th; trine Uranus 10th; opposition the Moon 11th; trine Neptune 15th; opposition Pluto 19th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 26th.

Jupiter: Conjunction the Moon 1st, 29th; square the Moon 8th, 23rd; trine the Moon 11th, 21st; opposition the Moon 16th; trine Mars 29th.

Venus: Trine the Moon 1st, 11th, 30th; opposition the Moon 6th; square the Moon 14th, 28th; conjunction the Moon 21st; trine Pluto 22nd.

Saturn: Square Mercury 1st; trine the Moon 8th, 26th; square the Moon 10th, 24th; square the Sun 15th; conjunction the Moon 18th; opposition the Moon 30th.

Uranus: Opposition the Moon 2nd, 29th; trine the Moon 6th, 25th; square the Moon 9th, 23rd; trine Mercury 10th; trine the Sun 30th.

Neptune: Opposition the Moon 2nd, 29th; square the Sun 4th; trine the Moon 7th, 25th; square the Moon 9th, 23rd; trine Mercury 15th; conjunction the Moon 17th.

Pluto: Trine the Moon 2nd, 21st, 30th; square Mars 3rd; square the Moon 5th, 19th; conjunction the Moon 12th; opposition Mercury 19th, 27th; trine Venus 22nd; opposition the Moon 25th.

I. Full Moon: Dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 8h.48m. on 10th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 357° 43'; the Moon 177° 43'; Mars 299° 39'; Mercury 16° 37'; Jupiter 71° 33'; Venus 311° 37'; Saturn 272° 33'; Rahu 290° 51'; Uranus 257° 18'; Neptune 262° 17'; Pluto 204° 51'.

Cusps (mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi:

The 1st 46° 52'; the 2nd 67° 20'; the 3rd 93° 48'; the 4th 120° 16'; the 5th 153° 48'; the 6th 187° 20'; the 7th 226° 52'; the 8th 247° 20'; the 9th 273° 48'; the 10th 300° 16'; the 11th 333° 48'; the 12th 7° 20'.

II. New Moon: Bright fortnight (Sukla Paksha) begins at 9h.57m. on 25th for all places on earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 12° 40'; the Moon 12° 40'; Mars 311° 05'; Mercury 25° 04'; Jupiter 73° 45'; Venus 327° 43'; Saturn 272° 59'; Rahu 290° 09'; Uranus 257° 16'; Neptune 262° 17'; Pluto 204° 28'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi:

The 1st 76° 14'; the 2nd 101° 58'; the 3rd 127° 42'; the 4th 153° 26'; the 5th 187° 42'; the 6th 221° 58'; the 7th 256° 14'; the 8th 281° 58'; the 9th 307° 42'; the 10th 333° 26'; the 11th 7° 42'; the 12th 41° 58'.

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his sign-dispositor is in own sign. The results should be enhanced in Rahu Bhukti of Ketu Dasa, but the native's experience has been otherwise. Why the gloom, dissatisfaction and back-slidings?

Nagendranath, Gaya.

Ans: I beg to differ. Rahu in the 8th is a health hazard in the first place. His dispositor's own house occupation is some relief. The Dasa lord Rahu occupies the 8th from the Moon too who is *manahkaraka* and gives rise to gloom, and Venus is in the 6th causing disaffection. Ketu in the 2nd in Rahu Dasa causes *deha-peeda* according to Parasara.

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Daily Guide for April 1990

MIHIRA

[The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to railway time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Sun.*- Shashti (6th tithi) till 6h.28m., then Saptami (7th tithi) upto 28h.36m., afterwards Ashtami (8th tithi). Mrigasira till 16h.31m., then Aridra. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Upto 16h.30m. good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for buying or storing foodstuffs, for deepening wells, for fixing pumpsets.

2. *Mon.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) till 27h.21m., then Navami (9th tithi). Aridra and Siddha Yoga upto 6h.38m., then Punarvasu and Amrita Yoga. Only routine work.

3. *Tues.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 26h.42m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Punarvasu till 15h.23m., then Pushya. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments.

4. *Wed.*- Dasami (10th tithi) till 26h.38m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Pushya upto 15h.43m., then Aslesha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Till 15h.43m. good for buying cows or dogs, for purchasing food stuffs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for gardening, for erecting sheds.

5. *Thurs.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 27h.05m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Aslesha and Siddha Yoga till 16h.34m., then Makha and Amrita Yoga. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

6. *Fri.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 27h.59m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi).. Makha and Marana Yoga upto 17h.57m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga. After 17h.57m. good for borrowing, for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for writing accounts.

7. *Sat.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 29h.17m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga till 19h.38m., then Uttaraphalguni and Marana Yoga. Good for testing instruments.

8. *Sun.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) whole day. Uttaraphalguni upto 21h.46m., then Hasta. Amrita Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

9. *Mon.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 6h.54m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Hasta and Siddha Yoga till 24h.04m., then Chitta and Prabalarishta Yoga. After 6h.54m. good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for storing foodstuffs, for testing instruments.

10. *Tues.*- Poornima (Full Moon) till 8h.48m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Chitta upto 26h.40m., then Swati. Siddha Yoga whole day. Till 8h.48m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

11. *Wed.*- Prathama (1st tithi) till 10h.57m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Swati upto 29h.58m., then Visakha. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 10h.57m. good for buying cows or dogs, for taking medicines, for purchasing foodstuffs, for fixing pumpsets.

12. *Thurs.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 13h.17m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Visakha and Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for wearing new garments, for purchasing foodstuffs, for deepening wells.

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APRIL CALENDAR

1.	Sun.	Vasanti Durga Pujarambha
2.	Mon.	Oli Begins, Mela Bahu Fort (Jammu)
3.	Tues.	Sri Rama Navami
4.	Thurs.	Kamada Ekadasi Vrata
7.	Sat.	Ananga Trayodasi, Mahavira Jayanti
8.	Sun.	Palm Sunday
9.	Mon.	Trivandrum Arat (Kerala)
10.	Tues.	Oli ends, Chaitra Purnima, Hanuman Jayanti, Pesach (first day of Passover)
13.	Fri.	Sankashta Ganesha Chaturthi
21.	Sat.	Vallabhacharya Jayanti, Varutini Ekadasi
25.	Wed.	Deva Damodar Tithi
26.	Thurs.	Shivaji Jayanthi (Maharashtra)
27.	Fri.	Parasurama Jayanti, Akshaya Triteeya, Kedar Badri Yatra, Id-ul-Fitr
29.	Sun.	Sri Adi Saankaracharya Jayanti, Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanti, Sant Surdas Jayanti
30.	Mon.	Chandan Shasthi

13. *Fri.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) till 15h.44m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Visakha upto 8h.24m., then Anuradha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Between 8h.24m. and 15h.00m. good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for dealing with members of the other sex.

14. *Sat.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 18h.11m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Anuradha till 11h.23m., then Jyeshta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

15. *Sun.*- Panchami (5th tithi) till 20h.30m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Jyeshta and Marana Yoga upto 14h.16m., then Moola and Amrita Yoga. After 14h.16m. good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for deepening wells.

16. *Mon.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 22h.31m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Moola and Siddha Yoga till 16h.55m., then Poorvashadha and Marana Yoga. Upto 16h.55m. good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for purchasing foodstuffs, for deepening wells.

17. *Tues.*- Saptami (7th tithi) till 24h.01m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Poorvashadha and Siddha Yoga upto 19h.06m., then Uttarashadha and Prabalarishta Yoga. Till 19h.06m. good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for testing instruments.

18. *Wed.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 24h.53m., then Navami (9th tithi). Uttarashadha and Amrita Yoga till 20h.42m., then Sravana and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

19. *Thurs.*- Navami (9th tithi) till 24h.57m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Sravana upto 21h.33m., then Dhanishta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for testing instruments.

20. *Fri.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 24h.11m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Dhanishta till 21h.34m., then Satabhisha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for wearing new garments, for dealing with members of the other sex, for travel, for taking medicines, for appointing staff.

21. *Sat.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 22h.35m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Satabhisha and Amrita Yoga till 20h.47m., then Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for taking medicines.

22. *Sun.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 20h.13m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga upto 19h.13m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Amrita Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for borrowing, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

23. *Mon.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 17h.13m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada till 17h.02m., then Revati. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 17h.02m. good for driving new vehicles, for gardening, for buying or storing foodstuffs, for taking medicines, for erecting sheds.

24. *Tues.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) till 13h.44m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Revati and Amrita Yoga upto 14h.20m., then Aswini and Siddha Yoga. Till 13h.44m. good for testing instruments.

25. *Wed.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 9h.57m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Aswini and Marana Yoga till 11h.21m., then Bharani and Siddha Yoga. After 11h.21m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

26. *Thurs.*- Prathama (1st tithi) till 6h.04m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 26h.15m., afterwards Triteeya (3rd tithi). Bharani till 8h.16m., then Krittika upto 29h.18m., afterwards Rohini. Siddha Yoga till 8h.16m., then Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

27. *Fri.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 22h.42m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Rohini and Marana Yoga till 26h.37m., then Mrigasira and Siddha Yoga. Only routine work.

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel).

Aswini, Makha, Moola

4th till 15h.43m.; 11th 10h.57m. to 29h.58m.; 21st upto 20h.47m.; 23rd upto 17h.02m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

1st till 16h.31m.; 16th upto 16h.55m.; 20th till 21h.34m.; 30th upto 22h.20m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

4th upto 15h.42m.; 11th 10th.57m. to 29h.58m.; 16th upto 16h.55m.; 21st upto 20h.47m.; 23rd till 17h.02m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

1st upto 16h.31m.; 20th till 21h.34m.; 30th upto 22h.02m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

4th till 15h.43m.; 11th 10h.57m. to 29h.58m.; 16th upto 16h.55m.; 21st till 20h.47m.; 23rd upto 17h.02m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

1st upto 16h.31m.; 20th till 21h.34m.; 30th upto 22h.02m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

1st upto 16h.31m.; 4th till 15h.43m.; 11th 10h.57m. to 29h.58m.; 16th upto 16h.55m.; 21st till 20h.47m.; 23rd upto 17h.02m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

11th 10h.57m. to 29h.58m.; 21st upto 20h.47m.; 30th upto 22h.02m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st upto 16h.31m.; 4th till 15h.43m.; 16th upto 16h.55m.; 20th till 21h.34m.; 23rd upto 17h.02m.; 30th upto 22h.02m.

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28. *Sat.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 19h.35m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Mrigasira upto 24h.24m., then Aridra. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 19h.35m. good for wearing ornaments, for testing instruments.

29. *Sun.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 17h.03m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Aridra till 22h.47m., then Punarvasu. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for storing foodstuffs, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds, for writing accounts.

30. *Mon.*- Shashti (6th tithi) till 15h.11m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Punarvasu and Amrita Yoga upto 22h.02m., then Pushya and Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for taking medicines, for purchasing foodstuffs.

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Farmers' Guide for April 1990

MIHIRA

(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed.,A.M.)

1. Upto 16h.30m. good for buying oxen and sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for testing instruments, for purchasing or storing paddy, wheat, corn, dhall etc., for deepening wells.

2. Only routine work.

3. Good for testing instruments.

4. Good for buying oxen and sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for purchasing wheat, corn, paddy, dhall etc.

5. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

6. Upto 17h.57m. good for borrowing, for writing accounts.

7. Good for testing instruments.

8. Routine work only.

9. After 6h.54m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for testing instruments, for harvesting, for storing wheat, paddy, corn etc.

10. Till 8h.48m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

11. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing paddy, dhall, corn, wheat etc.

12. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for borrowing, for sowing, for deepening wells, for purchasing corn, dhall, paddy, wheat etc.

13. Only routine work.

14. Routine work only.

15. After 14h.16m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for ploughing, for sowing, for harvesting, for borrowing, for deepening wells, for purchasing paddy, dhall, corn, wheat etc.

16. Till 16h.55m. good for buying sheep or oxen, for disposing off agricultural products, for ploughing, for sowing, for harvesting, for deepening wells, for purchasing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

17. Good for testing instruments and for borrowing.

18. Routine work only.

19. Good for testing instruments.

20. Only routine work.

21. Good for sowing.

22. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for fixing up pumpsets, for borrowing, for writing accounts.

23. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

24. Till 13h.44m. good for testing instruments.

25. After 11h.21m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

26. Routine work only.

27. Only routine work.

28. After 19h.38m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for testing instruments.

29. Good for manuring, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for storing wheat, corn, dhall, paddy etc.

30. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for manuring, for ploughing, for harvesting, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing corn, dhall, paddy, wheat etc.

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How Is This Month (April 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable transits according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the predictions made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala c/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed., A.M.)

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Pisces till 12th and then enters Aries. Mars transits Capricorn till 27th and then enters Aquarius. Mercury in Aries gets retrograde on 24th. Jupiter and Saturn continue their progress in Gemini and Capricorn respectively. Venus transits Aquarius till 27th and then enters Pisces. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

MESHA (Aries)

General: The Sun in the 12th and the 1st, Mercury in the 1st, Jupiter in the 3rd and Saturn in the 7th are all inimical; the Sun and Saturn are under attack. Venus in the favourable 11th and 12th yields *vedha* till 27th. Mars in the favourable 10th and 4th yields to *vedha* till 10th. The adverse influences will be more in evidence. You will be engaged in fruitless activities. Arguments with business partners should be avoided. Aswini is better than Bharani and Krittika.

Health and Domestic: Minor complaints may cause mild annoyance. The health of your eldest son may cause concern. Chronic sufferers should be very careful. With some effort you could save peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: The month is not likely to be satisfactory for the finances. Expenses will exceed income by a large margin. Friends may not be in a position to rescue you from financial embarrassment. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions may yield, more or less, good profits. Yield and rentals will be at good levels. Labour may cause considerable annoyance to you. The services, professions and businesses may find the month somewhat trying.

Women: You are advised to go slow on love affairs, romances and courtships. Club and social activities may be curtailed. You must keep a watch on your domestic budget. The month cannot be said to be satisfactory for employed girls.

Students: Your inclination to drift into extra-curricular activities should be checked and you should make determined efforts to concentrate on studies. You should be careful about your dietary habits.

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	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	1-9-17	2-11-18
Money dealings and enterprises	4-10-20	3-14-22
Journeys	7-12-21	3-15-22
Real property matters and educational activities	9-17-23	3-13-22
Children and speculation	10-20-25	6-16-23
Services	12-21-29	8-18-24
Partnership	4-12-23	11-22-28
Insurance	7-17-25	11-22-30
Profession and business	9-20-28	8-22-30

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 13th to afternoon of 15th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: Mercury in the 12th and Saturn in the 9th are both inimical; Mercury is under check till 12th and again from 27th till the end. The Sun in the favourable 11th till 12th transits afterwards the adverse 12th with check from 27th. Mars in the unfavourable 9th till 10th with check transits afterwards the favourable 10th with *vedha* till 27th. Jupiter in the favourable 2nd yields to *vedha*. Venus in the adverse 10th till 27th transits afterwards the favourable 11th with *vedha*. The month leans on the side of the evil. You will get opportunities of cultivating acquaintance with persons having power and influence and this will be of help to you to some extent. Mrigasira is better than Krittika and Rohini.

Health and Domestic: Bilious and urinary complaints are indicated by the adverse transits. The planetary influences indicate an aggravation in the health of the chronic patients. They should, therefore, resort to prophylactic measures. You are not likely to have peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will not, however, be unsatisfactory. Sufficient funds will be available to meet all your expenses. You should not stand surety for anybody. Speculative transactions should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions will not be entirely bad. You are, however, advised to go slow on them. Labour may patch up their demands and you are likely to have a difficult time. The month may not be satisfactory for the services, businesses and professions.

Women: You must be ready for disappointment in the matter of courtship. You should avoid such relationships completely. This is an unsatisfactory period for employed girls.

Students: Army commissions are likely to be offered to you during the second half. You should curb a tendency to spend too much time in extra-curricular activities. You should watch your manners and conduct most carefully.

	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	4-10-20	6-15-22
Money dealings and enterprises	4-12-21	6-16-22
Journeys	4-13-23	6-17-22
Real property matters and educational activities	7-12-21	6-18-22
Children and speculation	7-12-29	11-18-27
Services	7-12-25	11-18-28
Partnership	1-10-20	11-18-29
Insurance	1-10-29	3-15-24
Profession and business	10-21-29	3-16-30

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 15th to early hours of 18th.

3. GEMINI (Mithuna)

General: Mars in the 8th and the 9th, Jupiter in *janma* and Saturn in the 8th are all inimical; Mars is under check from 10th. The Sun in the 10th and the 11th and Mercury in the 11th are both favourable. Venus in the favourable 9th till 27th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 10th. The bad side will be more in evidence. Punarvasu is better than Mrigasira and Aridra.

Health and Domestic: Stomach and rectal complaints involving hospitalisation are likely. Chronic patients are likely to find the month quite difficult if they do not resort to prophylactic measures. Children's health is likely to cause mild concern. With some tact and patience you could save peace and harmony in domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: This is an outright unfavourable month for finances. While there may be a cut in the regular income there is going to be a sharp rise in your expenditure. Pressure from creditors will be somewhat severe but friends will come to your rescue. You may also incur losses in certain transactions. Speculative deals should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Lord of the 4th in a good mood helps you much in real property deals. You are, however, advised to go slow in real property transactions. Labour problems will be easier this month. The month is not likely to be encouraging for services, professions and businesses.

Women: It is mainly in respect of health that women should be careful. In club and social activities the conditions are likely to prove disappointing. Romances should be avoided. Employed girls

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likely to be given memos by their superiors to in their conduct in the office.

Students: Health and domestic problems are to hinder intellectual progress. Outdoor and competitive tests are not favoured. You not do anything that may be considered as by your friends and relations.

	Fortunate Dates.	*Inauspicious Dates*
nal and domestic	12-21-29	11-20-30
ey dealings and erprises	10-17-25	8-19-28
rneys	9-13-23	6-18-27
l property matters	7-12-21	5-16-26
educational activities	4-10-17	3-15-24
dren and speculation	1-9-13	2-14-22
vices	4-9-17	5-15-22
tnership	7-12-23	6-16-24
urance	9-13-29	8-18-26
fession and business		

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of to early hours of 20th.

KATAKA (Cancer)

General: Mars in the 7th and the 8th, Jupiter in 12th and Saturn in the 7th are all inimical; is under check from 10th. Venus in the 8th the 9th is fully favourable. The Sun in the rse 9th till 12th with check transits afterds the favourable 10th. The second half of the th is likely to be better than the first half. The eral trend, however, emphasises evil influes. You will do well to be guarded in your vities. You are likely to be involved in fruitless journeys. You should conserve all your reces. Pushyami is better than Punarvasu and sha.

Health and Domestic: The conditions during first half are likely to be troublesome for health. ntery is likely to trouble you. Health condis will not, however, get out of control. Chronic ers should be very careful. Domestic bliss of h order will, however, be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial posis not likely to be satisfactory. Financial unforeseen expenditure and unavoidable commitments are likely to worry you. Specuie deals should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Yield ntals will tend to go down. You are advised stpone all real property transactions for a r date. Labour problems will, however, be ved satisfactorily. The services, professions businesses are likely to find the period unctory.

Women: The period will be reflected in broken social engagements and disappointment in club and social life. Employed girls should be careful in their dealings with superiors.

Students: Some promising results are likely for students in the field of studies. Those inclined towards the fine arts will find the month satisfactory and rewarding. A memorable and enjoyable picnic in the company of the opposite sex is likely during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	12-23-29	6-14-20
Money dealings and enterprises	1-10-17	6-14-21
Journeys	4-12-23	6-14-22
Real property matters and educational activities	1-12-23	2-19-27
Children and speculation	10-12-23	2-19-28
Services	9-12-25	2-19-30
Partnership	9-12-29	3-15-22
Insurance	1-17-29	3-15-24
Profession and business	12-17-29	11-18-27

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 20th to afternoon of 22nd.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: Jupiter in the 11th and Saturn in the 6th are both favourable; Saturn yields to *vedha* throughout and Jupiter from beginning to 12th and from 27th till the end. Venus is unfavourable practically throughout when transiting the 7th till 27th; he transits the favourable 8th during the last three days. The Sun in the 8th and the 9th and Mercury in the 9th are both adverse. Mars in the favourable 6th till 10th with *vedha* transits thereafter the favourable 7th with check. The favourable influences will be more in evidence. General prosperity and renewal of contacts with old friends are likely. Makha is better than Poorvaphalguni and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to remove the cataract in the right eye by surgical operation during the first half. Your vision will be restored. Chronic patients may have temporary relief. It is going to be very difficult for you to preserve peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The position will be, more or less, satisfactory for all financial matters. You should not stand surety for anybody. Speculative transactions may yield moderate dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: It is advisable to postpone all important real property transactions to more favourable periods. Labour may prove restive. The services may find an

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improvement in their working conditions. The period will be satisfactory for businesses and professions.

Women: In spite of the adverse posture of Venus for most days in the month the period will not be bad for the fair sex. Long awaited luxuries may be enjoyed by you. Employed girls will find the month satisfactory.

Students: The month will be satisfactory for the students. You will shine very well in the field of sports, games and athletics. The chances of your inclusion in the national or state level teams are quite bright.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-17	2-11-22
Money dealings and enterprises	4-10-20	3-14-23
Journeys	7-12-21	5-15-24
Real property matters and educational activities	9-13-25	6-16-26
Children and speculation	10-17-29	8-18-27
Services	10-20-29	11-19-28
Partnership	7-13-29	11-19-30
Insurance	4-12-25	6-18-30
Profession and business	10-10-25	5-15-23

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 22nd to afternoon of 24th

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Jupiter in the 10th, Venus in the 6th and the 7th and Saturn in the 5th are all inimical unchecked by any check on their evil propensities. The Sun in the 7th and the 8th is equally unhelpful. He is under check from 12th to the end of the month. Mars in the adverse 5th till 10th transits afterwards the favourable 6th. Mercury in the 8th is fully favourable. The bad influences are more in evidence. Exhorbitant expenditure, delay in enterprises and restlessness are all likely. The efforts of your enemies to malign you will not, however, be successful. You will acquire more influence and authority as the month closes. Uttaraphalguni is better than Hasta and Chitta.

Health and Domestic: Health and vitality are likely to be affected adversely. Chronic patients may have to keep their fingers crossed. Children's health may cause some concern. Domestic peace and harmony will be denied to you *in toto.*

Finance and Speculation: This is not a satisfactory month for finance. Expenditure is likely to get out of control and income may shrink. Speculative transactions should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You will, however, be successful and you will make profits in real property transactions. Some of the old dues from tenants may be realised. Services may have to face penal transfers. The month is not likely to be satisfactory for businesses and professions.

Women: You will have considerable difficulty in balancing the domestic budget. If you do not curb your tendency towards extravagant expenses you may find yourself in a financial mess at the close of the month. Employed girls should steer clear of politics in office.

Students: The month is, however, favourable to students. Vidyakaraka will go all out to help you in your studies. Army commissions are likely to be offered to you. Social contacts with the opposite sex could be avoided with much advantage to you.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-10-17	2-11-25
Money dealings and enterprises	1-12-20	2-8-19
Journeys	1-12-21	6-14-30
Real property matters and educational activities	4-12-23	6-14-25
Children and speculation	4-13-29	6-14-24
Services	7-13-21	6-14-26
Partnership	7-13-23	6-19-28
Insurance	7-13-29	8-19-30
Profession and business	1-12-23	14-22-30

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 24th to midnoon of 26th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: Mars in the 4th and the 5th, Mercury in the 7th and Saturn in the 4th are all inimical; Mars is under check from 10th and Mercury under check except between 13th and 27th. Jupiter in the favourable 9th yields to *vedha*. Venus in the favourable 5th till 27th with *vedha* transits the adverse 6th during the last three days. Sun in the favourable 6th till 12th transits thereafter the adverse 7th with check. The evil influences will have the upper hand. You are likely to have worries throughout. You should be particularly careful not to entangle yourself in any criminal proceedings. In spite of numerous obstacles you will not lose your reputation for character and integrity. Visakha is better than Chitta and Swati.

Health and Domestic: You should be particularly careful about your health. Chronic patients are advised to resort to prophylactic measures to avoid an exacerbation in their ailments. With great tact and patience you could save peace and harmony in the domestic field.

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Finance and Speculation: The financial mat- may, however, be satisfactory. You will be to meet all your financial obligations. You to curb a tendency to run after every public equities. Speculative transactions should be ded.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This a satisfactory month for real property trans- s. Purchase activities must be particularly ed. Services will, however, find the month helpful. The month will not be too bad for nesses and professions.

Women: The month will be good for the fair sex. is every chance of romances blossoming into marriage. Employed girls also will find the quite fruitful.

Students: Disinclination to studies is indicated. will, however, be successful in tests and inter- s. Medical students are particularly favoured. are advised to go slow in sports, games and tics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
nal and domestic	13-21-30	14-22-30
y dealings and rises	12-20-27	11-19-28
ys	10-17-25	8-18-27
roperty matters ducational activities	9-13-23	6-16-24
dren and speculation	7-12-21	6-15-22
ces	4-10-20	3-14-19
ership	1-9-17	2-11-18
rance	9-12-20	5-15-27
ssion and business	4-10-20	6-16-28

Chandrashtama occurs from beginning to early of 1st and again from midnoon of 26th to of 28th.

VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: Mercury in the 6th, Venus in the 4th the 5th and Saturn in the 3rd are all favour- Mercury yields to *vedha* and Venus yields to only during the last three days. Jupiter in is unsatisfactory. The Sun in the unfavour- 8th till 12th with check transits afterwards favourable 6th. Mars in the favourable 3rd till transits afterwards the adverse 4th with In a month of mixed results the good effects an edge over the evil ones. Efforts of your to get the better of you will be thwarted. first half will go definitely better than the Jupiter tends to create in you a sense of tion and stoicism which are not undesir- Anuradha is better than Visakha and

Health and Domestic: Minor health complaints may worry you off and on. The chronic patients will have to adopt prophylactic measures. Your father's health may cause considerable concern. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: Financial position may cause some embarrassment to you. Friends will, however, come to your rescue. You will be able to manage the financial situation more or less successfully. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The period will be satisfactory for all real property transactions. Yield and rentals will be at good levels. The services may not find the period unsatisfactory. Although there may be obstacles, the professions and businesses will find the period on the whole profitable.

Women: You should go slow on love affairs. Affairs of the husband are likely to cause some concern. Social climbers will realise their ambition. This is, more or less, a satisfactory month for employed girls.

Students: Vidyakaraka will help you to some extent in the field of studies. Army commissions may be offered to you during the first half. You will shine very well in the field of sports, games and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	9-17-25	1-16-30
Money dealings and enterprises	4-10-20	11-19-29
Journeys	10-20-25	8-18-28
Real property matters and educational activities	7-10-21	8-18-27
Children and speculation	7-10-23	6-16-26
Services	13-20-25	6-16-24
Partnership	7-10-25	5-15-27
Insurance	4-12-21	5-15-28
Profession and business	4-12-23	3-11-22

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 1st to morning of 3rd and again from midnoon of 28th to afternoon of 30th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: Jupiter in the 7th and Venus in the 3rd and the 4th are both favourable; the former yields to *vedha*. The Sun in the 4th and the 5th and Saturn in the 2nd are both unhelpful; the Sun is under check till 12th and Saturn, throughout. Mercury in the 5th is also unfavourable but he is under check. Mars in the adverse 2nd till 10th with check transits afterwards the favourable 3rd.

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The good influences will be more in evidence. Relief from troubles and success over enemies are likely. Official favours are also indicated. Moola is better than Poorvashadha and Uttarashadha.

Health and Domestic: Health troubles are likely. However there will not be any serious consequences. The chronic patients will have to be careful. Children's performance in schools and colleges will make you happy. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: This is, more or less, a good month for all financial matters. The planetary influences will help you to make good choice of equity shares for investment. Speculative transactions will yield good dividends practically throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month will be satisfactory for all real property transactions. Acquisition of new property is not unlikely during the second half. The month is full of promise for the services. This is a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: Love affairs are most likely to blossom into happy wedding. This is a good month for the employed girls who are likely to be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: The first half is full of promise for rapid progress in studies. Foreign scholarships with travel-grant may be offered to you. You will get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and this will stand you in good stead in your career later.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	9-12-20	4-14-24
Money dealings and enterprises	1-12-20	3-18-30
Journeys	7-17-29	3-18-28
Real property matters and educational activities	7-17-25	3-18-27
Children and speculation	10-20-25	3-18-26
Services	10-20-29	6-16-27
Partnership	10-20-25	6-16-26
Insurance	12-20-29	8-16-24
Profession and business	12-20-25	8-16-26

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 3rd to afternoon of 5th and again from afternoon of 30th till the end.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: Mars in the 1st and the 2nd, Jupiter in the 6th and Saturn in *janma* are all inimical; Mars is under check practically throughout till 27th and Saturn under check throughout. Venus in the favourable 2nd and the 3rd yields to *vedha*. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 12th transits afterwards the adverse 4th with check till 27th. Mercury in the favourable 4th yields to *vedha* till 27th. The planets are quite unfavourable for the month. There is likely to be a setback in your undertakings. As you are prone to accidents you should be careful in your movements. Uttarashadha is better than Sravana and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: Diseases of the abdomen are indicated by the adverse transits. Chronic patients should be prepared for an aggravation in their complaints. You must exercise tact in the handling of domestic affairs if you are keen on saving peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: While there may be a cut in the regular income, the expenditure will increase considerably. Actual redemption from financial worries is not likely during the month. Moderate dividends are likely in speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property matters are not likely to be satisfactory during the period. Damage to agricultural crops is likely to occur during the first half. Services may incur the displeasure of their superiors. Professions and businesses are likely to find the month difficult.

Women: You should be particularly careful about your functional health. You must curb your social and club activities totally if possible. The month is likely to prove trying for employed girls.

Students: With some effort on your part you could make good progress in the field of studies. Ill-health and unhappy home life will worry you for most days. Relations with friends and teachers may tend to become unpleasant.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-13	2-11-18
Money dealings and enterprises	4-10-17	3-14-19
Journeys	9-13-20	5-15-22
Real property matters and educational activities	10-17-21	6-16-24
Children and speculation	12-20-23	7-18-26
Services	12-20-25	8-19-27
Partnership	12-20-29	8-19-28
Insurance	10-20-29	8-18-30
Profession and business	9-17-25	7-16-22

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 5th to early hours of 8th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: Jupiter in the 5th and Venus in the 1st and the 2nd are fully favourable. Mars in the 12th and the 1st, Mercury in the 3rd and Saturn in the 12th are inimical. Mars is under check from 16th

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to 27th. The Sun in the adverse 2nd till 12th transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. There will be more favourable influences during the month. Gains and rewards are indicated by the favourable transits. You will be successful in your undertakings. Satabhisha is better than Dhanishta and Poorvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Only minor health complaints are likely to be there. Chronic patients will have some relief. One of your sons is likely to set up a good business. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be quite satisfactory for all financial matters. You are likely to get income from an unexpected source. You will be able to settle your past commitments on favourable terms. Speculative transactions are not recommended.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Because of the powerful support of the lord of the 4th, the period will be quite satisfactory for all real property transactions. Those in service will find the month quite satisfactory. A welcome change in work or place may be achieved. Sizeable gains are likely for the professions and businesses.

Women: The month will be quite enjoyable. Outside activities will bring in much happiness. Unmarried girls could look forward to happy wedding. This is quite a good month for the employed girls.

Students: Increased knowledge highlights the month. You will be successful in competitive tests and interviews. Medical students are particularly favoured. An enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex is likely during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	17-25-29	9-18-27
Money dealings and enterprises	7-17-29	10-18-30
Journeys	1-12-20	3-15-24
Real property matters	1-12-21	3-15-26
and educational activities	4-13-23	3-15-27
Children and speculation	4-13-25	10-18-30
Services	4-17-27	10-18-28
Partnership	7-20-25	2-11-22
Insurance	7-20-29	2-11-24
Profession and business		

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 8th to afternoon of 10th.

12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd and Jupiter in the 4th are unfavourable. Venus in the 10th and the 1st and Saturn in the 11th are both favourable but the latter yields to *vedha*. Mars in the favourable 11th till 10th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 12th under check. The Sun comes under check from 12th till the end. Mercury in the favourable 2nd yields to *vedha*. The favourable influences will be slightly more during the month. Your merit will be recognised with consequent gain. You will be successful in your efforts to start a new business. Poorvabhadra is better than Uttarabhadra and Revati.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor complaints you will have reasonably good health practically throughout. Chronic patients may have temporary relief. Children's health may cause mild concern. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: You are likely to have difficulties in the financial field. Old dues may have to be written off. Friends will, however, come to your rescue for your immediate requirements of funds. Speculation may yield moderate dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions will not be unsatisfactory. Yield and rentals will be, more or less, at satisfactory levels. All your labour problems will be resolved satisfactorily. The period will not be unsatisfactory for the services, professions and businesses.

Women: Long-awaited luxuries will be enjoyed by you. You will be the most sought-after person in all social gatherings. Social contacts will help you in business. This is a satisfactory month for employed girls.

Students: Vidyakaraka will help you to make good progress in studies. You will also fare very well in the field of sports, games and athletics. Army commissions may be offered to you during the first half. Those interested in fine arts will find the period quite fruitful.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-17	11-19-30
Money dealings and enterprises	1-17-29	12-19-28
Journeys	1-17-23	13-19-30
Real property matters and educational activities	1-17-25	3-15-22
Children and speculation	4-17-23	3-19-24
Services	4-17-29	6-18-27
Partnership	1-7-20	6-18-28
Insurance	1-7-21	5-22-30
Profession and business	7-17-23	5-22-28

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 10th to early hours of 13th.

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PANDIT BOLANATH ON RAJIV

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individual squares: Moon square Uranus promotes emotional perversity and sudden and inexplicable changes in moods. Sometimes the native becomes bored and throws over one activity for another that promises more excitement and adventure."

"I see!"

"Mercury square Uranus produces an active and original mind but a nervous disposition and often impractical ideas. Mentally, they are way out and likely to jump to conclusions. They have hare-brained ideas which are not based on sufficient knowledge or practical experience to be of use. The native can be mentally perverse and will not accept advice from any one. An individual may change his mind twice in a day, but no one will change it for him. He makes snap judgements, and seeks unusual and exciting ideas as ends in themselves, without regard to truth or practicability. There is a tendency to alienate others through tactless remarks, foolishly opiniated views, and intellectual conceit. Sometimes these persons think they are geniuses, when in reality, this is far from the truth."

"Panditji, you are terrific!"

"No, not I; the interpreter I quote. Listen. Of Jupiter-Uranus square, he says that the natives are impractical and idealistic, putting all their energy behind a cause, only to abandon it suddenly! They tend to go abroad and embark on all sorts of ill-defined, grandiose schemes. Friends of the native cannot be depended upon to deliver what they promise and are often misleading. The natives are usually guilty of the same faults. A tendency to restlessness will be manifested in an urge for travel and adventure."

"Extraordinary, Panditji!"

"Of Venus square Uranus, he says that in fixed signs as in the present case there is emotional rigidity that refuses to listen to reason and chooses emotional gratification at all costs. It may reflect adversely on family life too!"

"By the way, Panditji, there used to be an apocryphal story of sorts about his home life, before he became Prime Minister!"

"Possible; now, let me come to the other extra-saturnine planet Neptune in Lagna, squared by Saturn. The same authorities say that such an aspect can cause self-delusion, unreliability and confusion in personal goals. It gives tendency to compromise on principles for the sake of ambition, leading eventually to reversals in fortune, public disgrace and a fall from high position. A great price must be paid for the infraction of the universal law. And Pluto in the 11th calls for pure motivation."

The Pandit paused for breath and the involuntary search of his hip by his left hand for the inspiring powder showed that he was exhausted. A large pinch of it inhaled rumbustuously restored his vigour instantly when he was ready for an altercation.

"Panditji, are there no Indian classics which spell these effects?"

"Why not? Come to think of it, *Vriddha Yavana* sums it all in one line while describing the effects of this specific 5-planet collusion in the 12th house. Says it:

यन्त्रज्ञो वहुविभवो नृपसचिवो दण्डनायको वा स्यात् ।

i.e., it causes sorrow, undesirable association, *kapha*, foolishness and maliciousness!"

"Hats off to the Indian classic! But then, it is subject to Virgo being the true Lagna. Isn't it? Incidentally your diagnosis, I mean the astrological one, is identical with that of the famous columnist Khushwant Singh who knew him intimately."

"Is that so? I wonder!"

"Panditji, what have you to say about the Dasa-Bhukti effects? I want to explore the future too."

"Yes; presently Rajiv must be having Rahu Dasa on the basis of the first birth-data which we are examining. He must have become Prime Minister during Rahu-Jupiter — was it not 1984? — and now has laid it down in Rahu-Mercury, the latter being only 2/19 *bindu* strong in the 12th, on the eve of the Bhukti of Ketu who occupies the 8th from his 10th."

"Panditji, what do you think of the future of his party?"

"Well, who writes whose political obituary is a matter for further examination, of the party's chart too, as Rajiv's continuance as the leader of his party, is interconnected. His succeeding sub-periods are none too good."

"Panditji I wish you had told me all this before the election when I could have claimed a scoop!"

"Why, even now you can claim saying you wrote this article six months ago!" retorted the Pandit laughingly and said. "Who needs all those scoops?"

I took leave of the Pandit.— 280.89.

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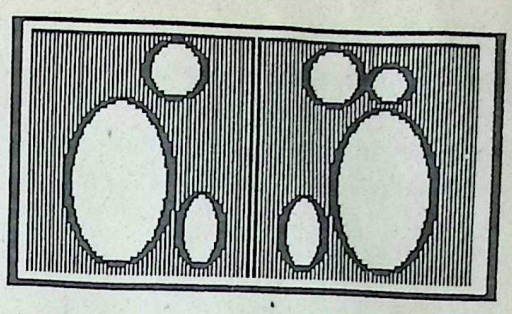

Astrology and Women's World

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Q. I am a doctor and have made good progress professionally and financially in Saturn Dasa now running. But the debts incurred and still incurring and monetary losses are also heavy, almost about equal to the gains.

My marriage has been in doldrums right from the beginning. Does my chart show Kalatra Yoga?

Born 20-3-1946 at 6.06 p.m.

S. No. 10190

	SAT. RAHU MARS		
RASI			
JUPIT. MOON	ASCDT.		

ASCDT.	KETU	MARS SAT.	
NAVAMSA			SUN
MOON VENUS	MERC.	RAHU JUPIT.	

Lord Saturn, the ruler of the present Dasa, is the 6th lord ruling debts and his presence in the 7th shows liabilities on account of career. Mars the 7th lord is in the 10th with Rahu and Saturn, which conspire to generate tremendous in vocational life. But Lagna itself is very strong being aspected by exalted yoga Venus, Lagna lord *neechabhanga* Mercury also the Sun. Therefore, gains will outweigh liabilities and you may be free of the burden only after the advent of Mercury Dasa.

Regarding marital life, 3 planets in the 7th in a dual sign aspected by a heavily afflicted Saturn cannot conduce to much marital harmony. Further, the Ascendant and 7th lords being in *shashtashtaka* is indicative of a constant state of being at loggerheads with each other. However, Lagna lord Mercury in the 7th is good.

Some semblance of marital peace may accompany Mercury Dasa.

Q. I have only the Rasi chart of my daughter and no other details. Will she get married at all? She is in the States with a very good job for the last 10 years.

S. No. 15176

	JUPIT.	MOON	SUN MERC. VENUS
RAHU	RASI		
			KETU
		ASCDT. MARS	SAT.

Ans: The information you provide is very sketchy, nevertheless, let me try. The 7th lord Mars in Lagna is aspected by 6th lord Jupiter. The *karaka* Venus is in the 9th with 9th lord Mercury and Sun aspected by Yogakaraka Saturn. Saturn's aspect on Venus may not deny marriage; nor even Jupiter's presence in the 7th. Collectively they will delay marriage quite a bit. However, once Saturn moves out of Sagittarius and before Jupiter quits Gemini in mid-1990, the girl may find the man of her dreams.

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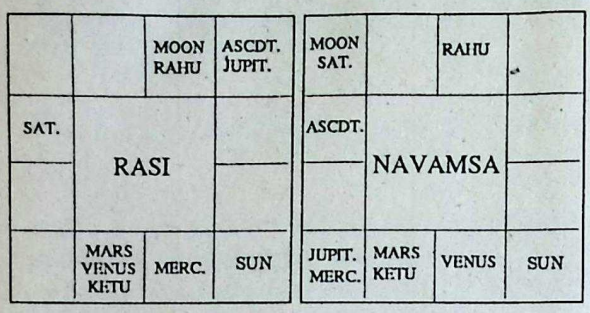
Q. Afflictions to the 7th house, 7th lord in Rahu's constellation, Mars and Venus in 6th with Ketu cause me much worry regarding my daughter's matrimonial prospects. Are my fears justified?

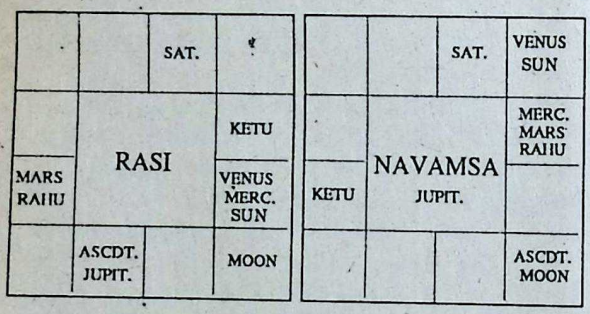
S. No. 9605



Ans: The 7th lord Jupiter is in a Rahu-ruled constellation, Saturn afflicts Mars and Venus both of which may tend to delay marriage. But because Lagna lord Mercury is favourably aspected by Jupiter who also aspects the 7th house, marital life may be quite cordial.

Q. My daughter's marriage has been getting delayed for one reason or the other. Will Saturn in the 7th deprive her of marriage?

V.C.S.

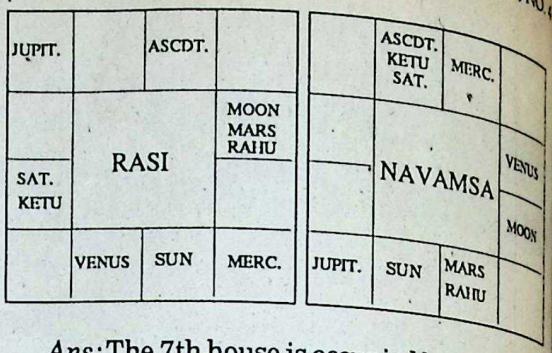


Ans: Saturn in the 7th is a strong malefic and would have deprived the girl of any marital prospects. But Jupiter, as a benefic, aspects the 7th house, both from Lagna and as 7th lord from Moon-sign. As 5th lord Jupiter aspects the 5th from Lagna. These are quite favourable factors showing family life and progeny.

Q. My sister was married on 25-11-1987. The mother-in-law has been ill-treating her ever since and so my sister and her husband are living separately. What are the future prospects.

Born 20-10-1962 at 19h.55m.

S. No. 16792



Ans: The 7th house is occupied by Lagna lord Venus and aspected by Jupiter. The 7th lord Mars is also aspected by Jupiter. This indicates the marriage will be happy inspite of in-law harrassment.

The Dasa is of Mercury who is well-placed and aspected by 11th lord Mercury. Until Rahu Bhukti finishes in about December 1991, the situation may have to be met with patient stoicism. Once Jupiter Bhukti begins thereafter, your sister will be able to live quite happily with her husband.

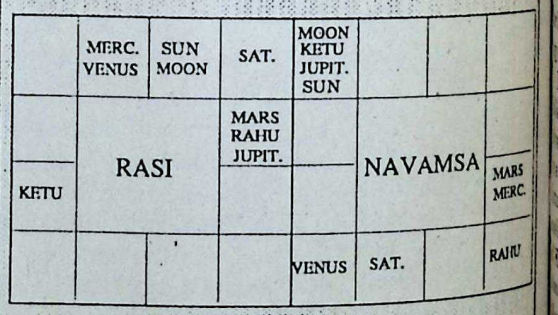
Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

BRAIN TEASER

Query: Find the Lagna in the chart below using the following 2 clues about the native.

1. The native is a fundamentalist and deeply religious.
2. He was in the police cadre.



Solution: Next month

Solution to Our March Teaser: Desertion.

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Astrological Activities

Indian Council of Astrological Sciences

Delhi Chapter I

Bhavan's Institute of Astrology and Occult Sciences and the Delhi Chapter I of Indian Council of Astrological Sciences held an Astrological Semi-and the first ever Convocation to distribute *Visharad* certificates to the successful candidates who passed this examination in 1989, on and 3rd December 1989 at the Bharatiya Bhavan, New Delhi.

Mr. L. M. Singhvi, the noted lawyer of Supreme presided at the Convocation. The key-note address was delivered by DR. B. V. RAMAN. The proceedings commenced with invocation by Dr. Lalita Gupta and her two daughters-in-law Seema Gupta and Mrs. Vineeta Gupta and Anu Kapoor, daughter of Mr. S. N. Kapoor. Extending a warm welcome to astrological sa students and invitees Mr. K. N. Rao briefly with the subjects of the seminar and thanked R. Chandra and Mr. S. K. Venkatachalam their co-operation in enabling the ICAS Chap conduct classes and examinations in Astrol-

DR. RAMAN in his address dealt mainly with pit prediction, and the possibility or otherwise remedial measures to counteract the afflictions horoscope. He said that events to occur in the as revealed in the horoscope are related to Karma. He explained the various aspects Karma—Sanchita, Prarabdha and Agami. He explained the various types of remedies—Yoga, gemstones, reciting certain scrip-and leading a disciplined, clean and life. The so-called fate (*vidhi*) and volition existed side by side. He compared man's existence to the position of a cow tied to a tether; which means the cow had freedom to move within the orbit of the length of the rope with which it was tied. Man had also conditional freedom which he could use to his advantage.

Deprecating the exploitation of the gullible by certain so-called *mantriks* and *tantriks* DR. RAMAN cautioned the public to be careful in seeking advice on remedial measures. He said that there were experts in the field who could be relied upon but it was difficult to reach them.

Congratulating the candidates successful in *Jyotisha Visarada* DR. RAMAN suggested practical study of horoscopes. He cautioned that one should not analyse one's own horoscope because of subjective factors.

DR. RAMAN complimented Messrs. K. N. Rao, R. N. Vasishta, M. S. Seetharamiah, M. N. Kedar and S. N. Kapoor for guiding a team of non-professional research-minded astrologers in Delhi.

DR. RAMAN also made appreciative references to the activities of ICAS, Delhi Chapter II under the guidance of the Chairman Mr. Lachhmandas Madan, a well known astrologer of Delhi.

In his presidential remarks Mr. S. M. Singhvi spoke eloquently of India's undying legacy of ancient sciences of which Astrology formed an important part. Though fallen into the hands of quacks who exploited this knowledge commercially by cheating the gullible public, it needed to be restored to its ancient pristine glory with all such modernity in approach, techniques and tools as time demanded.

On 2nd December 1989, classes were inaugurated for the 5th batch comprising 70 students of *Jyotish Praveena*. The chief guests were Mr. C. S. Subramaniam, the former Union Minister and Mr. S. L. Sakhdar, former Chief Election Commissioner of India.

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In his speech Mr. Subramanian said that just as in monsoon forecasting long terrestrial links on a global scale were pieced together for weather forecast, so too the extra terrestrial influences had to be considered as has been the hoary, scientific Indian tradition. Only intellectual open-mindedness could lead to expansion of the frontiers of knowledge and not the close minded laboratory method of physical testing in this respect.

Mr. S. L. Sakhdar, stressed the need to modernise the concepts of ancient Astrology in modern context. He expressed satisfaction as the Chairman of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi, at the efforts made by Delhi Chapter I of ICAS for promoting Astrology on proper lines, and in recognition of their honorary services in giving lectures to *Jyotish Visharada* and *Jyotish Praveena* students from time to time.

Messrs: K. N. Rao, M. S. Seetharamiah, M. N. Kedar, S. N. Kapoor, R. N. Vashishta, Z. Ansari, J. N. Sharma, Kuldeep Singh Jain, R. K. Vishwakarma and Mrs. Laliita Gupta were felictated by Bhavan's Institute of Astrology and Occult Sciences.

There was also a seminar on the 2nd and 3rd afternoon. Mr. S. K. Kelkar of Pune, Vice-president of ICAS spoke on "extra-saturnine planets" Herschel, Neptune and Pluto and made out an effective case for their use. He invited questions from the audience and answered them suitably with Mr. J. P. Singh, I.A.S., presiding over this session. Mr. S. N. Kapoor introduced the speaker and the subject and Mr. J. Choka Rao, M.P. was also present.

Standing (L to R): **Mr. S. N. Kapoor (7th), Mr. A. V. Sundaram (8th), Mr. Ansari (9th) and Mr. T. S. Vasan (10th).**
Sitting: (L to R): **Mr. M. S. Sitharamaiah, Mr. Vasishta, Mr. M. N. Kedar, Mrs. Rajeswari Raman, Dr. B. V. Raman, Dr. (Mrs.) Lalitha Gupta, Mr. K. N. Rao and Mr. S. K. Kelkar.**

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the afternoon session on 2nd December, the was on "Jaimini Astrology and Parliary Elections". Mr. K. N. Rao presided over session. The main speaker Mr. Y. K. Bansal ted his research paper on eight past elecs on the basis of which he had predicted in ce that as soon as Rahu transitted Makara, ions would be held in India. Both Miss Kusum a and Miss Jaya Bhatnagar also presented research findings on Jaimini in regard to g of marriage. All these three were successful nts of Jyotish Visharad examination, 1989. Y. K. Bansal topped the list with distinction in pers.

the morning of 3rd December 1989 Mr. M. S. ramaiah, the veteran astrologer of Delhi, e on various methods of *shanthis* and their ations. Pandit Uma Shankar Dubey of Kanpur elaborately with prayers and *stotra* recita- stones, metals etc. He answered many ques- from the audience. Mr. S. K. Kelkar and Mr. Y. Rao spoke on the subject emphasising why astrologer to astrologer there were differ- of opinion about such remedies. Mr. D. N. of Kanpur presided over this session.

Earlier, Mr. R. N. Vashistha, Director of Courses logy) read out his report, a souvenir was ed on the occasion and *Jyotish Visharada* ficates were distributed by Mr. L. M. Singhvi.

L. M. Singhvi garlanding Dr. B. V. Raman.

The Delhi Chapter I honoured Dr. B. V. Raman ssrs. S. K. Kelkar, Pt. Uma Shankar Dubey, S. Vasan and Mr. A. V. Sundaram by pre- g Sanman Patras; and to Prof. V. A. K. Ayer, S. Patel, Mr. Iranganti Rangacharya, Dr. R. vasatava, Mr. Madura Krishna Murthy, Mr. N. Sundararajan and Mr. Paras Mani Shah *in absentia*.

Others who were felicitated were: Mr. D. N. Dixit and Mr. R. L. Somani of Kanpur for promoting the cause of Astrology; Mr. Chander Gupta and Mr. Kamal Gupta for managing the administrative and financial aspects of the seminar. Mr. M. N. Kedar, Mr. S. N. Kapoor, Dr. (Smt). Lalita Gupta, Mr. J. N. Sharma and Mr. Kuldip Jain honoured for their valuable contribution to the cause of Astrology.

In the end, Mr. S. V. Venkatachalam, Principal, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan proposed a vote of thanks.

Conference at Erode

An Astrological Conference organised by Sanskritik Jyotisha Vidya Peeth was held on 17-12-1989 at Sivaranjani Hall, Erode. Dr. B. V. Raman, Editor, The Astrological Magazine, presided. Dr. Valampuri John, M.P. and Mrs. Soundaram Kailasam were the chief guests.

The conference was attended by about 15 persons, mostly astrologers drawn from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra and Karnataka.

In his presidential address Dr. Raman dealt at length with the scientific character of Astrology, the concepts of Pindanda and Brahmanda, time and space and the relevance of Astrology to modern times and its utility. Highlighting the importance of marriage-compatability, Dr. Raman said that the so-called Kuja Dosha was made much of especially in South India. Matching in the sense of examining the *kootas* should not alone be the criterion. The inherent agreement between the birth charts of the bride and bride-groom should be carefully examined. Dr. Raman also explained when absence of certain Kootas, *e.g.*, Grahamaitri could be condoned. Stressing the need for a careful consideration of all aspects in the charts of the bridegroom and bride, Dr. Raman said it was enough if *dwadasa* (12) Kootas were considered.

Dr. Raman strongly condemned the hypocritical attitude of those amongst political leaders and others in high walks of life who suffered from an inferiority complex in not upholding Astrology in public. Dr. Raman suggested that astrologers should unite and strive for its public acceptance in academic circles.

Dr. Valampuri John, M.P., a powerful speaker and well-informed in Astrology, dealt with the scientific nature of Astrology which inculcated in the minds of the people hope and confidence and helped them to take life philosophically. He emphasised that astrological savants and astrologers

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should be given due respect and not treated light-heartedly.

Elaborating on the different aspects of Astrology, Dr. John said psychology, Astrology and medicine were all complementary to each other. Astrological forecasts made by experts conferred mental strength to face difficult situations in life. Astrology in India was intimately integrated into our social fabric and was even today made use of in every walk of life. Dr. John was of the opinion that there was no substitute for Astrology as it was inseparable from Indian culture.

Mrs. Soundaram Kailasam, a Tamil literateur herself, explained that the time of birth was the most important factor in one's life and that it played a great role in moulding the outlook, idiosyncracy, psyche and way of life of man. She said that the three sons of Vishravas, *viz.*, Ravana, Kumbhakarna and Vibhisana by the second wife were widely different from one another in their pattern of behaviour. Ravana was of incorrigible and ferocious outlook, eventhough he was highly learned. Kumbhakarna was a great warrior, but used to spend most of his time in sleep and Vibhishana was saintly and an ethical personality even though he was born as a Rakshasa. It was because of the different times of birth that the brothers were different in all respects. And it was only Astrology which could point out what the nature of a person could be. She said that a human being could work for his destiny by having recourse to prayers and propitiation. In support of this statement she gave numerous examples from ancient sources.

Mr. Alavil Raghavan, a scholar in Astrology from Kerala, spoke about marriage compatibility and its importance in life. He highlighted the importance of Astrology in deciding marriages. Profusely quoting from ancient texts, Mr. Narayan averred that if marriages were performed by a careful matching of horoscopes, problems facing women after marriage would not arise. Mr. Narayan's speech was delivered in Malayalam.

Mr. B. S. R. Anjaneyulu Garu, a leading advocate of Tanuku, spoke on the importance of Astrology in finding marriage compatibility. He listed at least 20 kinds of Kootas, not all generally known, and explained in great detail how they affected marital life. He also stressed the need to verify the Koota compatibility between the bride and the future mother-in-law. His speech was clear with no ambiguity or doubt and it was a lecture to remember.

Mr. Ulaganathan explained the importance of research in Astrology. The technical questions of the audience were answered by Mr. P. S. Iyer. He pointed out that astrologers should take care to recast horoscopes to one uniform Ayanamsa and then only they should work out compatibility. Many other learned astrologers gave their valuable views. The meeting authorised Mr. P. S. Iyer to request Sri Sankaracharya of Kanchi to organise a full-fledged Sadas to deal with contradictions in Astrology.

Brihat Maha Yagna - 1990

A Brihat Maha Yagna - 1990 will be conducted between 10th and 12th March, 1990 to ward off the planetary afflictions due to Saturn's movement in Capricorn. For more details, contact Mr. P. S. Iyer, President, Astik Samaj, 143, Perundurai Road, Opp: Satyamurti Hospital, Erode 638 011, Tamilnadu.

ICAS - Souvenir

The Indian Council of Astrological Sciences Souvenir brought out by the Pune Chapter at the time of the Managing Committee meeting at Pune on 9th September 1989 carries reports of the inauguration of the Pune Chapter in August 1986, of the Bombay Chapter in February 1988, of the Bangalore and Sholapur Chapters, of the Astrological Conference of February 25th and 26th 1989 at Orissa, of the Delhi Chapters I and II in August 1986 and December 1989 respectively, of the Kelkar Astrological Foundation in Pune, articles on earthquakes by Mr. S. K. Kelkar and on other topics by Ms. Jayashree Kanhere, Mrs. Rajashree A. Pathak and Mr. Suhas Dongre.

SUDHIR SHAH

We congratulate Mr. Sudhir O. Shah, an astrologer of Bombay, on his appointment as a Special Executive Magistrate by the Government of Maharashtra.

—*Editor*

CORRECTION

A.M., January 1990, page 77, column 2: The diagrammatic representation of the chart is incorrect. Kindly go by the positions given below the chart.

The error is regretted.

—*Editor*

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MY TURN

S. B. R. MISHRA, GORAKHPUR.

Astrology to the Rescue

My grandson was suffering from stomach pain from 27-5-1989. His father is a doctor and he was under his treatment. On 29-5-1989, when the pain did not subside, two others doctors of the city were consulted and the boy was treated with utmost care. The diagnosis of the doctor was worms in the stomach. I was not looking after the boy because of his doctor-father. But on 31-5-1989 when the child complained of pain in the stomach to me personally, my wife chided me and challenged me to predict what was wrong through Astrology. I took up the boy's horoscope and declared it was appendicitis. Immediately the child was rushed to the doctor and I pressed the surgeon for an operation. The operation was performed the same evening after various tests. It was a very serious case as the appendix had already burst when we took him there. The science of Astrology saved the life of a very intelligent boy.

Born on 29-7-1978 at 9.45 a.m. (IST) at Gorakhpur (Mars Dasa Mercury Bhukti upto 11-2-1990).

	MOON	JUPIT.
RASI		SUN
		SAT. VENUS MERC.
		MARS RAHU

		MOON	SAT. JUPIT. MERC.
RAHU	NAVAMSA		
MARS			KETU
	VENUS	SUN ASCDT.	

It is clear from the chart that the 6th Rasi is afflicted by Mars, Rahu and Ketu and the 6th house is in under a Papakartari Yoga. The Bhukti lord Mercury is in the 6th with Saturn and in Papakartari Yoga. The 6th house is afflicted by Saturn and its lord Sun is debilitated in Navamsa. The presence of Rahu with Mars in Virgo made the appendix burst. The Moon is also afflicted by Saturn-Rahu.

Thanks to the Grace of the Almighty and this divine science as well as the book *How to Judge a Horoscope - I* (page 298) by Dr. B. V. Raman, my grandson escapted a grave calamity which the doctors could not even detect.

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ASTROLOGICAL PERSONALITY OF MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

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closely related to Mercury and as such it is not devoid of its messenger who could concretise its idealistic concept inspired by the Divine mission in realistic practical terms. The concretising influence is also strengthened by Saturn's aspect from Sagittarius. As indicated above the nature of Saturn in the present case is not malefic, rather it has acquired much beneficial influence imparting to the individual a deep urge to work for universal unity. The Sun also receives full aspect of Jupiter which is highly beneficial and protective of the good efforts of the Sun. The Sun receives full aspects of Jupiter, Mars and Saturn. As a result of these three planets which are much concerned with material evolution on the earth (in contradistinction to other planets which are very much concerned with psycho-spiritual and ideational aspects of life), the Sun which represents the very soul, or the inner essence of the person, has become extremely pragmatic, and effectively practical in creating a new kind of society according to Divine Plan. In Navamsa, the Sun is in the Jupiter's sign Pisces and is placed with Mercury and Jupiter in that sign. In a way, it is the Sun which becomes the fulcrum of the horoscope.

It is interesting to note that all planets are harmoniously related with the Sun. The Sun and Mercury are together; Mercury is the lord of the 5th house from where it is posited. Jupiter, which happens to own the 2nd and 11th houses from the Sun is situated 5th from it bestowing on it highly humanitarian creative faculty. The Moon happens to own the 6th house from the Sun thus providing immense intellectual potential. The debilitated but retrograde Mars aspecting the Sun and Mercury with its forward sight gives them its unflinching support in externalising the quality of the Sun bestowed to it. Saturn aspects it fully occupying the 11th from it. There is a special relationship between the Sun and Saturn. The Sun is located in Saturn's house; Saturn, Mercury and Jupiter enjoying *Vipareeta Rajayoga* (made possible by the lords of the 6th, 8th and 12th house lords occupying these houses) are closely associated with it. The 8th house from the Moon is occupied by the Sun implying thereby that the latent faculties of mind would get externalised very spontaneously. Venus, another planet, is the lord of the 4th and 9th houses from the sign where the Sun is placed thus having special significance for the Sun. Placed in the 12th from the Sun, Venus makes Gorbachev tension-free, relaxed, confident and well-at-ease in all kinds of human relationships. Thus, we find that all planets impart their good and helpful strength to the Sun in fructifying its destined goal. This conjuncture of planets makes Mikhail Gorbachev a social Divine agent in ushering a new society specially for externalising new approach to human progress.

The destiny of Mikhail Gorbachev becomes apparent when we examine the disposition of different planets as evident from their Navamsa positions. This aspect of different planets will reveal the hidden inner or the esoteric purpose of different planets for Gorbachev. The Navamsa chart depicting such positions indicates Saturn to be Vargottama (*i.e.*, being in the same sign as in the natal chart), and so is Venus. The Sun, Mercury and Jupiter again acquire close relationship. Mars which is debilitated in the natal chart improves its position by occupying its own (mysterious) Scorpio sign. Ketu occupies the Navamsa of the Sun. From these positions, it is apparent that the importance of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars will be highly accentuated in the life of Gorbachev. The special relative position between Saturn and Jupiter both in the natal chart and in Navamsa position will emphasise the significant contribution of Gorbachev to the welfare of labour, to rationalisation and courageous approach to religious and humanitarian problems including their liberalisation. The contribution of Mars to these planets reveals the tremendous courageous initiative of Gorbachev with regard to de-militarisation. His central planet in this case, as we have seen above, being the Sun, his entire life will be devoted to externalisation of the natural harmony as expressed in cosmic unity as applied to universal humanism. Evidently, the personality of Mikhail Gorbachev very well demonstrates the planetary impact on determining the life and mission of a person. More accurate the data pertaining to the individual and the planetary juxtaposition at the time of his birth, greater could be the revelation of an individual's life pattern. 8-90

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...ate and treat the patients ...these instruments. How... the author is giving train... physicians under Interna... College of Acupuncture ...Switzerland at Mysore, Ban... Raipur, Colombo, Rome ...Vienna and making his ear... efforts to develop a simple ...y available instrument for ...of the trained physicians.

...inical Results

A total number of 75 patients, ...male and female between 2 ...years of age, suffering from ...ious types of cancer was ...ted by the author with RFA ...orporating *Quranic* hymns for ...period of 9 years. Out of these ...ents 64 persons were in ...nced stage of malignancy and ...already been treated by con...ional method of oncologists. When these patients were treated with RFA and put on special cancer-diet rich in Vitamins C and E it was found that most of the patients had significant symptomatic clinical improvement in general as already indicated. Contrary to the prediction of the oncologists RFA-treated patients did live longer with greater comfort and less pain.

The other eleven confirmed cases of cancer did not want to subject themselves to surgery, radiation and chemotherapy (mostly breast and uterus cancer). These patients were treated by the author with his new method incorporating *Quranic* hymns at the defective *fire and water* element points. After very significant clinical improvements they were found to be free from cancer as tested by oncologists on negative biopsy results. It is inferred by the research that the *fire* and *water* element constitution in the body plays a major role in the causation of malignancy by disturbing the cellular physiology. However, this requires further research. According to Dr. R. M. Varma of Bangalore "One of the primary tasks of some one entrusted to heal is to encourage the innate capacity for healing of the individual in distress. To enable him to accomplish this task effectively, the healer may be aware of his own multi-dimensional levels of existence and have some enterprise and ability in achieving a state of balance and harmony within himself. Without self-confidence in his own work, results of this research remain questionable."

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...regard to *Chyuti* or change, ...criterion according to Bhat... is that for change to take ...e Prasna Lagna should be ...able and contain or be as... by its lord and/or func... benefics, and at the same ...devoid of aspects of male... Change does not take place ...wise. In fixed signs even ...not aspected or occupied by ...malefics, change does not take ...e. In moveable signs, pre... ...ance of benefic influences ...ld decide the issue. Thus, by ...use of a single or half a verse, ...ty of problems in *prasna* ...be solved.

...Sexist Language

...Female chauvinism has gone ...h an extent in the west that ...e invaded the English lan... too. Its compulsion has ...ed in the UNESCO issuing ...-pamphlet which seeks to exer... ...the ghost of the male element from its realms.

Although on paper it purports to abolish the he/she orientation in speaking or writing, the target is the male aroma. Thus, fore-fathers should give place to forbears or ancients; brotherhood of man (*Saubhratram* in Sanskrit) should be replaced by human kinship; woman and children (apparently in a pejorative sense) by family. Chairman has already become Chairperson furtively!

You know what Fowler has to say of forbear? That it is the choice of misguided hunters of novelty! And to both the alternatives he attributes an air of superiority inferentially not implied in the original.

One wonders how King's English (or is it Royal English?) will tolerate these feminine tantrums and face the dismissal of handmaids and sister-concerns as re... ...praisal. Will England and America be happy to be addressed in the neuter in their prosperity and adversity?

What a pity these protagonists do not realise their immense disservice to the most widely spoken language of the world by literally truncating it? Truth is, change does not take place in words, but the heart/mind, the seed of thought of which the word is but the audio-visual expression. Love alone begets love.

Woe betide India and Sanskrit the mother of all language; for, should this movement spread to Sanskrit, it will cause a holocaust in its realm and bring about genocide on a large scale, as half her vocabulary is born feminine. Apparently our "ancients" foresaw the present calamity and provided the Devabasha with an unbreakable infra-structure. *Linguafranca* enthusiasts too had better be warned!—10,19.90

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THE MOON OR CHANDRA IN ASTROLOGY

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Of course, Moon as lord of 8 for Sagittarius is not so bad, as Moon and Jupiter are friendly. But, from my experience, I would dawn the Sun for Makara Lagna or Capricorn, a bitter enemy of Saturn, the Lagnadhipathi, as baneful indeed. Moon's ideal place for Aquarius Ascendant is 3, or in *neecha*. Then, lordship of 6 is minimised, and at the same time the *Karakathwam* of Moon is safe and protected, and not weakened as in 8 or 12. If Moon and Jupiter combine for an Aquarius native there will be fair prosperity, with, however, the pinpricks, due to the strength of lord of 6.

New Moon is a dire malefic, just as Full Moon is a first-rate benefic. In fact, according to a Tamil text, New Moon is considered to be even worse than Saturn. Such New Moon, for instance, if placed in the 5th house, especially as lord of a bad house like 6 or 8, will cause *putra-dosha*, and will give abdominal pain and pain in the womb, to the native's wife, for a long time, after a delivery. It might also cause painful abortions. Such New Moon, who is deemed a malefic, or a Papi, is best in 3, 6 or 11. If New Moon is lord of 6 or 8, and strong in any *kendra* or *kona*, unredeemed by any benefic aspect especially by good and strong Jupiter or Venus, or, if the New-Moon is weak, say in 8 and in Neecha, as lord of 4, she is found to cause tuberculosis or diabetes, in his dasa. If the dasa does not run or transpire in the life of the native, the evil won't be present, or if there is Jupiter's powerful aspect, then also, the evil will be minimised or there will be a cure. A bad Moon will cause diseases, due to cold, due to mental feebleness and financial debility, just as Full Moon, enjoying Jupiter's benefic aspect especially will give a brilliant mind, good health, financial prosperity, and popularity, as well.

Moon represents "left eyes and also Gowri or "Shakthi" who is the left Half of Lord Siva. Parasara attributes good name and fame to Full Moon in 10. There is also success in *karya-siddhi*, according to *Saravali*. See:

लग्नात् दशमगे सोमे सत्कीर्ति तु विनिर्दिशेत् ॥

दशमे नक्षत्रपतिर्लग्नात् पुरूषस्य यस्य संभवति ।
सर्वारंभे सिद्धिं विनिर्दिशेत् तस्य जातस्य ॥

There will be Raja-yoga if such Moon is aspected by Venus, or preferably by Jupiter, and also devotion to Parashakthi. the dasas, or periods, are determined by the star occupied by Moon; and unless good dasas transpire or seen in one's life, one's life, one can't be lucky.

The strength of Moon is the basis for the strength of all planets (See *Phaladeepika*). So, the Moon is all important, in astrology. For, is not *Siva-Sakti* All-Powerful?

ओंकार पञ्चरशुक्तीं उपनिषदुद्यान केलिकल कण्ठीं ।
आगम विपिन मयुरीं आर्या अंतर्विभावयेगौरीं ॥

याशक्तिः परदेवता भगवती वणी रमा पार्वती ॥

साध्वी कांतिमती सदाशुभकरी श्रीराज राजेश्वरी ॥

आर्यावर्त सुपालनैकहदया श्रीराज्यलक्ष्मी शुभाः ॥

तां वन्दे भवभीति भञ्जनकरीं कन्यांबिकां श्रीकरीं ॥

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Mother: Born 22-1-1928 at 9.28 a.m. (IST) at Allahabad. *Rasi:* Aquarius - Ascendant 25-28; Taurus - Rahu 23-47; Scorpio - Venus 28-56, Ketu 23-47 and Saturn 22-57; Sagittarius - Mars 9-33; and Capricorn - Sun 8-08 and Mercury 16-52.

"The father had a very difficult time as the condition of the mother worsened after the death of the youngest child. Education upto M.Sc. was all they could give. The second son rose to the occasion and arranged a trip abroad in 1986 and got the mother treated. She had problems but not that acute; so a second trip came about in 1989. It appears that they will have to go every year."

Readers who want to discuss the foreign trips can send in their views before 15-5-1990.

Home Work (*A.M.*, February 1990)

On page 190, column 2, para 2 the chart for 1-8-1943 at 7.40 p.m. (W.T) at 16 N 35, 85 E 2 is as follows:

Rasi: Ascendant 289-21; Sun 106-48; Moon 110-52; Mars 24-49; Mercury 121-37; Jupiter 105-18; Venus 145-26; Saturn 61-05; and Rahu 114-38 with a balance of 5 years and 3 months of Saturn Dasa at birth.

The period of the Sun Dasa may be shifted accordingly. In view of the wrong horoscopic details furnished by the reader in question and which escaped verification, the date for sending in the interpretation is extended to 15-5-1990.

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PLANETS AND INDIAN AFFAIRS

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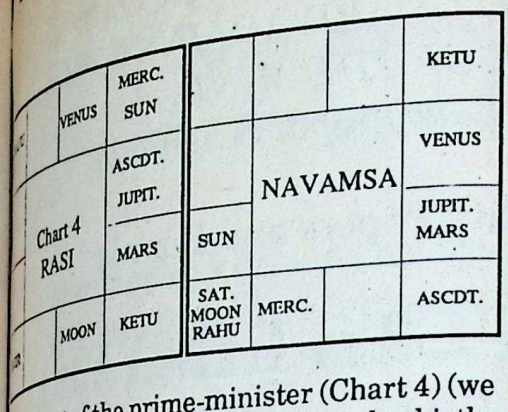

In the chart of the prime-minister (Chart 4) (we cannot vouch for the correctness of the birth-data) Cancer rising on the Ascendant is occupied by exalted 6th and 9th lord Jupiter. The 10th house is aspected by a powerful Lagna lord Moon and the 10th lord Mars is *vargottama* in the 2nd house. These are strong enough factors but our concern is if the present prime-minister will serve a full term.

At the time of the elections, the Moon Bhukti in Mercury Dasa was on and continues to run till mid January 1991. That the Dasa lord has the strength to give the Yoga, even if redundant now, may yet be of much academic interest and therefore worthwhile looking into. Mercury is the 3rd and 12th lord from Lagna and is in the 12th in his own sign with 2nd lord Sun. As 12th lord in the 12th he is good. He is hemmed in between benefics, both well-placed, exalted Jupiter on one side and Venus (in his own sign) on the other. As to the Moon, he is an excellent benefic being in the 4th with *digbala* aspecting the 10th house. Is the Yoga caused by Mercury absolutely free of rent to continue without being rent ?

Mercury is well placed and he occupies the favourable constellation of Mrigasira ruled by the *Baraka* Mars. However, Saturn's aspect on Mercury has to be carefully assessed. As 8th lord in the 6th he is well placed. But as 6th occupant, 8th lord, can we say his aspect on Dasa lord is an equally welcome feature? In the formation of Vipareeta Raja Yoga, whether full or partial, what is required is the placing of malefic lords in malefic houses. Which are the malefic houses? The 6th, 8th and 12th primarily and to a lesser degree, the 3rd house as well. The lords of these houses are the malefic lords. These malefic lords in any of the malefic houses, whether their own or of others, are said to generate Vipareeta Raja Yoga of varying grades and strengths. In the prime-minister's chart the 12th lord is in the 12th, the 8th lord is in the 6th but the 6th lord is in the 1st. While this has its own value in a positive sense, it detracts from forming a total Vipareeta Raja Yoga.

A whole lot of disturbing conjunctions and oppositions will occur between now and April 1990 spread across Sagittarius and Gemini, the latter housing the Dasa lord Mercury. These planetary forces will mark the beginning of a series of challenges to the prime-minister, beginning ironically from within his own party.

The 3rd lord Mercury in the 12th is favourable. Saturn as 8th lord is retrograde and *vargottama* and therefore powerful enough to do good as the occupant of the 6th house. But as 8th lord his aspect on Mercury (Dasa lord) is not , of course, all that sound and carries with it factors to disturb the Raja Yoga. This is a factor which may come in the way of V.P. Singh completing the five-year term forming as it does a Raja Yogabhanga.

Internecine feuds and intra-party squabbles have time and again been our undoing if we only take the trouble to review Indian history, ancient as well as contemporary. Will those who matter at the top, whether in official positions or working behind the scenes, pay heed to these astrological implications?

Astrology, as reiterated countless times in these columns, is not deterministic. Human effort can thwart any indication if put forth after careful reflection and in consultation with wise counsel. We hope the new Government will pay due heed to astrological trends and genuinely strive to modify the adverse trends and enhance the good indications in the interests of national security and welfare.

Gayatri Devi Vasudev
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Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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PLANETS AND FINANCIAL PROSPECTS — IV*

JUDGING financial Yogas is not only a delightful exercise for all students of Astrology but even more, a dependable guide to making major decisions in life such as giving up service for self-employment or for venturing into business or diversifying one's business activities. It is also the best guide when conditions at work irk one and one begins to think in terms of launching out on one's own. In such cases, the financial Yogas, rather their absence, will help one bear the difficulties in the workspot with patient endurance in the understanding, business is just not one's forte. The native of Chart 20, after adequately qualifying himself academically, took up a job and reached a fairly good position as a junior executive in a reputed commercial organisation by the time Saturn Dasa started. Here, we see the Ascendant Leo is occupied by its ruler Sun who is *vargottama*. While the Sun is strong his occupation of Lagna itself is not desirable as his aspect on Lagna would be seen. The Lagna is only moderately strong. We will look only at factors having to do with finances. The 2nd lord Mercury is in his sign of exaltation but the 2nd house is occupied by 12th lord Moon. The Moon being *vargottama* is a plus point, no doubt. The 9th house Aries is aspected by 9th lord Mars, 5th and 8th lord Jupiter and 6th and 7th lord Saturn. The 11th lord Mercury is also the ruler of the 2nd house but then, he joins the 12th lord Moon. From Chandra Lagna (Moon-sign) too, the 2nd, the 9th and the 11th houses are not connected in any way. The 2nd lord Venus is in the 12th with 12th lord Sun aspected by Saturn, the 5th and 6th lord. The 9th lord, also Venus, is again in the 12th. The 11th lord Moon is well placed in Lagna. The 2nd house is occupied by 7th lord Jupiter and 8th lord Mars, neither being qualified particularly to promote finances. This kind of a horoscope, if the Dasa is not helpful, is best suited for a salaried job and apart from some ups and downs, can expect only moderate finances, enough to lead a life of comfort and self-respect. But unfortunately for the native the lure of lucre proved too strong, so strong that when he met with problems in his job in 1978-79, he quit it and decided to launch out on his own. Until then, he was quite well off. But once he gave up his job and opted for his own business, it was the beginning of the end of his financial luck. He did consultancy for a while

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traded in metals for a couple of years with no luck and a stint in lorry transport business that left him with huge losses. All this was mainly because of an ill-timed decision.

The native's problems began with stress in his work-spot in 1978 when transit Saturn was in Leo just beginning to afflict the natal Moon. The Dasa of Saturn had already begun. Saturn is a powerful malefic, retrograde and afflicting both the Lagna lord Sun and 10th lord Venus. Saturn has no connexion with any factor that has to do with finances in a positive sense. Both from the Lagna and Chandra Lagna, he is a malefic but since he is in *vargottama*, he retains some dignity and suggests that if the situation is handled with caution, tact and prudent restraint he will at least help to keep the show going. On the other hand, his maleficence can indicate no windfall, spectacular monetary luck or even moderately good dividends. But as we have seen, the native decided to make it big on his own and with no Dhana Yoga worth the name to support him invited upon himself financial debacle after financial debacle. Saturn Dasa in this case is least suited for monetary gain and definitely

INDU LAGNA	-		KETU			KETU JUPIT.	MARS
SAT.(R)	Chart 20 RASI			MERC. SAT.	NAVAMSA		ASCDT.
			ASCDT. SUN VEN.(R)				SUN
RAHU		MARS JUPIT.	MERC. MOON		VENUS RAHU		MOON

cautions against any kind of investment. Luckily, the next Dasa is of Mercury, a favourable planet for money, both from the Lagna and the Chandra Lagna. But only in relative terms of modest and improved income. The Moon as the 12th lord from the Lagna in the 2nd does not help to stabilize the monetary foundation of the chart and the best course open to the native in these planetary circumstances is to stay content with a salaried job which, of course, will not be difficult to land once the Dasa of Mercury starts. Saturn Dasa too can give employment but not on very attractive terms.

Reverting to Chart 15*, this native too suf-

in Dasa, he opted, under astrological guidance, to run a business on very, very modest lines. The Dasa here is of Saturn again, the Lagna and the 2nd lord in the 9th and bound to be fortunate. But Saturn's power to do good is to some extent hampered by his occupation of Uttaraphalguni, ruled by the 8th lord Sun. Therefore keeping these astrological constraints in the chart as also the 8th house transit of Saturn (*ashtama sani*) from the natal Moon, in mind, the native has been extremely cautious and has kept his investments on a low key. This way losses are minimised and profits are only marginal but luckily financial catastrophies are avoided. As Saturn Dasa progresses, business may pick up gradually and since the 9th lord's Dasa will begin thereafter reasonably good gains can be anticipated. But until then, caution, contentment and restraint must mark all monetary decisions.

Dhana Yogas or combinations for finance are always welcome for they indicate the financial potential of the chart is far above average. Does it then imply that charts that have no specific Dhana Yogas must suffer abject poverty? Not at all! Charts that are lacking in money-causing Yogas can still give their natives comfortable circumstances in life, but such natives cannot aspire for big gains through business, shares and investments. They fare well in service or professional careers that do not require big capital. Dhana Yogas are an index of success in business and big windfalls, the degree depending upon the intensity of the Yogas.

Chart 21 is a powerful chart but it is slightly baffling. The planetary positions and the financial results run along parallel lines with no meeting point in sight.

The Ascendant lord Mercury is in the 4th *kendra*. The 2nd and 9th lord Venus joins the 11th lord Moon. Malefic Mars (ruler of the 3rd and the 8th) and Saturn (ruler of the 5th and the 6th) also join them and all the 4 planets are aspected by an exalted retrograde Jupiter.

*Chart 15 (A.M., July 1989): Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant; Aquarius - Jupiter; Pisces - Rahu; Gemini - Moon; Virgo - Ketu and Saturn; Libra - Mercury, Sun and Venus; and Sagittarius - Mars. *Navamsa:* Capricorn - Ascendant; Venus and Mercury; Aquarius - Sun, Saturn and Moon; Aries - Mars; Leo - Rahu; Libra - Moon; and Scorpio

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		KETU JUPIT.(R)	MERC.		
	JUPIT.(R)	NAVAMSA			
Chart 21 RASI	INDU LAGNA	ASCDT. SAT. MARS			
	ASCDT. KETU		SUN		VENUS MOON RAHU

and Mars, the latter exalted and the in his own sign are *vargottama*. Mars the Moon (11th lord), Venus (2nd and and Saturn (5th lord primarily, being 5th) together should have generated Dhana Yogas. But they have not! native's financial status has been, more static since 1964 and just moderate. to describe as Dhana Yoga! What has to the Dhana Yogas we have just

closer look will reveal that Saturn is so also Mars and the two become malefics *vis-a-vis* Dhana Yogas. The tion is a baneful influence on the producing *Yogas*, especially that the the 12th lord ruling *losses* which is very to the assessment of the Dhana Yogas. ever, reference to the Dasas will give clues.

ter Dasa was highly favourable, that is, out 1967 or so when Rahu Bhukti be- Saturn Dasa was none too gratifying regular income of a modest amount lable. Saturn is combust in the 12th in very close conjunction with the 8th rs. Moreover, both planets are in Ut- tha, ruled again by the 12th lord Sun. s and the Moon combining and as- by Jupiter (exalted) are not, of course, e and can give a financial windfall ot Dasas operate.

ury Dasa has begun and Mercury is in aspecting the 10th house as 10th lord. is with the 12th lord Sun cannot be but the distance between the two is and unlike Saturn combustion does Mercury as much. Mercury Dasa a shift in the nature of work from self-employment or business and returns from it. However, the best part of the Dhana Yoga is more or less useless because it may surface only after Venus Dasa begins which is after 2012 when the native may no longer be interested.

Dasas and Dhana Yogas are like the two wheels of a cart. If one of them is flawed or not in operation during the productive years of life, the benefit of the Dhana Yoga simply evaporates.

There is nothing like the synchronisation of Dhana Yogas and Dasas to bring about financial luck. This simple fact is glaringly evident in the charts of all tychoons. Personalities of the show world are some of the best examples to illustrate this equation.

Chart 22 is of one of the most successful stars of the singing world of this century. He was barely in his teens when financial luck descended on him like an avalanche. His albums have brought him and his sponsorers millions of dollars. Funny, but it was Saturn Dasa, in strong contrast to Chart 21, that did magic to the young black singer's earnings.

	KETU	MARS ASCDT.		SAT.	KETU	MOON MERC.	
MOON	Chart 22 RASI		VENUS	VENUS	NAVAMSA		ASCDT.
			SUN MERC. (R)	MARS			SUN
	SAT.	JUPIT. RAHU		JUPIT.		RAHU	

The Ascendant is Taurus aspected by *yogakaraka* Saturn who, in turn, is strengthened by the aspect of his sign-dispositor, Mars. The Ascendant lord Venus is in the 3rd in an *upachaya*, a house of elevation, with his sign dispositor waxing strong in the 10th house.

Mercury, the 2nd lord, is in the 4th with the 4th lord Sun. The 9th lord Saturn is in the 7th with *digbala* and aspects Mercury, the 2nd lord. The 11th lord Jupiter aspects the 2nd house. These planetary positions have given rise to a connexion between the 2nd, the 9th and the 11th houses but what puts life and vitality into this chain is the fact Saturn Dasa began early in life to act as a catalysing agent. Saturn is a strong benefic, primarily as the ruler of the 9th and 10th houses and therefore

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a *yogakaraka*. But that apart, Saturn occupies Jyeshta ruled by the 2nd and 5th lord Mercury. This indeed qualifies Mercury to boost monetary luck but this property of Mercury is further abetted by the Adhi Yoga generated in the 10th house due to the Moon being there with Venus in the 6th and Mercury in the 7th from him. The Moon is full and in a powerful *kendra* with its sign-dispositor in the 10th from it. Further Indu Lagna too falls in Aquarius, the centre of the Adhi Yoga, both of which have jointly contributed to an annual income running into millions.

In Charts 20, 21 and 22 financial luck has been of three distinct types and yet, all three have had Saturn Dasa deciding the fate of their fortunes. The only difference is that Saturn's lordship has had a big say in boosting or retarding monetary success apart from the inherent strength of the Dhana Yogas themselves.

Adhi Yoga found in Chart 22 is one of the most commonly occurring features in the charts of those who have had sensational financial success.

Adhi Yoga as defined in classical works is not limited or confined to financial success only.

According to Varahamihira's *Brihat Jataka*

सौम्यौः स्मरारिनिधनेष्वधियोग
इदोः तस्मिन् चमूपसचिवाक्षितीपालजन्म

meaning, when the benefics Mercury, Jupiter and Venus are in the 6th, 7th and 8th houses from the Moon, the Yoga is known as Adhi Yoga. Further,

संपन्नसौख्यविभवा हतशत्रवश्च
दीर्घायुषो विगतरोगभयाश्च जाताः

meaning, they will get intimate friends, great pleasures and wealth, will have their enemies crushed, will live long free from disease and fear.

Soumyaih means the benefics (natural) Mercury, Jupiter and Venus. The waxing Moon usually classed with benefics is not implied for the simple reason, the remaining *soumyaih* have to be reckoned with reference to him. Clauses to this Yoga would automatically suggest that the benefics must be strong. In other words, the intensity of the Yoga gets qualified by the strength of the planets (*soumyaih*).

According to Mandavya and *Saravali*, Adhi Yoga is classed under Raja Yoga in the sense of royal power or political power and they further require the planets Mercury, Venus and Jupiter should not be combust and should not be with malefics.

In Astrology, a rigid literal interpretation can lead us nowhere. A liberal interpretation within the framework of the basic tenets of the science will give better insight into the results of the Yoga.

Adhi Yoga can be of 7 different kinds as obtained from a combination and permutation of the planets and the houses involved. The following varieties emerge:-

1. Mercury, Venus, Jupiter are in the 6th, 7th and 8th houses from the Moon.
2. The three benefics are all in the 6th house.
3. The three benefics are all in the 7th house.
4. The three benefics are all in the 8th house.
5. The benefics are distributed in the 6th and 7th houses.
6. The benefics are distributed in the 7th and 8th houses.
7. The benefics are distributed in the 8th and 6th houses.

More sub-varieties are possible if each of the 3 benefic planets changes order in the 3 houses and some more are produced by the different Nakshatras the planets occupy in each of the houses.

While malefics with the benefics are said to spoil the Yoga by some authorities of old, others hold that the malefics give the Yoga but in the process make the natives tyrannical. We are not concerned with this part of the interpretation. All that we will look into is whether the Yoga can be said to be a Dhana Yoga of consequence.

In most of the cases where Adhi Yoga results occur, it is rare that all the 3 benefics Mercury, Venus and Jupiter are involved.

In this case (Chart 23) of a multi-millionaire's daughter, the Moon is in Virgo and Mercury and Venus are in the 6th from him. Jupiter is too far away to contribute to the Yoga. All other factors that promote finan-

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...dian Astrology: ...nding Fathers

A READER wants to be enlightened on the tradition behind Indian Astrology and its founders. It may be outlined as follows: The *Ve*das, as everyone knows, are four in number—*Rig, Yajus, Sama* and *Atharvana*. Their exegetical works known as *Vedangas* or limbs of the *Vedas* are: *Siksha, Vyakar*ana, *Nirukta, Chandas, Jyotisha* and *Kalpa*. Showing their relative importance, Bhaskaracharya poetically describes them: To the Vedapurusha, *Sabda-sastra* or *Vyakarana* (grammar), constitutes the face; *Jyotisha*, his eyes; *Nirukta* (etymology) the ear; *Kalpa* (manuals) the hands; *Siksha* (phonetics) the nose and *Chandas* (prosody) feet. Emphasising the importanc of *Jyotisha*, he points out that although man may possess all other faculties, without the eyes or sight, he can accomplish little.

There are two versions about the list of founding fathers of Jyotisha which, by the way, includes both astronomy and Astrology. The school of Kasyapa lists the following eighteen as the founding fathers of this science: Soorya, Pitamaha, Vyasa, Vasistha, Atri, Parasara, Kasyapa, Narada, Garga, Marichi, Manu, Angiras, Lomasa, Chyavana, Yavana, Bhrigu and Saunaka.

The Parasara school holds the following 19 as the founding fathers of Jyotisha: Brahma, Narada, Vyasa, Vasistha, Parasara, Lomasa, Yavana, Soorya, Chyavana, Kashyapa, Bhrigu, Pulasthya, Manu, Satya, Pulisa, Saunaka, Angiras, Garga and Marichi.

In the Parasara school there is also a tradition of *Guru-sishya parampara* vis-a-vis this science: Narada learnt from Brahma, Saunaka from the Moon-god; Mandavya and Vamadeva from Vasistha, Vasistha and Romasa from Narayana; Maya and Aruna from Soorya; Pulasthya from Atri, Garga and Lomasa; Matreya from Maya etc.

Not much is now available of the work of these founders except quotes by the great commentators like Bhattotpala and compilers like Balabhadra. Some small booklets of verses on prediction are in the market going by their names, but they are worthless.

We are most lucky on the *Siddhanta* or astronomy side thanks to Varahamihira's *Pancha Siddhantika* which contains the astronomical writings of Pitamaha, Vasistha, Paulisa, Romaka and Soorya. On the predictive side too, apart from Parasara whose comprehensive work is available, Vaarhamihira has done yeoman service by handing down the cream of earlier teachings of stalwarts and thus pioneering the modern tradition which rules the roost today.

Pancha Maha Yajnas

Among the codes of conduct prescribed for the householder by the Vedic *rishis* are the ones going by name *Pancha Maha Yajnas* (the five great daily performances) which are easy to perform and which are a must.

Whether we do them or not, it is worth-while knowing about them. Possibly after doing so, one might be inclined to perform one or more of them, especially as they are designed for the busy householder who is not too wealthy. These are Bhuta Yajna, Manushya Yajna, Pitru Yajna, Deva Yajna and Brahma Yajna. They are characterised as Maha Sastras by Apastamba, the law-giver!

Of these, the late MM. Dr.P.V. Kane writes: "The sentiments that prompted the performance of those five observances appear to have been as follows: Every man could not afford to celebrate the solemn Srauta rites prescribed in the *Brahmanas* and *Srauta Sutras*. But every one could offer a fuel-stick to fire that is deemed to be the mouth of the great gods of Heaven and thus show his reverence and devotion to them. Similarly everyone could show

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who had bequeathed a glorious heritage of sacred literature, by repeating at least one verse, and one could propitiate his deceased ancestors by offering in loving memory and filial devotion a mere handful or vesselful of water, which costs nothing. The whole world, human and non-human, is one creation and there must be a spirit of live and let live or give and take. Therefore one must offer what one can afford to a guest and also have something for all beings, including even such shunned animals as dogs and insects. These feelings of devotion, gratitude, reverence, loving memory, kindliness and tolerance seem to have been the spring that promoted *sutra* writers like Gautama and legislators like Manu to look upon them as *samskaras*, ennobling the soul by freeing it from mere selfishness and elevating the body to become live vehicles for higher things."

By Brahma Yajna we please the sages; through *homa* the gods; through *sraddha* the manes; through food, fellow-beings and through *bali*, the *bhutas*.

Astrology: Not a Slot

It appears that the only subject on which people can speak or write with a devil-may-care attitude and get away with it is Astrology.

A chemist or physicist who performs an experiment without knowing its formula is sure to have his flask or test-tube broken or the apparatus going haywire.

In Astrology you can make any statement with cursory knowledge and scant courtesy to fundamentals and yet seek to pass off as an authority!

How else are we to explain a statement such as the one appearing on p. 55 in *A.M.*, 1990: "In my opinion, it is always safer not to consider the exaltation or debilitation of planets at all"!

But why in heaven's name did not less then 18 Maharishis in collusion franchise the planets, assign them predictive roles with signs of exaltation and debilitation apart from ruling houses, and worse, confer on them powers in such sensitive areas as longevity to increase or decrease it following their status?

The context is the well-known inexplicability of the interelationship between planets and allotment of one another's house to be exalted in or debilitated.

Says the writer: "Such planetary relationship and behaviour are beyond my comprehension." Hence the unilateral verdict quoted above which finds place in this reputed journal.

This is the inexplicable "behaviour": for Scorpio Lagna Moon, despite being *bhagya* (9th) lord is inimical for marital life in the 7th notwithstanding its exaltation and inimical to mother in the 4th.

No student of Astrology should fail to remember that for Scorpio Lagna the Moon is *badhaka* lord which he can ill-afford to overlook especially when she lacks strength.

Without going into the issue further, let me conclude that **Astrology is not a slot into which anything can be pushed, but music which must enthrall us by its undertones and overtones notwithstanding its *vakra swaras*.**

Tamboola Lagna

A simple time-honoured method of answering questions by Prasna is through *tamboola* or betel leaves that are brought traditionally to the astrologer along with *dakshina* for answering the query. The following verse describes its *modus operandi*.

ताम्बूलसंख्यां द्विगुणां शरघ्नां
सैकां हरेत्सप्तभिरत्र शिष्टैः।
सूर्यादिकानामुदयोत्रकल्प्यो
ग्रहोदयोऽत्र सलग्नराशिः।

Count the number of betel leaves brought; double the number, multiply it again by five; add one to the product; divide the total by seven; ignore the quotient; the remainder leads to the Lagna. It can be mathematically expressed as (10x + 1)/7 where x is the number of leaves.

Remainder 1 denotes the Sun; 2 the Moon; 3 Mars; 4 Mercury; 5 Jupiter; 6 Venus and 7 Saturn. Note the Rasi occupied at the time of the *prasna* by the planet denoted by the remainder; that becomes the Prasna-Lagna. Insert all the other planets at the time in the chart so raised. Predict the result as follows: Sun in Lagna - sorrow; Moon - happiness; Mars - quarrel; Mercury/Jupiter - gain of wealth; Venus - pleasure; Saturn - calamity. The remaining *bhavas* too should be judged along the above lines in their respective areas.

Incidentally betel leaves are retailed in cities by counting; for they are priced per hundred and one buys specific numbers. In villages, however, they used to be sold in bunches. I hope it continues to be so today. Care therefore has to be taken to see that the betel leaves presented for the *Prasna* should be by random selection or the object will fail. It is presumed that the astrologer of the type envisaged here should have earned his title by proper *niyamas* when alone a modicum of truth could be expected.

Astrology: the Why and What

Here are some home-truths about Astrology that students of Astrology should always remember and become convinced.

नक्षत्राणि ग्रहाश्चैव शुभाशुभ निवेदका
मानवानां महाभागे न तु कर्मकरास्त्वमी

The stars and planets are merely pointers to auspicious and inauspicious events in the lives of

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strological Miscellany

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n this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed gically. They may be about anything - birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, r, animals and the list is endless - so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa to ological Miscellany, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)

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AM giving below 2 *mantras*, the recitation of which has been found to be extremely efficacious during periods of *sade-sathi* and *ra sani.*

rbhujo Bhanachapa
Khadga Hastho Varapradaha
rovahanogatho Nithyam
Sankarothu Sanaischaraha
Praam, Preem, Praum Sanaye Namaha.

is information is from reader T. D. V. Raman ry timely too, with Saturn having just moved pricorn and bringing under his menacing ole blocks of people.

phesies of a Golden Age

ar Bhatt Xitiji of Kalyan would like to share phesies with our readers.

mi Ranchoddasji who was a devotee of Sri had very clearly said (around 1960 A.D., he is) 'A Mahayogi of the calibre of Sri Rama appear after a couple of years, who would irreligious practices and establish Dharma earth'.

mi Pranavanandji, who was the spiritual Shyamprasad Mookherjee, a freedom fighter, around 1940 "There will be chaos for some after independence. But then, a *yogi* will the ruler of India, who will establish Dharma'."

let us come to the prophetic words of i Aurobindo: 'India would obtain freedom August 1947. India would be divided into two other part would be divided once again, after 25 years (*Bangladesh was created*). There will be a change in leadership in 1984 end (*Rajiv Gandhi became Prime Minister*).

"'After independence, there will be chaos for some decades. But during the beginning of the 21st century, a young *yogi* would lead India into a Golden Age. At that time, there will be no poverty in India. This yogi would establish Dharma (*Kalki Avatara?*) and India would have alround prosperity. At that time (beginning of 21st century), India would be the spiritual leader of this world.' He also said 'I had expected United India, not parts of it. But I see clearly that India will become united once again, let it come by any way and means.'

"According to Nostradamus (his prophesies are supposed to have been written in 1555 A.D.) there will be a third world war, starting in July 1999 and lasting for 7 years, in which about two-thirds of humanity would be destroyed. The then prime minister of India would rescue the world with the help of America and Russia. After this war a golden age (Satya Yuga) would start."

Transits of Planets

"Astrologically it is an established fact that transits of Saturn in Cancer have always led to important consequences in Indian History. The First War of Independence, birth of Indian National Congress, Indian Independence from foreign yoke and death of Mahatma Gandhi, etc., all have happened while Saturn was in Cancer. In the past while Saturn was in Cancer India lost its sovereignty and ruling authority to the Mughals in 1192 A.D. There are so many other such instances.

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But it has also been observed right from the ancient times that the transits of Jupiter in Gemini have also influenced Indian affairs significantly as would be seen from the following:

"*Tretayuga:* It is said that when Jupiter was passing through the 12th house of Sri Rama, he was deprived of his coronation and was exiled. When Jupiter was transiting through the 12th house of Ravana, the entire Rakshasa clan was destroyed and Lanka's course of civilization changed.

"*Dwapara Yuga:* It is said that when Jupiter was passing through his 4th house, Yudhishtira lost his kingdom in the game of dice and was turned out of Hasthinapura. When the planet was transiting the 3rd house of Duryodhana, the entire Kuru clan was destroyed, evil of cruel on human beings was eradicated and righteousness and faith in religion on firm footing was established.

"In the 20th century A.D. the Quit India movement, death of Jawaharlal Nehru and formation of Janata Government under Morarji Desai, etc., all happened during Jupiter's transit in Gemini.

"During the current transit of Jupiter significant and important political changes, *viz.*, beginning of the end of the National Congress, formation of the National Front government under V. P. Singh and dragging despotic rulers out of the Indian political scene seem to have occurred in India.

"In Chapter VII of *Planetary Influences on Human Affairs* DR. B. V. RAMAN has stated that the two factors, *viz.*, (i) Saturn in Cancer and (ii) Jupiter in Pisces seem to have important consequences. I feel that the factor 'Jupiter in Gemini' should also find a place there", says reader T. N. Saxena of Bhubaneswar.

Wait for a While

A local reader has lost his wife in October 1989 and is left with a surviving child of about 16 months. Does his chart show another marriage?

Born 19-4-1958 at 8.50 p.m. (IST) at 13 N 24, 77 E 53.

Rasi: Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Saturn; Aquarius - Mars and Venus; Aries - Ketu, Sun, Moon and Mercury; and Libra - Jupiter and Rahu. *Navamsa:* Libra - Ascendant and Mars; Scorpio - Jupiter; Sagittarius - Rahu; Aries - Mercury and Venus; Taurus - Saturn; Gemini - Sun and Ketu; and Cancer - Moon with a balance of 0 years, 4 months and 9 days of Ketu Dasa at birth.

Venus, the *karaka*, is with Ascendant lord Mars in the 4th house aspected by Saturn and Jupiter. From Chandra Lagna, he is the 7th lord again and in the 11th, aspected by Saturn, the 11th lord. Therefore, a second marriage cannot be ruled out.

As to the time, Venus Bhukti of the Sun Dasa would seem most appropriate. The present Bhukti of Saturn and the next of Mercury and Ketu seem to be quite unhelpful in this regard. Jupiter's transit of Libra should catalyse developments.

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human beings. O lady! They do not cause them by themselves.

विना वा मानुषं दैवं दैवं वा
मानुषं विना। न च निवर्तथत्येका
अरणिरिवाऽनलम्॥ सिद्धयन्ति सर्व
आरम्भा संयोगात्कर्मणोर्द्वयोः।
दैवात्पुरुषकाराच्च
न तु एकस्मात्कथं च न॥

For success human effort and auspicious moment are inseparable like the firewood (from which fire is churned by friction) and fire. There can be no dichotomy between them. All attempts begun succeed only when the two join hands in action, but never by one.

That which germinates auspicious result is known as दैव

....*Badarayana*

यत्नेन संपाद्य मनुष्यकारं यत्नावकाशे
पुरुषो निरुन्ध्ये
प्रतिक्षतं दैवमतद्रितः स स्तंभयेदो
नात्मकृतास्सपृशन्ति॥

Man plunges into action by self-effort, but often meets with odds at intervals, but he who, in addition, vigilantly awaits the auspicious moment is not licked by dangers, incident on self effort.

—*Varahamihira.*

Mother Teresa

Speaking of love brings to my mind the 80 year old Yugoslav born missionary Mother Teresa who has adopted India and the poorest of her poor for motherly care. There is not a single honour of the highest kind the world can offer, that she has not been presented with. She is a Nobel Laureate, Bharata Ratna, Magsaysay award winner and many others. Yet she has no fan nor T.V. in her crucible.

In an interview to TIME, she has spelt out her philosophy of life which is identical with the highest perceptions of the Indian sages. And do you know what she says of love? Love is the panacea for the ills of poverty; hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread. The material is not the only thing that gives joy; something greater than that is the deep sense of peace in the heart. It is contentment. She sees poverty as a kind of richness and discovers Jesus in it and looks upon service to the poor as service to God; actually material richness causes discontent.

She calls herself the pencil of God and it is He Who calls the tune! She echoes the views of an early Sankaracharya of Sringeri who told a foreign correspondent who asked his permission to embrace Hinduism that a Christian could be dear to God by being a good Christian; a Muslim a good Muslim and a Buddhist a good Buddhist by following their respective tenets faithfully. May she be spared for a long time to serve the poorest which is divine service for her.—160, 264, 276.88.

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Merely Observations

SATABHISHA

Shifting Astrological Price

R.N.T. RAMA RAO, the former chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, first had the idea of installing the world's largest Buddha statue on the Rock of Gibralter in Hussain Sagar lake in Hyderabad. As work progressed on the statue, Rama Rao regularly kept himself aware of its progress through weekly reports. The political scene in the meanwhile underwent a change and Dr. Chenna Reddy became the chief minister. Both the former and the present chief ministers are both believers in Astrology and astrologer, men of convic-tion. They are but two of a hand-ful of eminent men in the coun-try who speak up for Astrology whenever the occasion demands.

A mighty disaster struck the Buddha statue on 11-3-1990 when it was being transported on a barge to the centre of the lake. The statue slipped into the wa-ter within seconds and with it went many of the men who were involved in the operations of transportation. Unfortunately for the present and the erst-while CMs were not even informed of the transporting of the statue. Not only would the Bud-dha have stood resplendent in the middle of the lake but several lives would have been saved for both men would have astrologically opposed the choice of the date.

According to newspaper re-ports, the shifting of the statue began at around 5.00 a.m. against the scheduled time of 9'o clock or so.

The Ascendant was *Capri-corn with 3 malefics in it—Mars, Saturn and Rahu. The Moon was in the 8th and the *tithi* was the dreaded Chaturdasi. Adding all these factors together gave the inevitable green signal of *mrityu panchaka* to the operations.

According to official reports naval engineers and architects had certified that the specially designed and made platoon could withstand upto 1000 tonnes. In spite of all these precautions, if the barge gave in, would not that imply some other forces were also at work which modern science and technology have not been able to identify? Planetary forces are very important and operate irre-spective of whether we recognise them or not!

Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant, Mars, Rahu, Saturn and Venus; Aqua-rius - Sun and Mercury; Gem-ini - Jupiter; Cancer - Ketu; and Leo - Moon. *Navamsa:* Virgo - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Jupiter; Capricorn - Ketu and Saturn; Pisces - Moon and Mercury; Aries - Venus; Taurus - Mars; Gemini - Sun and Cancer - Rahu.

Bangalore Air Tragedy

The sign Aries is always treated with caution in electional Astrology. In fact, according to Madhava, Aries and Scorpio are best rejected in fixing *muhur-tams* as they are ruled by the cruel Mars. No other reasons are given except a blanket taboo on these two signs and this speaks volumes for the time-bombs that Mars has ticking away in his entrails.

The latest example of the deadly destructive powers of Mars is the Airbus crash at Bangalore on February 14, 1990 with as many as 90 people being charred to death in a split second. There were a lucky 57 survivors or so and for them, this was an acci-dent they will never forget in their life-time. This accident also highlights the intricate working of planetary designs, deadly for some, protective for others.

A study of the horoscopes of the passengers of this ill-fated flight will confirm the truths of Jyotisha. And bring home the shocking fact of a mind dazed by the glamorous jargon of science and technology and the neo-su-perstition of their infallibility. Of a mind suffering from intel-lectual fiefdom. And must im-portantly of the ghastly trage-dies that can result from such attitudes to areas of knowledge

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that are not explored simply because it is a fashion to do so.

The Ascendant (Chart 1)* at the purported time of take-off from Bombay namely, 11.45 a.m. has Aries rising in Krittika, an Agni Nakshatra, in the 3rd decanate, an Ayudha Drekkana, and a synonym for violent death. Malefics Mercury, Rahu and Ketu are in *kendras*, the Moon is in the 6th, a *dustana* and ruler of the weekday, Mercury, is with Rahu. The *panchaka* is Agni-*panchaka*. No benefics are in *kendras*. With such a planetary grouping at take-off time, results could have been hardly otherwise. And let alone *muhurta*, even going by the simple ground rules of *gochara* or transit influences, the periods of the conjunctions or oppositions of malefics such as Mars, Saturn, Rahu are best skipped for travel. The accident occurred exactly on the day Mars moved into Uttarashadha occupied by Saturn. The editorial comments on page 6, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, January 1990 unequivocally high lighted this sensitive period saying, "The Mars-Saturn and Mars-Rahu conjunctions may trigger off some serious railway and bus accidents and at least one air-crash". There was also a modifying clause which said "Because of Jupiter's aspect, precautionary measures taken in advance may prevent the loss of life". But who paid heed, anyway? At least now we hope the authorities concerned will learn to appreciate the signals that Astrology can give not only in the interests of the nation but also of humanity at large.

About 3 days later on 17-2-1990, a Bangalore bound Airbus A-320 from Madras was grounded when passengers began to complain of suffocation. Luckily the plane which was supposed to have taken off at 8.20* a.m. against the scheduled time of 8.00 a.m. had Jupiter in a *kendra* (Chart 2) and a safe *panchaka* which helped avert another major tragedy.

**Chart 1: Rasi:* Aries - Ascendant; Gemini - Jupiter (R); Cancer - Ketu; Virgo - Moon; Sagittarius - Mars, Venus and Saturn; Capricorn - Mercury and Rahu; and Aquarius - Sun. *Navamsa:* Sagittarius - Ascendant, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn; Capricorn - Ketu; Aries - Mercury; Cancer - Rahu; Leo - Moon; Virgo - Mars; and Libra - Sun.

**Chart 2:* 8.20 a.m. (IST) on 17-2-1990 at Madras. *Rasi:* Pisces - Ascendant; Gemini - Jupiter; Cancer - Ketu; Libra - Moon; Sagittarius - Mars and Saturn; Capricorn - Mercury, Venus and Rahu; and Aquarius - Sun.

Scientist on Scientists

Writes a scientist from the Indian Institute of Astro-physics of fellow-scientists in *Science Express* (12-12-1989).

"No wonder, like Pamela Sing in an expensive school, Indian scientists find themselves out of place. Some of them take the easier way out, that is cheating. An unscrupulous scientist is not merely a product of a demanding society. He has his personal vision of grandeur, a pathological urge to rewrite the pages of science texts. Then there are cases who in violation of the Peter principle, have reason way beyond their level of incompetence. A member of this group cooks up his data to justify his existence. Surely, they are intelligent enough to know that they will be found out sooner or later. But in a forgiving society that is India, there is no danger of any nemesis. Whether it is a charge of rape against an influential person or a charge of fraud against a scientist, every thing gets lost in the cross currents of politics.

"Indian academics and scientists are a pampered lot. Unfortunately many of them do not have the patience and the stamina for a slow, tortuous climb to major and minor peaks of excellence; they treat science as a fast elevator to higher social and professional status."

AN OCCASIONAL QUIZ — 1 (1990)

Solution: The native is a film-artiste and model. The wife is a doctor.

Reasons:

Native: The Ascendant lord is strong in the 9th with Venus in a Saturnine sign. In Navamsa the Atmakaraka Mercury is with exalted full Moon and Venus in a venusian sign showing poetry, dramatics and allied fields.

Wife: The 7th lord Jupiter is in Virgo retrograde aspected by the Sun which shows doctoring. In Navamsa, Jupiter is with Mars and the Sun (who aspects Jupiter in Rasi) is with Rahu showing the medical line.

No correct solutions were received for An Occasional Quiz — 1 (1990).

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Balarishta and Arishta-Bhanga

GOMATHI ANNAPURNI

IT IS said that nobody can predict the longevity of a child till 12 years. For, in the first four years, the child may die, due to sins of its mother (in a former birth); in the four years due to its father's sins; and between 8 and 12 years, on account of its own. The rule shows, that death takes away men more easily, just as a tender plant may be removed by one's nails, whereas a well-rooted tree can be removed with difficulty, by hard action of an axe. Nevertheless, even on a bad birth, its life can be boldly predicted, *if there are clear and strong Arishta-Bhangas.*

I shall illustrate, by giving two cases of Balarishta and two cases of Arishta-Bhanga.

Below is the chart of a lovely and angelic girl whom I lost, to my great grief, when she was a year and 11 months old. But, as soon as she was born (though she was born on a Friday—the Puja Day, considered to be auspicious), I felt an uncomfortable feeling that she could be with us only after two years. And Alas! my feeling proved too true!

ASCDT.		RAHU	
	Chart No. I		SAT.
MOON			
	VENUS KETU	MERC. JUPIT. MARS	SUN

Lagna was the fag-end of Meena, in Varga, and it was a very twilight birth, which seemed lucky. Lagna is to Moon in 11 and Guru aspecting 4, was a safe and easy birth. But, I suspected Balarishta, because (1) Sani was in 5; (2) Sun was in 7; and (3) Moon was in 8. And, *Phaladeepika* speaks of Balarishta to the instant, if malefics are in 5 and 8 or 7; and Moon is aspected by Sani and Kuja and by no benefic.

A frank friend, a very good scholar, for whom I have great regard, opined that, Guru in 8 would assure the child 50 years, and my fears were unfounded. But, still, I was sceptic, as Guru was afflicted by Mars in 8; and when there is a tug of war between evil and good, evil prevails, mostly, except when the favourable forces are really very powerful, as I show in Charts No. III and No. IV. And, I did not, at all, like the bad exchange of 8 and 9 lords—bad fortune, and might be bad for father, too—the 8th lord Venus being the very baneful lord of 3 and 8. To add to all, there was no benefic in a *kendra*, and, Lagna lord was in 8, with a dire malefic; and the star being Uttarashadha, the first Dasa was of Surya (Sun), lord of 6 in 7, a *marakasthana*, which assumes much significance in cases where the longevity is poor.

The child was intelligent, and even precocious—mark 9 and 10 lords, combined in 10 from Moon, though in 8 from Lagna; and the exchange of 5 and 11 lords. She had dips in holy waters and worship in sacred shrines (See Guru in 8). She even did "Puja", emulating her father, a Gazetted Officer. (See the Sun lord of 10 from 9, reckoned as Lagna in 11 from 9.) She had a beautiful smiling appearance, and a musical voice. She had a weak physique, which stood, however repeated illness, mostly bloody boils (See Mars in 8). She radiated smiles, and happiness, despite her ailments, by her musical lisping. But, alas! she died (of Meningitis, according to the Doctor), despite six penicillin injections and costly medical aid, in the very first Surya Dasa itself. Mars in 8 gave her cruel

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injections and loss of blood; but, Guru in 8 made her unconscious at the outset of attack, so that her pains and pangs were not known to or felt by her, but were seen only by the long-lived sinners, in parents; (Incidentally, it shows, that I agree with Thula Lagna for Mahatma Gandhi, as explaining his tragic but peaceful death, with *Ram, Ram* on his lips). To me it is a sad tragedy! Where can I see her angelic face? But, death arrested her progress with its kindly harshness, and has blessed her into an eternal image of childish innocence. It was not without significance, that, the sacred white-necked Garuda hovered near over her body when she was medically treated, when breath left her, and hovered over it, on the way to the grave, and hovered over it, even when she was lowered into the grave, by its fairly prosperous but bereaved father, who had fondly imagined, that Garuda would save the child. Alas! Garuda had only indicated that the innocent and pure soul was going to a very good place. I think she collapsed in Surya Dasa Sani Bhukti, Sani aspecting Surya, lord of 6, placed in 7. Incidentally, this chart illustrates, that, it is a sad mistake to wax very eloquent, from Chandra Lagna (whatever its applicability after 32) when Lagna is weak. The child was attractive and angelic and queenly; and God, perhaps, took her away, a good and pure soul, lest she and her parents should face the greater tragedy, of Sun in 7 and Mars in 8, working havoc in a grown-up woman's (her) married life! May her soul rest in peace! Those whom the Gods love die young! And the Pure Flower was wrested from its earthly parents and gathered by God for Himself!

Chart No. II

Chart No. II is the chart of a boy who died of dropsy, when 8 months old. The chart was thus:

	RAHU	MOON	ASCDT. VENUS
	Chart No. II		
			SUN SAT. MERC.
	JUPIT.	MARS KETU	

When the child was born to its parents, I was not enthusiastic as in the otherwise good month of Avani, there was the baneful Sun-Saturn conjunction, and Saturn was also in *asthagatham* or combustion. But, persons, not unpardonably, gave strong hopes, that the child would survive Surya Dasa, the star being Krittika, as Venus lord of 5, a *Poorva-punyasthana*, was in Lagna. I, too, was persuaded somewhat, as Jupiter or Venus in Lagna is a very great antidote, to Balarishta generally. But I still doubted, as Venus was, after all, lord of the house, occupied by Mars the bad lord of 6 and 11 and Ketu in 5. Sri Mantreswara, in his *Phaladeepika* says, malefics in 5 and 8 cause *arishta*. And though Venus is in Lagna as lord of 5 yet he is very much weakened by Budha, lord of Lagna being hidden in 3, and in conjunction with two malefics, one of which is *asthangatha* Sani, the worst malefic imaginable, and unredeemed by any benefic aspect. Budha, lord of the Ascendant, was very weak, and malefic; and so, rendered Venus in Lagna weak, too. In its second or third month the child got infantile diarrhoea; and there was a tug of war between Venus and the malefics in 3, with the lords of 3 and 8; and after costly medical treatment and severe saline injections (as Ayurvedac Doctor despaired) it survived, thanks, however to Ayurvedic treatment again, but reduced to a ruckle of bones, unable even to suck mother's milk, and having to be fed, also, on artificial foods and diet. Three malefics in Leo, the stomach of Kalapurusha, and two dire malefics in 5 (stomach) from Lagna, aspected by a bad Sani (3rd aspect), made the stomach, the seat of all trouble. Even the intake was poor, due to very poor digestion; and, in the 8th month, it suddenly died of a sudden development of dropsy. (3 and 8 lords cause sudden danger and death.) Poor soul! Death was a real liberation, perhaps, and a release to him. It was also perhaps a blessing in disguise; for, the star being Krittika, he could never get the best Dasa of Venus in Lagna; and with lord of Lagna and 4, much afflicted, in 12 from 4, he might have been a *Nitya-Rogi*, constantly ailing, or might have affected its fond and sacrificing mother! May its soul rest in peace! I would only add that, Jupiter, in opposition to Moon, is of little efficacy, and is no good, for three reasons: (1) both planets are in 6 and 12; (2) Moon being: in the beginning of Taurus and Jupiter being in the end of Scorpio, Jupiter's aspect does not fall actually on Moon; and (3) Moon is afflicted, by the cruel aspect of Mars, and also especially of Saturn, in combustion, and is also waning Moon. Sani Bhukti in Surya Dasa, slowly and steadily tortured and killed the child, which had little health or happiness after Guru Bhukti and experience.

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...pain, the result of prior "Papa" and de-...d, inflicting grief on its mother and father ...are slow to be consoled.

Thus, it is seen, that, even a benefic in a ...-Tri or even in Lagna, cannot cancel evil, and ...as a powerful antidote, unless the benefic is ...and sufficiently powerful, to quell *doshas*.

...rt No. III

ASCDT.		MERC. VENUS (R) RAHU			ASCDT.		
Chart No. III RASI		SUN MARS JUPIT.		JUPIT. VENUS MERC.	NAVAMSA		SUN KETU
				RAHU			MOON
				SAT.		MARS	

Chart No. III had severe Balarishta, for about ...years, in the first Mars Dasa. Mark Sun and ...-Kuja in 4 and Sani in 12, usually strong ...s for Balarishta. But, as Lagnadhipati ...is in 4 (a *kendra*) with exalted Guru, who ...of 9, representing Poorvapunya, who is in ...-Navamsa, equivalent to exaltation or ..., and who has first class Gajakesari Yoga, ...is almost exactly 180° from Moon (actually ...and odd) who is full and is in 10, he survived ...severe *balapeeda*, which lasted six years of ...first or initial Kuja Dasa. And, he has grown ...risen to the position of a Judicial Officer, ...handsome, magnetic and impressive per-...y, and has a good and high reputation for ..., integrity and for a Godly and God-fearing ... I think, he will live till 67 1/2 or 68 (sixty-... years of age. The key-point or sovereign ..., which redeems and elevates the whole ...ope, is the real strength of Guru, lord of ...pupunya (9), who has lifted debilitated Kuja, ...the Ascendant, thanks to Full Moon being ...from Lagna and in opposition to Mars and ..., even though *Bhavartha Ratnakara* would ...r to say, as if Mars and Jupiter in 4, for ...in Kataka (Cancer) would suffice, to confer ...ity: See

...भौमे जातस्य भौमस्तु गुरूणा च समन्वितः ।
चतुर्थस्थो यदि भवेद्योगदो भवति ध्रुवं" ॥

...*Jathakalankara* says that, if lord of Lagna ...ing in a *kendra*, with Jupiter or Venus ...er may be benefic for the Lagna concerned ...in the house of a benefic and aspected by a benefic, the person is a man of principles and character, surely (*nunam punya sheelah*) respected by all people (*sakalajanamataha*) with all *sampath* or items of prosperity (*sarva sampannidhaanam*). Of course the success is late; and the grade is lower, as Mars is in debility; but, he has obtained a clear *Neecha-bhanga Rajayoga*, which makes one a king and a just and righteous ruler ("*rajah bhaveth dhaarmika chakravarthi*). The grade is also lower, as the lord of 10 Saturn is in 12, though he has been redeemed and lifted by powerful Jupiter's (aspect) especially as Saturn is in Pisces, Jupiter's house. Parasara, and Mahadeva in his *Jathaka Tattwa*, recognise unilateral aspect, also, as *sambandha*. See Parasara:

"प्रथमः स्थानसम्बन्धो दृष्टिअस्तु द्वितीयकः ॥
तृतीयस्तु एकतो दृष्टिः, स्थित्येकत्र चतर्थकः" ॥

Says, Sri Mahadeva:

"अन्योन्य दृष्टौ एकतरदृष्टौ अन्योन्य :–
स्थानस्थितौ एकत्रस्थितौ संबन्धो इति अवगंतव्यः" ॥

But, the *Uttarakalamrita* has recognised only three modes of association or *sambandha*, excluding the above unilateral aspect. For Aries, however, I have heard it said, by eminent and revered *gurus* of mine, that Jupiter and Saturn should not combine or mutually aspect. That is because, Saturn for Aries, as for Gemini, is more of a malefic, as he owns 11 for Aries (just as he owns 8 for Gemini); and the dictum is, 9 and 10 lords cannot give Rajayoga, if they own 8 or 11 or if they are spoiled by 8 and 11 lords:

See:

"धर्मकर्मनेतारौ रंध्रलाभाधिपो यदि ।
तयोः संबंधमात्रेण, न योगं लभते नरः" ॥

With respect, Mr. Subramania Sastri's translation of the nature of planets for each Lagna, under Aries, in his edition of *Uttarakalamrita* at page 249 is wrong. For, according to his translation, conjunction of Jupiter with Saturn is good, but conjunction of Jupiter even with Moon (others) is bad!

I would translate it thus: "Mercury (lord of 3 and 6) is a Papi or malefic. Jupiter and Sun (who are lords of 9 and 5) are benefics and give yoga, when associated (I would add, without Jupiter being combust, being either in one sign more than 11° removed, or in opposition) *more than Sani and Guru*, who cannot give yoga, as Sani even makes Guru malefic by conjunction. Venus is a *maraka* and so on ...."

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To see this is the correct translation, grammatically also possible, it is very necessary to see that the learned author, Kalidasa, cannot be inconsistent in the same work itself. For, earlier, in the *Uttarakalamrita* itself, he has said, in Khanda IV, *sloka* 3, at page 54 of Mr. Sastri's book that 9 and 10 lords give prosperity and happiness, if they do not own 8 or 11 houses.

"संपत्सौरव्यकरौ तयोर्निधनकृल्लाभाधि पत्यं विना"

This is also quite consistent with the view of Parasara, to whom the *Jathaka Chandrika* is attributed:-

For, he says, for Aries,

"न शुभं योगमात्रेणप्रभवेत् शनिजीवयोः ।
परंतु तेन जीवस्य पापत्वमपि सिध्यति" ।

meaning, for Aries, there is no yoga, caused by the conjunction of Guru and Saturn; but on the other hand, Guru even becomes malefic, by association or conjunction with Sani. So, for Mesha Lagna or Aries, the aspect of well-placed and strong Guru on Saturn, who is not associated with any other planet, besides producing a God-fearing nature and a philosophic bent of mind, more practical and useful for the Mundane World, as Saturn does not return the aspect, produces a Rajayoga, though its grade is much reduced and limited, by Sani being, after all, in 12, and not in an Upachaya house, very good for him to occupy, like 3 or 11, 3 being better for a *chara* Lagna or cardinal sign, as 11th lord is also *badhakadhipati* and so evil, and 11 is *badhakasthana*. The horoscope shows a good Chandradhi Yoga due to Budha and Sukra being in 6 from Moon and Guru being in 7 from Moon, Budha being in his own house, Venus or Sukra being retrograde and so powerful as a natural benefic, and Guru being exalted. This Yoga confers longevity (*deerghayuhu*), success (*vijaya*) and unsullied or spotless fame: (*akhilayaso*) —See the *Uttara Kalamrita*, Khanda IV, *sloka* 26.

"दीर्घायुर्विजयान्वितोऽखिलयशो विद्यावि नोदान्वितो"

Also 1, 5 and 9 lords are in 4 (a very good Rajayoga, see 1917 Annual Number) and aspect 10; and, good and strong Jupiter lord of (9 and 12) aspects Full Moon in 10, and also Sani, the lord of 10, placed in a house of Jupiter, good according to Hindu astrological texts. So, professionally it appears to be a fairly good horoscope, though the gentleman's success and prosperity may be much less than his deserts, and though he is bound to have sensitiveness and pin-pricks, domestic calamities and worries due to "family" and relations, as Sani aspects the 9th house and the 2nd house, and as Mars (also lord of 8) is in 4th house and as lord of 5 and Guru are in 12 from 5 with Mars.

Chart No. IV

Chart No. IV is the horoscope of a good lady, a devoted wife, a woman too simple and good, for the sophisticated modern world. She survived any number of ailments in her initial Rahu Dasa of 10 years' balance (Mark natural malefics in 4) including a virulent attack of small-pox, which, however, left no scar or trace, behind, thanks to Jupiter in Lagna in his own house which saved her as a child from being drowned in the seas once. She survived much ill-treatment in her husband's home. She is the wife of one, who is, now, a gazetted officer; but, has much misery due to Bahuputra Yoga, and frequent loss of children. Malefics in 4, according to Mantreswara make a woman either unchaste, or if chaste, one getting unhappiness to herself and her husband, but too much child-bearing. Here as the lord of Lagna is Jupiter and is in Lagna unsullied by any evil planet, in his own house, and aspects 7 (beautifully vacant) and 9, and the lord of 9 exalted in 5, only the latter evil should be predicted. It is in such matters, that one has to be careful, wise, and judicious, in one's astrological predictions. The sheet-anchor of the chart is excellent Jupiter, though alone, in Lagna, in *Moolatrikona*, aspecting 5 (occupied by the lord of 9), 7 and 9, and giving Neechabhanga to Mercury, the lord of 7 and 10, placed in Pisces, a house of Jupiter. But, though 7 and 9 are well-vacant and Jupiter aspects 7, yet, as Mars aspects 7 and as Sani aspects 8 and also Moon the lord of 8 (though Moon is in Saturn's house) and though Moon is well-placed, as waning Moon and lord of 8 in 3, it is a nice and difficult question, to decide, as to whether the native is likely to pre-decease her husband as a Sumangali, or may rather survive him, to her discomfort and discomfiture and unhappiness, for 8 denotes, both longevity and *sowmangalya* (husband's longevity) for a woman, just as 9 denotes her *sowbhagya*.

MARS MERC. RAHU	SUN VENUS	SAT.	
MOON	Chart No. IV		
ASCDT. JUPIT.			KETU

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etermination f Longevity*

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N THE delineation of a birth chart consideration of longevity of life receives top priority. Numerous rules and methods e found in standard texts on this topic. The common method is to make use of *Yogayu* e *Dasayu*. Under the *Yogayu* the horoscope t classified in one of the following groups: (i) within 12 years (Balarishta), (ii) within 32 (Alpayu), (iii) within 70 years (Madhyayu), within 100 years (Deerghayu) and (v) After ars (Amitayu). After this classification the of *Dasayu* are invoked to determine the longevity. In the concerned group of *Yo-* death is expected during the periods/sub-ds of the death-inflicting planet which is the st among the *maraka* planets. The houses d are the Ascendant and the 8th from it. me rules are also applicable to the Moon dant and the 8th house from it. The pe-b-periods of planets posited in the 2nd aspecting the 8th house, occupying the 8th lord of the 22nd Drekkana from the Lagna the Moon, lord of the house occupied by Saturn and Rahu could be death-inflict-eath can take place in the sub-periods of s and the major periods of malefics. The and sub-periods of the 3rd, 5th and 7th tras from Janma Nakshatras can also eath. Again, the period of *Dasachidra,* e ends of Dasas are also inauspicious. posited in the 6th, 7th, 8th and 12th aspected or associated with malefics can death-inflicting or cause serious illness.

The Nakshatra rule is applicable in the Vimshottari Dasa. Dasas of planets that are in debilitation or combustion also cause death. In the long list of *maraka* lords one has to locate the effective *maraka* planet. This is done by keeping in view the period indicated by *Yogayu*; period/sub-period of the *maraka* lord, the order of Nakshatra from Janma Nakshatra, the 7 1/2 years' cycle of Saturn and the transit of Jupiter. By a careful combination of all these one can determine the year in which death could occur. The month can be determined by considering the transit of the Sun, the day by the Moon's transit in certain Nakshatras and finally the time by the rising sign (Ascendant) when the native would breathe his last breath. The purpose of this note is to emphasize yet another aspect in the determination of longevity.

Before analysing a chart for longevity on the basis of *Yogayu* and *Dasayu*, one should carefully examine it for *Akala* or *Apamrityu, i.e.*, untimely death. Such deaths could be due to accident, murder, drowning, fall from a high place, hanging, suffocation, bite by snake and/or other animals, poisoning, possession by evil spirits etc. In the presence of combinations for *apamrityu* the age group indicated by *Yogayu* could be misleading unless effective remedial measures (*anushthanas*) are taken to ward off the danger of *apamrityu*. Unfortunately, there is dearth of knowledgeable scholars who could correctly advise and perform these *anushthanas*. Moreover, the expenditure involved in such a performance is often beyond the means of the common man. For example, Mahamritynjaya, Bhairon, Chandi *japa* and *yagnas* could cost thousands of rupees. It is therefore advis-

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able that expensive *anushthanas* should be done on a collective basis by raising contributions from the masses and the affected persons should participate in them. In a number of *Bhrigu Samhita* delineations, I have noticed remedial measures prescribed for avoiding the danger of *apamrityu*. Therefore, it seems to me that by taking prescribed measures *apamrityu* can be avoided and the native blessed to live his natural span of life. The cause of *apamrityu* can be traced from the birth chart. It arises from the Karma done in the past life which should be judged from the disposition of the 5th house. Mars, Saturn, Rahu, Ketu, weak Sun and weak Moon usually contribute in forming the Yogas of untimely death.

The position of the Sun could be responsible for *apamrityu* due to fire. That of the afflicted and weak Moon due to drowning, Mars - due to weapon, wounds loss of blood, Saturn - due to suffocation and hanging, Rahu - fall from a high place, snake-bite, capture by evil spirit, Ketu - poisoning, dog-bite, unknown cause. The charts, in which the Sun and the Moon are strong and unafflicted, do not come under the purview of evil spirits. Though the psychiatrist might differ, according to ancient thought, mental diseases like schizophrenia, paranoia, insanity etc. are caused not only by organic factors but also by 'spirits' or disembodied beings. Modern medicine has not been found enough to cure insanity though it might control it to some extent. In a number of cases diagnosed for schizophrenia, I found in the corresponding charts the Sun afflicted by Saturn by association or mutual opposition, Rahu occupying the Ascendant or joining the weak Moon. In cases of sudden deaths due to weapon, road accidents, loss of blood, Mars invariably vitiated the 8th house or a weak Moon. Saturn got involved with the 8th house and the Moon, where death occurred due to hanging and suffocation. Exceptions were noticed where Mars or Saturn became Ascendant lords influenced by Jupiter and Venus, the two powerful benefics.

For illustration, I present here two Rasi charts.

Chart I: Born 18-3-1952 at 5.57 a.m. IST at 26 N 46, 80 E 40. Aquarius - Ascendant (26/39), Venus (8/34) and Rahu (7/25); Pisces - Mercury (22/32), Jupiter (26/49) and Sun (4/10); Leo - Ketu (7/25); Virgo - Saturn (R) (19/28); Libra - Mars (24/57); and Scorpio - Moon (20/3). Balance of Mercury Dasa at birth: 12 years and 8 months.

In this chart the Lagna lord Saturn is strong being retrograde and placed in the 8th house in a friendly sign aspected by powerful Jupiter. The benefics Jupiter and Mercury are in the 2nd house. Notice that Mercury is not combust though he is in debility. Venus is posited in Lagna. As per delineation of *Prasna Marga*, the chart indicates Deerghayu, *i.e.*, age exceeding 70 years. In childhood, the native ran the Dasa of Mercury, who aspects the 8th house and hence could be a *maraka*. He fell seriously ill. The parents were advised to perform the Mahamrityunjaya Japam which was promptly done. The danger to his life was averted. According to *Dasayu*, keeping the *Yogayu* in view, the part of Rahu Dasa exceeding 70 years of age could be death-inflicting since Rahu rules Satabhisha which is the 7th Nakshatra counted from the birth constellation of Jyeshta. Around this age, the third cycle of 7 1/2 years' cycle of Saturn would start in February, 2020 A.D. The sub-period of Mercury, which is the effective *maraka* lord in the major period of Rahu would start on 30.10.2022 at the age of 70 years, 7 months, 12 days and last 2 years, 6 months, 18 days, *i.e.*, till the age of 73 years, 2 months, which gives his maximum span of longevity. Jupiter would be transiting Aries, which is the 8th sign from natal Saturn from the end of April 2023 A.D. to the end of April 2024 A.D. The period Rahu/Mercury/Rahu would commence on 7-4-2024 and last till 26-8-2024. The month, starting 14th April 2024 during the Sun's transit through Aries which is Dwadasamsa sign, would prove fatal for him. The period Rahu/Mercury/Rahu/Rahu would run till 27-4-2024. Thus the end would come on some day between 14th to 27th April 2024 A.D. The exact day can be located by considering the transit of the Moon through adverse constellations during the above 14 days and time by working out the adverse Ascendant, the strongest being the sign falling in the 8th house in the natal chart.

The above longevity has been worked out without giving consideration to Yoga of *apamrityu, i.e.*, untimely death. Affliction of the Sun by direct opposition from Saturn, who also aspects the Moon in debility, and affliction of the Ascendant by Rahu, are indicative of *apamrityu* caused by mental ailment due to dominance of disincarnating beings (spirits). He had sound health and a bright educational career till the age of 23 years.

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Indications for Unhappy Marriages: An Integrated Approach — II*

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Section - III: Empirical Testings

MAKING intelligent judgement on status of married life of a native through an examination of his horoscope with the help of tools as mentioned in Section II is a difficult proposition. This section is intended to help readers in this regard. Horoscopes discussed in this chapter have been randomly taken from an astrologer's notebook and have been stratified into the twin categories of 'Reportedly Happy Married Life' and 'Reportedly Unhappy Married Life'. Horoscopes belonging to these two categories have been presented in structured formats viz. Format I — Reportedly Unhappy Married Life and Format II — Reportedly Happy Married Life. It will be shown that conditions as laid down in Section II of this paper are present in varying degrees in all the horoscopes of Format-I while they are conspicuously absent in sampling frame of Format II. Thus horoscopes presented in Format II constitute the *control samples* in the strict sense of the term to show that conditions for unhappy marriages are not only present in all the horoscopes of Format I, they are also absent in the horoscopes under Format II. Further discussions of horoscopes, as follow, will reveal that **not a single condition alone but their interaction in an integrated framework is a strategic determinant of the status of conjugal life and intensity and direction of unhappiness.**

Analysis of Horoscopes in Format I

Horoscope No. 1: The lord of the 7th house is in the 8th and retrograde. It is aspected by both Mars and the Sun. The house of marriage is also partially afflicted with the location of Rahu and aspect of Mars on it (Condition A—Satisfied). Venus is also highly afflicted being hemmed in between Mars and Ketu (Condition B—Satisfied). The 2nd house is inhabited by Sun and aspected by Saturn (Condition C—Partially satisfied). The debilitated Mars is in the Ascendant (Condition D—Fully satisfied). The lord of the Ascendant and the house of marriage are involved in the 2nd-12th relationship (Condition E—Satisfied).

The native married in 1963. It was a love marriage. With the passage of time, his wife's health deteriorated and there were also indications of personality clashes. The native's wife ultimately succumbed to injury in 1975. Please mark the placement of the lord of the rising sign in the house of marriage being involved in a mutual aspect relationship with Venus and also the aspect of Jupiter on the 7th house. Due to these redeeming features, the native's married life lasted for a decade and there were also periods of occasional sunshine in an otherwise unhappy marriage.

Horoscope No. 2: The lord of the house of marriage is placed in the 11th house in association with Saturn. The 7th house is also being aspected by Mars (Condition A—Satisfied partly). Venus is afflicted (Condition B—Partly satisfied). The 12th house is inhabited by the Sun and debilitated Mercury. It is moreover hemmed in between Mars and Saturn. Though an exalted Moon is in the 2nd house it is sandwiched between Ketu and Mars. The 5th lord is in the 8th from the 5th house and 12th from the Ascendant (Condition C—Satisfied). Mars is in the Ascendant (Condition D—Satisfied). Please mark indications of prolonged sex-starvation in the horoscope. The native's first marriage was a failure which resulted in deprivation of married life for more than a decade. His second marriage took

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place after that. This became possible immediately after the commencement of the major period of Saturn which being in conjunction with Venus gave the results of Venus. He has got a wife and a lovely son too and now appears to be happy after years of endless sufferings. Incidentally it may be mentioned that his first son due to his first marriage got separated from him. The 5th lord is 8th from the 5th associated with the debilitated 3rd and 6th houses.

Horoscope Nos. 3 & 6: These are the horoscopes of husband and wife. They were married in 1964 and their trouble started in 1970 with the intervention of a third person. Sequence of events was prolonged separation, legal battle and divorce after frightful sufferings in 1985. The owners of both the horoscopes remarried thereafter in 1986. The lady to whom Horoscope No. 6 belongs married, of course, the man of her choice who was the cause of all the troubles. Let us now turn to the analytical part of the story.

Horoscope No. 3: The 7th house is occupied by Mars. The 7th lord is in the configuration of malefics Sun and Ketu. (Condition-I-satisfied). Venus is in the 6th house aspected by Saturn (Condition-B-Partly satisfied). Retrograde Saturn is in the 12th (Condition C—Satisfied). The aspect of benefics on Saturn eventually put an end to the trouble. Mars is in the house of marriage (Condition D—Satisfied).

Horoscope No. 6: The first-rate malefic Mars is posited in the 7th house. The 7th lord though in the Ascendant is retrograde (Condition A—Satisfied). Venus is highly afflicted firstly due to its interchange of houses with Saturn, secondly through the aspect of Saturn on it and finally *via* its association with the Sun and Ketu. Its relationship with the Moon and the aspect from Jupiter probably explain her liaison with her lover and ultimate reunion with him (Condition B—Partly satisfied). The placement of Mars in a sensitive house and severe affliction to the house of bed pleasure probably explains sufferings, sex-deprivation, legal battle and separation.

Horoscope No. 4: The lady born with this birth chart lost her first husband after a brief but unsuccessful spell of married life. She married a second time and is reportedly passing a peaceful life. The position of Mars in the 12th and affliction to Venus are considered to be responsible for her initial misfortune (*vide* Conditions B & C) but Saturn's aspect on its own house, the house of marriage, its association with the Moon, the Ascendant lord and Jupiter's full aspect on the lord of 7th presumably enabled the native to salvage the situation.

Horoscope No. 5: This horoscope provides unique instance of affliction to Venus — the lord of marriage. It is in the house of Saturn and fully aspected by both Saturn and Rahu. Its conjunction with Mars which itself has interchanged houses with Saturn is a factor to be reckoned with. In addition, the horoscope suffers from 'Kuja Dosha' because of Mars, location in the 4th house. The 2nd house and to some extent the 12th house also have suffered affliction. The results were unsuccessful love marriage, premature death of husband etc. Here most of the conditions excepting Condition E are found satisfied in varying degrees.

Horoscope No. 7: Horoscope No. 7 also highlights afflictions to the 7th house and the 7th lord. An essentially anti-marital planet Saturn is found to be situated in the 7th, retrograde, it is afflicted by Ketu and fully seen by Mars. Mars, the lord of 7th, is in the 4th and has interchanged houses with Saturn. As a result, the native's husband after having a fairly good spell of happy married life suddenly suffered a severe heart attack towards the end of 1982 when Saturn made its transit from Virgo to Libra and the gentleman expired. Since the sad demise of her husband, the lady has been leading a lonely life. This horoscope also offers an instance of complex interaction of most of the factors responsible for unhappy married life within a single framework.

Horoscope No. 8: This is the horoscope of another unfortunate lady who lives separately from her husband. The position of Mars in the Ascendant and Ketu in the 7th without any redeeming feature explains this misfortune. However as a powerful Jupiter has been aspecting her 12th house, the house of remarriage, and as Venus though partially afflicted is strongly placed in a succeedent house which incidentally is its own house and in conjunction with the lord of marriage, Mercury, the possibility of her second marriage cannot altogether be ruled out.

Horoscope No. 9: Conditions A, B & C are found present in this horoscope. The lord of 7th is in the 6th and Venus highly afflicted with Saturn and Rahu is also in the 6th. Ketu is in the 12th house and receives the aspect of both Mars and Saturn. The native married twice both of which ended in divorce. He had a number of affairs without any tangible results. Venus's association with Rahu and Jupiter's aspect on it are to be taken into consideration for the correct interpretation of results *viz.*, marriage and love affairs.

Horoscope No. 10: This horoscope shows how afflictions to the

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house can spoil prospects for successful marriage. Here the 7th lord is in debility and afflicted by Saturn through its 3rd aspect, as the 7th house is free and the 7th lord is in a quadrant from the house of marriage, this blemish did not create any lasting problem in married life particularly also because the horoscope is free from 'Kuja' affliction (condition D—totally absent). The marital problem however owes its origin to the 5th house. It is aspected by Mars, Saturn and Rahu. As a consequence, the owner of the birth chart has remained childless after 7 years of married life. Let us hope that Jupiter's aspect on the 5th house will bless the native with a child very soon.

Horoscope No. 11: Analysis reveals the following: The 7th house is occupied by Rahu and aspected by Mars, Sun and Saturn. The 7th lord though exalted is in the 8th from the house of marriage. It is aspected by Saturn. Hence Condition A is fully satisfied. (ii) Venus is retrograde. Its placement with retrograde Mercury in the 12th house is not a favourable sign for a clean married life. Condition B also appears to be satisfied. The location of retrograde Saturn in the 8th house does not speak well of the emotional life of the native. The horoscope offers another indication of unsuccessful marriage and divorce.

Horoscope No.12: Horoscope No. 12 will illustrate how marital problems crop up in other directions despite existence of extremely cordial relationship between the husband and wife. In this horoscope, the position of Venus is excellent and it is free from blemishes. Its association with Jupiter in a situation in the 2nd house has definitely imparted additional strength to this planet. But the prospects of the 5th house of the horoscope have suffered through affliction by Saturn's aspect and retrograde position of its owner Mercury. The native therefore remains issueless. Again the 7th lord is in the 12th with Rahu. The native is forced to live separately from his wife due to posting in a distant place in the service. This is also a kind of breakdown in relationship owing to nature of circumstances. A healthy Venus however maintained the balance in the form of good relations between the native and his wife. This horoscope in the context of a good married life suffices to establish the importance of Condition C.

Horoscope No. 13: The lord of the house of marriage is retrograde and in the Ascendant. It is aspected by Mars and the Sun. Jupiter's aspect on it is acting as a counter-force to that adverse trend. The 7th house is occupied by Mars and the Sun (Conditions A & D are both satisfied). Venus is in the 6th and caught between the Sun and Ketu (*vide* Condition B). The lords of Lagna and 7th are posited in the 2nd and 12th from each other (Condition E—Operative). The native constantly quarrels with his wife and his wife rudely hits back. The entire horoscope is precariously poised for a marital breakdown.

Horoscope No. 14: Condition B is partly satisfied as Venus though in the Ascendant is hemmed between Ketu and Mars. The 12th house is partly affected but the 2nd house is very much affected because of Mars' location there and its complex relationship with retrograde Saturn in the 8th. Condition C therefore may also be said to be partly satisfied. In addition, the 7th lord is not in a happy position. It is in association with the Sun and the Moon which is again the lord of 8th and has exchanged houses with the lord of the 2nd and the 3rd. The lady, the owner of the birth chart, suddenly lost her husband in the middle of her life after enjoying a good married life for a fairly long period. This horoscope is an example of widowhood despite absence of Condition D. Her misfortune took place immediately after the commencement of Saturn Dasa. Readers may like to further probe this horoscope.

Horoscope No.15: This is another instance of a barren and colourless married life owing its origin to the lack of children and interest in the opposite sex. The aspect of Mars on the 5th house, Venus in the 6th with retrograde Mercury, Sun and Ketu in the 7th may be used to explain the situation. Conditions A to D are also functional in varying degrees.

Horoscope No.16: The owner of this birth chart is a lady who was constantly tortured by her husband — both mental and physical—forcing her ultimately to seek legal redress. Her 7th lord is with Rahu and aspected by Saturn, her Ascendant lord. Retrograde Saturn in the 6th with retrograde Mars explains her mental agony. However Jupiter's aspect on the 7th house and the 7th lord gave her a happy second marriage. A powerful Venus in a quadrant is also a contributing factor. This shows how favourable indications effectively counteract critical misfortune.

In Horoscope No.17, the 7th lord is retrograde and in debility. Further it is aspected by Mars which has polluted both the 7th lord and Venus. Venus though vitiated by Saturn and Mars also displays redeeming features. As a result, an unsuccessful marriage which languished through 15 years from 1968 to 1983 even-

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tually ended with the death of the native's husband.

The last chart (Horoscope No.18) of Format I dealing with people reportedly unhappy in their married life shows that Venus is retrograde and conjoined with Saturn (Condition B is therefore fully satisfied). The 7th lord is also retrograde (*vide* Condition A). The prospects for the 12th house appears to have been considerably marred *via* the combined aspect of Mars and Rahu. The native's wife left him with her paramour without taking legal divorce. The aspect of powerful Jupiter on the 7th house which incidentally is its own house is expected to sort out complications. Let us hope the native will restart married life.

Horoscopes of natives reportedly having happy married life and without any major complications in their conjugal relationship have been presented in Format II. Let us now try to analyse these horoscopes *seriatim*.

Horoscope No. 1: Saturn, the lord of 7th, is in an exalted position being 4th from the rising sign and 10th from the house of marriage. Though Venus is afflicted, it has been able to add strength to Saturn. Mars is not in a harmful house. The 12th house appears to be well protected through powerful aspect of Jupiter from its own house. The native excepting some minor problems at the commencement of his conjugal life due to afflicted Venus, otherwise leads a happy married life.

Horoscope No. 2: It is an excellent illustration of a horoscope with an assured conjugal bliss. The 7th house is highly fortified with three first-rate benefics *viz.*, Jupiter, Venus and the Moon. Venus is absolutely free of blemish. The 7th lord is in the house of luck. Though aspected by Saturn, it is free from Kuja Dosha. Afflictions to the 12th house through aspects of malefics *viz.*, Mars, Saturn and the Sun and Rahu have not been able to diminish the prospects of a happy married life due to other strong and favourable indications. This horoscope also emphasizes the need for examining a horoscope in its totality instead of concentrating on a single house. Further the position and strength of the 7th lord, conditions of the 7th house and that of Venus are more important factors (*i.e.*, Conditions A & B) than the 2nd and 12th houses. Afflictions to these houses may be treated as aggravating factors if there already exist other strong indications for unhappiness in the horoscope. Otherwise mere sex-deprivation cannot disturb an emotional tie up.

This point may be further elaborated with the help of Horoscope No. 4. In this horoscope Venus is in the Ascendant. Though between malefics, Jupiter's aspect on the 7th lord Moon which occupies its own house being in opposition with the lord of 9th and Venus are factors which cannot be easily brushed aside. Further Jupiter is also casting its look on the 5th house. Rahu in the 12th house did create any 'worthy of mention' problem in his conjugal life.

In Horoscope No. 3, the excellent position of Venus immediately attracts the attention of an astrologer. It is exalted in the 11th house, the most important of all cadent houses signifying growth, increase and prosperity. Further it is being aspected by a strong Jupiter from the 3rd house. The 12th house is highly afflicted and the retrograde 7th lord is in the 6th. This deficiency has been partly overcome through a powerful Jupiter's aspect on the house of marriage. This horoscope shows how a strong Venus and Jupiter's powerful aspect on the 7th house can counteract evil indications for unhappy marriages in a birth chart.

The owner of Horoscope No. 5 leads a mixed married life. His 12th house being occupied by Venus and Mercury assures him a happy sex life (*vide* Condition C). The 7th lord is in the 3rd and 9th from the 7th but debilitated and aspected by Rahu. The 7th house also does not display stable characteristics (Condition A). Mars in the 3rd is not able to do any harm to the longevity of his wife. Due to presence of both favourable and unfavourable factors, the native leads a mediocre married life. Ill-health of his wife occasionally poses problems to him. Otherwise the husband-wife relationship is on the whole good.

Horoscope No. 6 furnishes another illustration of a happy married life. In this horoscope the 7th house appears to be well protected being inhabited by Jupiter and aspected by the Moon. Venus is afflicted but it is in the 5th. Mars is in the 8th and this evil was also counteracted at the time of her marriage. The lady married a man who has Mars in the rising sign. The safeguard affected through scientific matching of horoscope has enabled the lady to lead a good married life.

Thus conditions identified as potent factors for unhappy marriages appear to exist in varying degrees in sample horoscopes while they are found virtually non-existent in horoscopes of control samples. Further intensity of unhappiness is directly correlated with intensity of afflictions in the basic chart. Lastly to reiterate it is the interaction of a set of factors rather than a single factor which brings about marital catastrophe and an astrologer's excellence lies in correct assessment of such interaction for deriving meaningful inferences.

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The Astrologer and A Modern Client — II*

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THERE is some curiosity in Trivedi's face to hear Sriram's experiences with other professionals. Sriram looks a little calmer, but apprehension is written all over his face. The hard personality has changed to a pleasing one. The patronizing attitude is replaced by somewhat of a friendly but unsure face. All of a sudden there is silence in the room. A few minutes pass .....

T: Mr. Sriram, are you alright? May be, we can continue this discussion a little later when you are more comfortable to discuss the matters ....

The conversation is interrupted when a young man hesitatingly enters the room with two cups of coffee on a tray and places them on a table.

T: Mr. Sriram, please have a cup of coffee. This is my son Lakshman. He is studying computer-science....

Lakshman greets Sriram with a well-folded Namaskar. Sriram responds with a large friendly-smile. Lakshman leaves the room. The two finish their coffee.

S: You have a nice son.....Let me again apologize for my .... behaviour ....As I was saying, I need legal advice on a complicated matter. Our ancestral property is under dispute in the court. I was planning to resolve the issue with my relatives on a give-and-take basis without getting involved with lawyers, courts etc. However the greed in me overcame even ordinary commonsense and reasonable attitude. I was very pleased with myself when a lawyer, who for a fee of ten-thousand rupees managed to settle the case in my favour in the lower court. More than half-the property would have come to me, but the other relatives have challenged the lower court decision in a higher court. You know, it is somewhat ironic that before the litigation started, Sri Sastriji, who is well known in this part of the country, had astrologically indicated that the litigation would be a lengthy and very expensive one. Of course in the mood I was in then, I disregarded his wise advice with contempt. Now, I regret both my attitude and actions,... it may be too .... late it is all history...

All of a sudden there is silence in the room. Trivedi lifts his head and notices Sriram's eyes are moist. His face is now writ with both guilt and remorse.

T: Sri Sriram, there is nothing we can do about the past. I am sorry that things have not turned out well. It is partly due to your Prarabdha Karma, and perhaps, to an extent poorly and improperly used, if not abused, free will.... We all make mistakes, some unintentional and some very intentional. But what differenciates the wise from the ordinary is that the wise person not only recognizes the mistakes, but more importantly learns from them. That is where the free-will comes. The wise learn to respect free-will, and the ordinary or the ignorant choose to discard or disregard it. This difference is the one that makes or mars our evolving future Karma... In the long run, we have to blame ourselves for our problems, because we generate them in the present or past lives. God does not discriminate. He remains neutral, and lets us to reap the sweet or rotten fruits of Karma...I did not mean to interrupt your thoughts....

S: The case is now in the higher court for more than two years, and there is no evidence

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of a judicial decision soon. Even if a judicial decision is made soon, there is nothing to stop either pary from approaching the High Court, and even possibly the Supreme Court. Now we are talking of not just a year or two, but possibly even decades. The only thing I am certain about this litigation is that it will make our future generations hostile and adversarial to each other. They will curse us for the rest of their lives. My "friendly" lawyer does not forget to remind me of this case by sending his periodic bill for a few thousand rupees to cover his services for filing this or that legal brief in one court or another. I am not sure how to cough up this never-ending legal fee. I may have to sell my vacation bungalow in the hill-station....

You know... I could have settled this whole thing with my relatives easily because in the beginning they were very reasonable, but my ego and greed scuttled it. It would have been so easy. Now not only we are not on talking terms but are hostile to each other. The children are also developing similar attitudes by observing our behaviour. Say, do you think this litigation will be over soon...? Saturn has not been very favourable. I am going through *sade-sati* or *gochara* effects or something like that of Saturn, or some other planet. I have been sending promptly ten rupees every month to the local temple to do *navagraha-archana*, with particular emphasis on Saturn. It appears to have had no effect on me. I hope the priests are properly doing the *pujas*. Priests want money these days. In the olden days they were easily satisfied with a few grains of rice and a few fruits. Where is Hinduism going? May be I should do other expensive *pujas*.... like ..., but it is little more than I can afford to spend these days.

My wife's health is of concern to me. Her back problem aggravated so much that we finally agreed more by desperation than commonsense or calm thinking to an experimental surgery recommended by a foreign-returned specialist. The only result is she became the guinea-pig for this experiment. Another ten thousand rupees down the drain, and she is no better now. May be at least now I should take my wife to Mrs..., I cannot remember her name but she is in a major city in the South .. who has cured many women of chronic and even debilitating health problems through Yoga. It will practically cost me next to nothing to get help from this noble lady. She is also highly recognized and respected by many of today's leading physicians and surgeons. Many say Yoga through her has the magic touch to make many uncommon ailments disappear almost instantly.

How true is the saying that Saturn multiplies trouble. The dark planet has made the realities in my life rather a dark one. Why me? I hope the fair-faced Jupiter will transit quickly to come to my rescue soon and neutralize Saturn. I just do not understand why Saturn should stay in each house for two and half years, while Jupiter seems to be always in rush to move in one year. All good things in life seem to be over soon, and the difficult ones just seem never to leave or end. It is not fair!

My son worries me.... he has ambition to go to States ... What use is education if it is not from Harvard? Alright.... may be I am somewhat choosy. I will accept even Columbia or Northwestern. My father sent me to the best public school in the country - Doon school. Then I went to London. My son wants to do public service, and not mint money. Our family never served any one. We have always been masters and have set high standards for ourselves. We have always made money even when the country had famine and floods. I am proud of my achievements. Our family over the generations has not only made our servants respect us, but more importantly inculcated a life-long fear in them. Sometimes they forget they are born to serve, and that they better do it properly... Anyway, as I was saying... I will be seeing an internationally recognized educational consultant who advises potential students on such matters as getting admissions, etc., in United States universities. He has degrees and titles so long and they practically contain alphabets from A to Z that I and my business friends are impressed to the hilt. He charges about thousand rupees or more for about four or five hours work, and all I need to do is fill a twenty-page information form. That form is so detailed and even requires such information as parent's income, assets, etc. I don't understand how my wealth is related to my son's chances for admission to a university.... Can you see in my son's horoscope if he will change for the better soon and be like many of his friends. When is he going to learn that he is destined to control others like his father and grandfather?

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Sidelights on Practical Astrology — II*

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Pandit Nehru

WHEN I wrote of Napoleon, I wrote about Malika Yoga. The person born with this Yoga will have royal qualities and even though he is born in a low status, by dint of his efforts will rise to a very respectable and honourable position. He will acquire name, fame, wealth and will lead a very meaningful and purposeful life in society. This is, in short, Malika Yoga.

I would like to discuss another horoscope of a renowned person, that of Pandit Nehru.

			RAHU
	Pandit Nehru RASI		ASCDT. MOON
			SAT.
JUPIT. KETU	SUN	MERC. VENUS	MARS

I would like to discuss the Yogas which made him great.

(1) The Lagna is Cancer and the Lagna lord is the Moon and he is in a *kendra*.

(2) The 5th and 10th lord, Mars, is in the 3rd.

The 3rd house is associated with capabilities, leadership, energy, ornaments, enjoyment, strength, gains, birth in a family with a good name, servants, charities, etc. It was when Mars Dasa started that Nehru became prime minister.

(3) The 10th Bhava is aspected by 4 planets. They are Mars, the 10th lord himself; Mercury and Venus (direct aspect) and Jupiter (5th aspect). The strength of the 10th lord and the 10th house gave further strength to the horoscope, besides (1). It is also mentioned in the Sanskrit texts that if 4 planets aspect the 10th house or be in the 10th, the person concerned will retire to a forest life, which means relegate or relinquish his obligations to his family and become a *sanyasi*. This aspect is further strengthened by the 2nd house Saturn. For homely comforts etc., the 2nd house is very important. It should be occupied by a natural benefic or aspected by natural benefics like Jupiter, Venus and Mercury. But the occupation of the 2nd house by Saturn gives the following results:

The 2nd house deals with *dhana bhava* (money). In fact, it is not only money in a material sense but is also concerned with certain characteristics relating to the personality of the individual. They are his oratorical powers and their development etc. If Saturn is placed in the 2nd, the individual will be brooding, melancholy, unhappy, suffer loss of issues and will not have the happiness of wife and there will be gradual erosion of wealth. It is, however, said that if Saturn is in the 2nd house the individual will be a good orator and live at least for 80 years. Essentially, the 2nd house is *Kutumbasthana* (concerning the family). Aspect or placement of natural benefic would generally develop the Bhava. Though Nehru held a very high office, having lost his wife, he was an unhappy person so far as his domestic life was concerned.

My father was not an advocate of Saturn in the 2nd house. He used to say that it would not keep the domestic front happy. It would make the person introvert, dissatisfied and also a philosopher. He would not be practical and could even become a pessimist.

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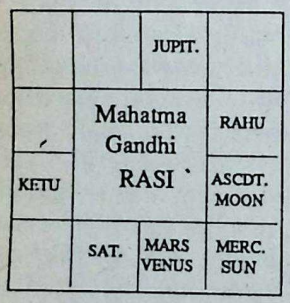
Malika Yoga leads to the steady growth of the man, and on further study, it is seen that this Yoga appears to be more pronounced starting from the 1st and 10th houses. With the Moon in the 1st house aspected by Jupiter this Yoga gives much better results, and seems to become manifold stronger especially for Cancer Lagna and the Moon in the Ascendant (1st house) and aspected by Jupiter or with Pisces Lagna and the Moon in the 1st house aspected by Jupiter from Cancer or with Cancer Lagna with Jupiter and the Moon combined in the 1st house.

The Father of the Nation

The horoscope of no less a person than that of the Father of the Nation also finds its place in my father's notebook and it is also a case of Malika Yoga, beginning with the Moon in the 1st house.

(i) With the Moon in the 1st house and the row of planets extending upto the 4th house,



this is yet another person who became great throughout the world. (ii) The Sun-Mercury combination in Virgo constituting Budhaditya Yoga; (iii) and the combination of the 9th and 10th lords in the 3rd forming Bhagyarajyadhipati Yoga.

I would like to bring out similarities in the horoscopes of Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. No doubt it looks that the Malika starts from the Lagna but in the true sense it begins from the 12th house. For Nehru, the Malika is from the 12th to the 6th houses and all the 9 planets are placed in the 7 houses; likewise for Mahatma Gandhi, the Malika is from the 12th to the 4th and 7 planets are involved. Such people are apt to become roving ambassadors and selfless workers for a particular cause. Everybody knows the lives of the two great leaders of our nation, their devotion to the country and its people. They had never sought to gain personally from positions they were given by the people. They were and still are loved by the people. Both spent their lives almost like *sanyasis*.

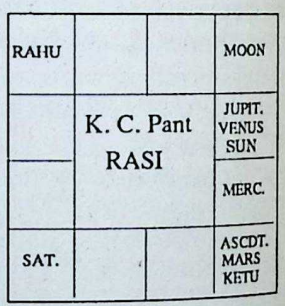
This is the study of the Malika starting from the 12th house. For Leo Lagna, Saturn being the 6th and 7th lord is Rajayogakaraka. I mean to say that the 6th and 7th lord Saturn gives Rajayoga when placed in the 10th or 11th or 3rd houses preferably. Likewise, I would like to generalise that the exchange of the 6th and the 7th lords or combination of the 6th and the 7th lords in the 6th, 7th or 10th constitutes a typical Rajayoga. Again the exchange of 10th and 6th lords will give unexpected change in official position for the better. Thus for Leo Lagna, Saturn is the 6th lord and Venus, the 10th lord. The exchange of these two gives Rajayoga. Both the planets are also very good friends! Likewise, for Gemini Lagna, the exchange of Jupiter and Mars in 6th and 7th houses or in the 10th and the 6th constitutes similar Rajayoga. Jupiter and Mars are good friends. For Libra Lagna, Jupiter and Mars are the 6th and 7th lords respectively. Hence their combination in the 6th, 7th or 10th houses or exchange constitutes Rajayoga. This is stated as a matter of illustration.

A Yoga for Elevation

I am very much enamoured by this Yoga because I have seen it came to play in the lives of those who have risen to high positions. There has been a sudden and unexpected change in their occupation to a prestigious one where they could wield authority and power, and naturally with power comes wealth.

Before concluding this Yoga, I would like to sketch below the horoscope of our former Defence Minister, K.C.Pant, who is born with a 10th house Malika Yoga.

Napoleon had a 10th house Malika Yoga. No obstacles that came his way could stop his



success. The Divine Hand was always behind him. He could walk in the mortal world without fear.

It is a Sattwic Yoga.

I was given Pant's horoscope by one of his close relatives in the Ispat Express while travelling from Rourkela to Calcutta. The relative had a genuine and sincere interest in Astrology.

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Astrology in the Soviet Union

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THE Soviet Engineers' Federation founded in Moscow in June 1989 is now setting up a scientific and engineering centre ed Enion with the aim of exploring and ap- ing practice the so-called non-traditional thods of studying the environment.

"We have decided to analyse the state of the sphere by investigating the energy which the th had or will have at different points of its t," said Alexander Zarayev, head of the entific astrology department.

Such information studied for a number of rs will help to develop non-traditional me- ds of forecasting changes in the health of a an being.

"Planetary effects," went on Zarayev, "or the ence of the stars and planets on the Earth e for a long time been considered a superstion. For instance, the Earth approached Jupi- Jupiter, it will be remembered, was called god of the thunderbolt by the ancients — a ingly fine myth, but no more. Now the crafts Voyager-1 and Voyager-2, which flew Jupiter and Saturn in 1979-1981, found a unexpected confirmation of the old myth. established that Jupiter and its closest te Io are constantly exchanging lightnings. such Jupiterian lightning has a capacity ch exceeds the capacities of all power sta- s on Earth."

"And how does that approach affect Earth?"

"Jupiter was believed to be a planet that ed the Earth. Jupiter promoted the growth ngs, livestock and fruit trees. The point is Jupiter, together with its Moon Io, as astro- ists have now established, forms a kind of generator whose electromagnetic fields are propitious for the Earth's atmosphere. Saturn, on the other hand, was seen by the ancients as a planet dangerous to Earth. Scientists have ascertained that Saturn, thanks to its rings, acts as a gigantic proton synchrotron, accelerating ions of many gases to near-cosmic velocities and bombarding the surrounding space with them. Leaving Saturn's atmosphere, these ions travel long distances through space, reaching not only the Earth but even the most remote planets. When the flow of ions is intensified both a general deterioration in the people's health and epidemics and psychic discomfort may be observed on Earth."

"How did the ancients know about these properties of Jupiter, Saturn and other planets? They surely did not have data sent back by spacecraft like the Voyager?"

"They compensated for it with an extremely well-developed system of observations of the sky. By watching the skies, on the one hand, and humans, births, deaths and political events, on the other, they could compile statistics. This explains, perhaps, why in the past they laid up potatoes for storage, and took them out, and in some localities this is still practised, on days coinciding with certain Moon phases—we must presume this added to the state of preservation. When the Moon is waning, people in some Russian villages do not have their hair cut, refrain from tree pruning, and shy away from any painting jobs."

"But how can painting be connected with the Moon?"

"I can offer one hypothesis. The Moon is known to produce sea tides and—in one way or

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another—to influence the state of all liquids on the Earth. Also, it determines the rate of biochemical reactions. It follows, then, that the Moon may likewise affect the quality of painting jobs. Maybe that is why ancient frescos and paintings are so lasting?

"The fact that Moscow is located on seven hills is not due to considerations of convenience or inconvenience. The place was chosen by our ancestors by brilliant intuition. Several centuries after the founding of our capital, it was again the knowledge of the laws of Astrology, shown by Jacob Bruce, a man who served under Peter I, that helped to model Moscow's core following a vast fire on the pattern of our solar system. There is an interesting but half-verified hypothesis that our city's structure copied—until drastically changed— that of the Universe."

"Still, to be honest, it's hard to believe in the engineering applications of Astrology."

"It's up to you, you may believe it or not. But early this century there was an American manufacturer whose firm for two weeks every month did not harvest timber and did not cut it at sawmills, to the delight of its competitors. It went on until they discovered that the timber processed on days when the Moon was in a 'bad' position not only did not store well but that articles from it either rotted or warped.

"Personally I had occasion to apply my knowledge of scientific Astrology on a wide scale in poultry breeding. My forecasts of chicken hatching depending on planetary effects were 85 per cent correct. In general, our specialists can make long-term forecasts helping to avoid accidents or disasters and calculate periods favourable for making crucial decisions in life."

"How accurate are the forecasts of your specialists?"

"Judge for yourself. At the moment we are collaborating with the USSR Ministry of Civil Aviation. We are supplying them with our schedules of unfavourable days and periods and they will be reporting to us all accidents, mishaps or just technical difficulties in the air. Already it can be said that a correlation between all kinds of trouble and the red spots of our schedule is too high to be a mere coincidence. We are now also studying and comparing past schedules and flight reports. Besides, we have embarked on a large-scale project to see how disharmonic planetary influences act on individual biological fields of pilots and service personnel. We can forecast days on which a specific person may feel poorly and need increased attention and time for rest."

"Have the most tragic events of recent times coincided with your calculations?"

"Yes, last year's earthquake in Armenia, the crash of three planes with supplies, the train disaster near Bologoye Station, all these events tally with our diagrams. In September, according to our forecasts, the unfavourable days were 2, 7, 10 and 16. On the night of September 2-3, two planes crashed—a Cuban and a Brazilian one; on September 7 a Norwegian airliner was lost; on September 16, earthquakes were reported from Kamchatka."

It is not easy to believe that one can regulate Man-Universe relations. This belief, however, must be based on earnest studies, not just simple gullibility.

Courtesy: *Soviet Land.*

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During our talk, he gave the chart of Pant written on a piece of paper. His desire was to know about him generally, and, especially about his wife. After I had told him the strength of the horoscope, I told him that his wife must be sophisticated, beautiful and an educated woman. The relative was satisfied.

Jupiter is the 7th lord for Virgo Lagna. He is associated with Venus who is supposed to bestow on the spouse beauty, poetic fervour, humour, interest in dance and drama and of course, wealth. It is to be further noted that Jupiter in Cancer is exalted and is with Venus who is the 2nd and 9th lord (also known as Dhana and Bhagyakaraka). She must have been from very well-to-do and well-known family.

Please do not think for a moment that one Yoga is superior and others are inferior. Any good Yoga will build up the man's future, but the position to which one will be elevated according to the Yoga will depend upon the strength of the planets.

(to be continued)

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olitical Accords: n Astrological Assessment — I

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AGREEMENTS between nations as well as internal agreements, are most importance because, future of many millions of is involved in these agreements. It is proposed to dis- astrologically in these some important agree- between India and neigh- countries and also inter- agreements between the al government and the ent states. Most of these ments were preceded by clashes on some account other.

Let us take India's Independ- horoscope as the base of study.

: Taurus - Ascendant Rahu; Gemini - Mars; - the Sun, the Moon; Venus; and Saturn; - Jupiter and Scorpio - *Navamsa:* Aries - As- t; Taurus - Jupiter; Leo Moon and Ketu; Scorpio - , Sagittarius - Mars; - Venus and Saturn; - Rahu; and Pisces - Sun. Balance of Saturn birth: 18 years, 0 months 13 days.

agreements with other the 3rd, the 7th and houses are to be studied. Also the position of Venus is significant. Let us see the significations of these houses.

The 3rd house denotes neighbouring countries and disputes with them. The 7th house rules international relationships, disputes, arbitrations, war, foreign relations, contracts, agreements, treaties, alliances etc. The 10th house shows the ruling government and Venus signifies cease-fire, peace, alliance, arbitrations and cooperation.

Let us now consider the Indian horoscope and find out which Dasa-Bhuktis will be most suitable for reaching agreements with the neighbouring countries. The 7th house denotes disputes with other countries and war. So the 6th house which is the 12th to the 7th will denote end of disputes or war. So the Bhukti of the 6th lord Venus is significant for resolving disputes and producing peace. The 3rd house in a national horoscope also denotes disputes with neighbouring countries. The 12th to the 3rd house is the 2nd house. So there is a likelihood of reaching agreements with neighbouring countries in the Bhukti of the 2nd lord Mercury. The Sun and Saturn are placed in the Nakshatra of Mercury and so they will give the results of Mercury, which is a significator of agreements. Thus we see that Venus, Mercury, Saturn and the Sun are the chief significators for reaching agreements with other countries and so their Bhuktis are important in this regard.

Transit Positions of Planets

We have to study the 3rd, the 7th and the 10th houses as well as the planet Venus. So in transit these houses should have a mutual correlation as far as foreign agreements are concerned. By studying the transit position of planets at the time of signing the agreements, the following points have been observed and justifiably so.

(a) The lord of the 7th house Mars aspects or associates with the 3rd house.

(b) The 10th lord Saturn aspects the 7th house.

(c) The 3rd lord Moon aspects or occupies the 10th house.

(d) The 3rd lord Moon aspects the 10th lord Saturn.

(e) The planet of disputes Mars aspects the planet of peace, Venus.

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(f) The significator of agreements Venus aspects the 3rd or the 7th house.

Let us now study some important agreements in the light of the above discussions.

Example 1. Tashkent Agreement of 10-1-1966

This agreement was reached between the then prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri and President Ayub Khan of Pakistan. Mercury Dasa, Mercury Bhukti was in operation in the Indian horoscope. Mercury is a significator of agreements, as we have seen already. Let us now study the transits on that day.

Transits: Rasi: Taurus - Ascendant, Jupiter (R) and Rahu; Leo - the Moon; Scorpio - Ketu; Sagittarius - the Sun and Mercury; Capricorn - Mars and Venus; and Aquarius - Saturn.

(a) The lord of the 7th house Mars is aspecting the 3rd house.

(b) The lord of the 10th house Saturn is aspecting the 7th house.

(c) The lord of the 3rd house the Moon is aspecting the 10th house.

(d) The 3rd lord Moon aspects the 10th lord Saturn.

(e) The war lord Mars is situated with the lord of peace Venus.

(f) The significator of agreements Venus is aspecting the 3rd house.

Thus it is observed that all the conditions for signing an important agreement with a neighbouring country are fulfilled.

Example 2. Simla Agreement of 2-7-1972

This agreement was signed between India and Pakistan at Simla. Mercury Dasa, Sun Bhukti was running at that time. Both these planets are the significators of agreements.

Transits: Rasi: Taurus - Ascendant, Venus (R) and Saturn; Gemini - the Sun; Cancer - Mars, Mercury and Ketu; Sagittarius - Jupiter (R); Capricorn - Rahu and Aquarius - the Moon.

(a) The lord of the 7th house Mars is present in the 3rd house.

(b) The lord of the 10th house Saturn is aspecting the 7th house.

(c) The 3rd lord Moon is occupying the 10th house.'

(d) The 3rd lord Moon squares the 10th lord Saturn.

(e) The 10th lord Saturn is situated with the lord of peace, Venus.

(f) The 10th lord Saturn is aspecting the 3rd house.

Thus most of the conditions are fulfilled.

Example 3. Ceylon Accord of 29-7-1987

This accord was reached between the Indian Prime Minister and the President of Sri Lanka on 29-7-1987. Ketu Dasa, Saturn Bhukti was running at that time. Ketu is placed in Saturn's Nakshatra and Sun's Navamsa, both being the significator planets for agreements. Thus Ketu Dasa, Saturn Bhukti can produce agreements.

Transits: Rasi: Taurus - Ascendant; Gemini - Mercury; Cancer - the Sun, Mars and Venus; Leo - the Moon; Virgo - Ketu; Scorpio - Saturn; Pisces - Rahu; and Aries - Jupiter.

(a) The 7th lord Mars is present in the 3rd house.

(b) The 10th lord Saturn is present in the 7th house.

(c) The 3rd lord Moon is aspecting the 10th house.

(d) The 3rd lord Moon is squaring the 10th lord Saturn.

(e) The war lord Mars is situated with the peace lord, Venus.

(f) The significator of agreements Venus is present in the 3rd house.

Thus all the conditions are fulfilled.

Example 4. Indo-Russian Treaty 9-8-1971

This peace treaty was signed between India and Russia. Mercury Dasa, Venus Bhukti was running at that time. Mercury as well as Venus are the significators of agreements.

Transits: Rasi: Taurus - Ascendant and Saturn; Cancer - the Sun, Venus and Ketu; Leo - Mercury; Scorpio - Jupiter; Capricorn - Mars (R) and Rahu; and Aquarius - the Moon.

(a) The 7th lord Mars is aspecting the 3rd house.

(b) The 10th lord Saturn is aspecting the 7th house.

(c) The 3rd lord Moon is in the 10th house.

(d) The 3rd lord Moon is squaring the 10th lord Saturn.

(e) The war lord Mars is aspecting the peace lord, Venus.

(f) The significator of agreements Venus is present in the 3rd house.

So the conditions for foreign agreements are fulfilled. Thus we may conclude that agreements with foreign countries are reached whenever the Dasa-Bhukti of significator planets run and also in transit, the 3rd, 7th and 10th houses are mutually connected.—257.89.

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Ascertaining Eye Diseases from the Palm

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EYES are considered the key part of the body of a person. Serious eye troubles and consequent blindness have been responsible for the disastrous end of many brilliant careers. Research is being made in medical palmistry and it has now accepted that symptoms of diseases including those of eyes are visible on the palm of a person. Such signs occur during the periods of the diseases and disappear when the disease is cured. Noel Jaquin maintains that in cases of constitutional troubles such as cancer, T.B., different forms of rheumatic trouble there is a breaking up of the ridges of the skin before any physical manifestation. In the following lines I shall describe as to what parts of areas have to be seen on the palm and what signs have to be analysed to find out whether eye diseases are likely.

Location of Eye Diseases on the Palm

The Mount of the Sun, the Life Line, the Head Line, the Heart Line and the Sun Line should be carefully examined to ascertain whether there is any likelihood of eye diseases.

Mount of the Sun: The Sun is the giver of light. The place of the Sun on the hand, *i.e.*, the Mount of the Sun, if defective, will cause trouble in the eyes. This mount should be free from defect. It should neither be abnormally well or underdeveloped. In both cases, trouble in the eyes is likely. Apart from this, if there are black dots and spots on this mount eye disease will result. Hence the Mount of the Sun has the main say in the location of eye diseases on the palm (black dots and spots will be dealt with separately).

Life Line: The Life Line should be examined for circles. This sign on the Life Line indicates eye diseases. White dots sometimes on the Life Line are also a cause of defect in the eyes. The age at which this trouble may occur can be calculated from the placement of a circle on the Line of Life, *e.g.*, if it is at the age of 24, the eye trouble will occur at this age.

Head Line and Heart Line: These lines should be checked for islands, circles, or black dots below the Mount of the Sun. The Line of Head should not be broken below the Mount of the Sun or of Saturn. The above signs, if visible on the palm, will indicate eye disease.

Sun Line: If there is a black spot or dot at the juncture of the Sun Line and the Heart Line, it is an indication of eye disease. The defects on these lines and mounts, alone or in combination, will contribute to eye troubles.

Several authors, Indian as well as foreign, have confirmed these facts, and below we quote some of them:

William G. Benham in his book *The Laws of Scientific Hand Reading* has said "The Apollonian is subject to weak eyes. If you find a health defect in your subject, see if a small dot or small island is found on the Head Line under the Mount. This will locate the trouble in the eyes."

Beryl B. Hutchinson in his book *Palmistry - Your Life in Your Hands* has said "Eye complaints can show as a rather large, definite island on the Heart Line under the third finger or traditional cataract makes a small clear circle on the thumb side of the Life Line with a half circle for one eye only."

"I think that when an island appears on the Heart Line, the cause should be sought in mineral imbalance."

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Comte de Saint German in his book *The Study of Palmistry for Professional Purposes* has rightly observed 'Blindness of one eye - one circle on the Line of Life; of both the eyes - two circles - a cross on the upper part of the Line of Liver and a circle on Line of Heart, same cross with a break of the Lines of Head or Heart under the Mount of the Sun. A star in triangle close to the Line of Liver.

"Exaggerated or much lined Mount of the Sun. An ill-formed circle on the Mount of the Sun with a poor Line of the Sun. White dot on Line of Life. A Line of Influence from the Mount of Venus ending in a black dot or a star at the connection of the Lines of Head and the Sun. Broken Line of Head under the Mount of Saturn and the Sun. A circle on Line of Heart under Mount of the Sun."

Henry Frith in his book *Practical Palmistry* is of the view that "When a circle appears on the Heart Line, it indicates weakness and on the Life Line, it indicates blindness".

Gaafar famous Eygptian palmist in his book *Ilm-ul-Kaff* has written that "A bad Apollonian has either remarkably weak eyesight or a squint. He is exposed to the following ailments - poor eyesight and perhaps the loss of an eye.... Dot is a very bad sign to have on the Mount of Apollo (Sun), it threatens eye-sight or loss of same in old age.

"A circle on the Mount of Apollo or on the Line of Heart while passing the Mount or on the Line of Vitality is an infallible sign of serious optic disease. It is a sure sign of blindness if the character was born during an eclipse."

Some others say that if the Sun Mount is unusually high and there is a white spot on it - eye disease is caused and that a circle with a dent indicates blindness. Island indicates weakness of eyesight.

Dots and Spots

Black dots and spots on the Mount of the Sun are really indicative of eye diseases. Eye diseases are caused if such dots or spots are present on the Mount of the Sun. The following Sanskrit *sloka* makes it clear:

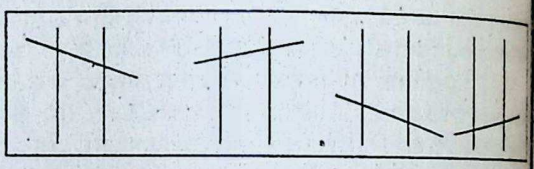
यत्र स्वान्ता स्पृशति तपना, श्यामविन्दुश्च तत्र ।
नेत्रोन्धो वा भवति मनुजः नेत्ररोगेण दुःखी ॥

meaning that if the Sun Line touches the Heart Line and there is a black spot or dot there, the man will either become blind or will be afflicted with eye disease.

Once a lady came for consultation. Her Mount of the Sun was unduly overdeveloped with black dots on it. I declared that she would suffer from eye diseases. She admitted that her right eye-sight had blurred due to a serious eye disease, *viz.*, Acute Irodocyclitis and she had lost vision but after careful treatment she had got her eye-sight back (because her Mount of Jupiter was beautifully developed). Those dots had not disappeared and after four years she got the same disease with similar symptoms in the left eye. This time some more precautions were taken and *puja* etc. were performed; prescribed precious stone (pearl meant for left eye) was worn and the disease was again cured.

Strange Sign

I have studied many hands in connection with eye diseases and have noted that the signs below when seen on the Mount of the Sun are a sure indication of serious eye disease.



After analysis, I have come to the conclusion that two vertical lines are the Sun Lines and if they are cut by another line, it means that the ill-effects of the Sun Line will manifest, *e.g.*, bad eyesight and eye diseases. I have verified these signs on many hands and three examples are cited below:

(1) A young girl of 16 years was suffering from glandular troubles in her eyes and although her glands were operated, the trouble kept recurring. I saw her hand with a view to ascertain the cause of this disease. I was astonished to find that the above signs were present on the Mount of the Sun.

(2) Another lady once came for consultation. Seeing these signs on her palm, I declared that she should be suffering from eye disease. She admitted at once that she had suffered for ten years from tumour in her right eye.

(3) In yet another case, a gentleman had lost his left eye as a result of the after-effects of small pox. The sign was present on the Mount of the Sun.

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ccidents — eir How and Why

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ACCIDENTS occur generally during the major or sub-periods of planets related to the 6th, 8th and 12th houses in a scope. Of these, the 8th house also known house of accident, is more important. The ship may be due to lordship, occupation, t or conjunction. Accidents may also occur g the major and sub-periods of *maraka* and to lords or planets posited therein.

The planets that cause accidents are Mars, n, Rahu and Ketu. Of these, Rahu plays a ating role.

Accidents may also occur during the transit ds (*gochara*) of the above malefic planets occupy or aspect malefic houses and also malefic positions of the transiting planets reference to the natal Moon.

There are certain inauspicious *muhurthas* as bad *tithis*, Nakshatras and Yogas which accidents if a journey is undertaken dur- ir currency.

Thus accidents occur in one or more of the ons mentioned above. The severity of the t depends upon the adverse nature of the ary combination. The stronger the ad- configuration of the planets, the more is nsity of the accident.

Further, accidents fall under two categories e which lead to injury and those which lead th. If the native belongs to the group of n and the native's house of longevity is g, he may escape death with injury. But if tive's house of longevity is strong, he may e death with injury. But if the native's of longevity is afflicted then he may lose e in the accident.

Accidents that occur while undertaking a journey by vehicles, train and air travel are examined here.

The 4th house rules vehicles (*vahana*) and the 8th house, longevity. If these two houses are afflicted and at the same time they are related then accidents happen while undertaking a journey during the period of the planets related to these houses. If airy, fiery, watery and earthy signs are involved, the accident may be due to air-crash, fire, water or on the ground respectively.

The following examples will illustrate the above points. Here, two cases of air-crash leading to death of two important personalities, one case of air-accident escaping death of another dignitary and another case of accident on account of journey in a vehicle escaping death are discussed.

Post-mortem in Astrology is also necessary to confirm the principles. Prediction of death is always avoided honouring the maxims of Astrology. Of course, some indication of danger to life is given by the astrologer. Even in one of the above cases such indications were given before hand by Chanakya ,*vide* THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE (September, 1980, p. 677).

Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's case (Chart 1) is very often cited as an example of accident due to plane-crash.

He was born on 23-1-1897 at 12 Noon in Cuttack with a balance of 4 months, 15 days of Sun Dasa.

DR. B. V. RAMAN, the doyen of Indian Astrology, in his book *Notable Horoscopes* has observed that "the fact that Saturn is in the 8th and lord of the 4th is in the 6th indicate death while journeying and therefore the sub-period of

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	ASCDT.	MARS	
VENUS	Chart 1 RASI		KETU
SUN MERC. RAHU			JUPIT.
	SAT.		MOON

MOON MERC.	SUN		ASCDT. VENUS
KETU	NAVAMSA		MARS
			RAHU
			JUPIT. SAT.

Mars (Mars ruling the 3rd or a dangerous constellation) which ruled till about the middle of January 1946 was critical for Bose's life".

His Ascendant lord Mars is in a *maraka* sign and aspected by afflicted Saturn and Rahu. The Moon-sign lord Mercury is also afflicted due to conjunction of Rahu and aspected by Saturn. The 8th lord from Lagna as well as from Moon-sign is Mars. He is also afflicted.

He died during the sub-period of Mars in the major period of Jupiter. Jupiter is also the 12th lord from Lagna and the 4th and the 7th lord from the Moon-sign. He is also aspected by Mars. On account of these malefic combinations he died in a plane-crash on 22-8-1945.

Sanjay Gandhi's case (Chart 2) is another typical example of death due to plane-crash. He was born on 14-12-1946 at 9.27 a.m., IST, in Delhi with a balance of 19 years, 8 months and 11 days of Venus Dasa at birth.

		RAHU	
	Chart 2 RASI		SAT.(R)
ASCDT.			MOON
MARS	SUN MERC. KETU	JUPIT. VENUS	

SUN		MARS JUPIT. VENUS	RAHU
	NAVAMSA		
ASCDT.			MOON
KETU	SAT.		MERC.

The 4th lord, both from Lagna and Moon-sign, is Mars and he is in the 12th from Lagna. He is also the *badhaka* lord. The 4th house from Lagna is aspected by Saturn and the 4th house from Moon-sign is aspected by Rahu. Thus the house of *vahana* is afflicted.

The Lagna and *maraka* lord Saturn is posited in another *maraka* sign and aspected by the *badhaka* lord Mars from the 12th. The Moon-sign lord is also posited in a *badhaka* sign. The 8th lord from Lagna is in a *badhaka* sign in the company of the 6th lord and aspected by Rahu. Thus, the longevity of the native is short due to affliction to Lagna lord and the 8th lord.

He died in the sub-period of Ketu in the major period of the Moon. Ketu is in a *badhaka* Rasi with the 6th lord and aspected by Rahu. The Moon is also situated in the 8th house. Thus both the planets are afflicted. In *gochara*, he was running the period of *sade-sati* with Saturn and Mars in his Janma Rasi. All these are also adverse. He died in a plane-crash on 23.6.1980.

Mr. Morarji Desai's escape from a plane accident was miraculous. He was born on 29-2-1896 at 12.58 noon (LMT) in Bhadeli (Gujarat) with a balance of 2 years, 4 months and 6 days of Venus Dasa at birth.

			ASCDT.
SUN RAHU	Chart 3 RASI		JUPIT.(R)
MERC. MARS VENUS			MOON KETU
		SAT.(R)	

SUN		VENUS	SAT.
MARS	NAVAMSA		MERC. KETU
RAHU			
ASCDT.	MOON		JUPIT.

The 4th lord Mercury is in the 8th in the company of malefic Mars. In Navamsa, Mercury is aspected by Rahu. From the Moon-sign the 4th lord Mars is also afflicted. Thus, danger from vehicles while on journey is indicated.

On 4th November 1977 the plane he was travelling in crashed and he escaped miraculously, though all the crew in the ill-fated plane died. He was running the sub-period of Ketu in the major period of Mercury. Both the planets are in *shashtashtama* (6th/8th) positions. Further, Ketu is aspected by Rahu and Mars. In Navamsa also both are posited in the 8th. In *gochara* also he was under the grip of *sade-sati*.

But he belongs to the category of Purnayu. His Lagna lord is in the 8th and the 8th lord Saturn is exalted. The Lagna lord and the 8th house are aspected by exalted Jupiter. Another benefic Venus is also posited in the 8th house. The Moon-sign lord also aspects its own house. Hence he is blessed with long life.

This is another example (Chart 4) where the native survived a serious accident while he was journeying in a vehicle. He was born on 19-7-1931 at 6 p.m. IST at 84.00 E, 20.51 N.

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How Saturn's Transit in Capricorn Affects You — II*

PULIPPANI

(ii) Sade Sathe Sani and the Twelve Signs

ACCORDING to another school of thought prevalent in North India *sade sathe* Saturn gives adverse results for the 12 Rasis as listed below:

1.	Aries	-	middle 2 1/2 years.
2.	Taurus	-	first 2 1/2 years.
3.	Gemini	-	last 2 1/2 years,
4.	Cancer	-	middle 2 1/2 years.
5.	Leo	-	first 2 1/2 years.
6.	Virgo	-	first 2 1/2 years.
7.	Libra	-	last 2 1/2 years.
8.	Scorpio	-	last 5 years.
9.	Sagittarius	-	1st 5 years.
10.	Capricorn	-	1st 2 1/2 years.
11.	Aquarius	-	last 2 1/2 years.
12.	Pisces	-	last 5 years.

From the above, it could be seen that Sagittarius people will suffer for yet another 2 1/2 years, Capricornians will already have suffered for the 2 1/2 years and hence the *sade sathe* will not affect them any more. For Aquarians since last 2 years will be bad, they need not worry now. It is also further believed that during birth if Saturn happens to be in the 7th from the Moon or in a *kendra* (quadrant) from the Moon the effect of *sade sathe* will not be very bad.

(iii) Sade Sathe Anga Sani: Major

The *sade sathe* Sani is also called Brihat Kalyani in some of the texts. The total 7 1/2 years *sade sathe* Sani is said to transit over mainly three parts of the body of the individual which it affects as explained below:

(a) When he passes through the 12th from the Moon he is said to transit the eyes or the head of the native. During this time he suffers due to fear and various troubles. This applies to Aquarius people this time.

(b) When he transits the Janma Rasi he is said to pass through the heart. This results in various kinds of worries and also fear of death. This applies for Capricorn people this time.

(c) When he transits through the 2nd from the Moon he is said to pass through legs. The native is made to run from pillar to post and wander with difficulty during this time. This applies to Sagittarius people this time.

(iv) Sade Sathe Anga Sani: Minor

The above 7 1/2 years period is also distributed as under and Saturn is said to give different results as indicated:

	Period	Part of the body	Effect
(a) When in 12th house (For Aquarius people)	(1) First 7 months	Head (Forehead)	Loss
	(2) Next 9 months	Eyes	"
	(3) Next 8 months	Face	Gain
	(4) Next 6 months	Neck	"
(b) When in Janma Rasi (For Capricorn people)	(5) Next 10 months	Heart	Gain
	(6) Next 11 months	Stomach	"
	(7) Next 5 months	Navel	Fear
	(8) Next 4 months	Anus	Death
(c) When in 2nd from Moon (For Sagittarius people)	(9) Next 13 months	Knees	Success
	(10) Next 12 months	Legs	Comforts
	(11) Next 5 months	Feet	Travel

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Thus from the above, it could be seen that out of the 90 months of the *sade sathe* Saturn gives bad results only for 25 months distributed in the 1st and 2nd phases and for the remaining 65 months he is said to give good to very good results. (According to some others the last 30 months *vide* item Nos. 8 to 10 are also said to give bad effects. Even according to this he gives good results for 35 months in the middle and proves to be bad to very bad for the remaining 65 months especially the last 4 months in Janma Sani and the last 5 months during the end.)

(v) Sade Sathe Sani as Moving in Various Vehicles

There is yet another way to decide whether there is any possibility of the entire 7 1/2 years, Saturn proving good or bad, found to be mentioned in some of the texts. Here Saturn is imagined to come on different *vahanas* (vehicles) of various animals for different persons according to the star reckoned from the star on the day of entry of Saturn to the 12th house *i.e.*, during the exact day the 7 1/2 years' Saturn begins counted from the birth star of the native. The method is explained below: Count the star of the day of the entry of Saturn to the new sign from one's birth star and divide it by 9. The remainder will give the following results for the entire 7 1/2 years' period as given below:

Remainder		Vehicle		Effect
1.	Saturn comes riding on	Ass	effect	Loss
2	- do -	Horse	"	Success
3	- do -	Elephant	"	Comfort
4	- do -	Buffalo	"	Mixed
5	- do -	Lion	"	Destruction of enemies
6	- do -	Fox	"	Worry and Sorrow
7	- do -	Crow	"	Strife and Quarrel
8	- do -	Peacock	"	Gain
9	- do -	Swan	"	Comfort

This is equally applicable for finding the nature of the effects, for each of the 12 Rasis. According to the above, for people born in Dhanishta last 2 padas, Satabhisha and Poorvabhadra first 3 padas, 7 1/2 years' Saturn starts. hence the star reckoned comes as follows:

(1) Dhanishta 5th star - Saturn rides on lion - Worry and sorrow.

(2) Satabhisha 4th star - Saturn rides on buffalow - Mixed.

(3) Poorvabhadra pada 3rd star - Saturn rides on elephant - Comfort.

However this is not a very reliable method since the exact day of Saturn's entry into a new Rasi can differ according to different Ayanamsas. (According to the Ayanamsa 23° 34' 50" the day of Saturn's entry into Capricorn comes under Jyeshta.)

Saturn's entry into Capricorn releases Scorpio-born people completely from *sade sathe* Sani. Sagittarius has still 2 1/2 years suffering as last phase. Capricorn will have intensified suffering due to middle or Janma Sani and Aquarius people will just come under the grip of 7 1/2 years' Saturn.

(c) *Ardhashtama Sani:* Saturn, during his stay in the 4th house from the Moon-sign is described as Kanta Sani. During such transit bad results such as loss of wife or separation and loss of relatives as well as wealth will come to pass. For the present Libra-born people will undergo these sufferings.

(d) *Ashtama Sani:* Saturn's passage through the 8th house from the radical Moon is called *ashtma Sani*. According to Varahamihira the native will be neglected by his wife and children and he will be subjected to menial work affecting his character and thus suffer humiliation.

Summing up, the following are the results for the 12 Rasis for various houses from the radical Moon:

1. *Saturn in the 1st (Janma Sani):* Capricorn has already been given above.

2. *In the 2nd house (Pada Sani):* Sagittarius people will have the following results according to Varahamihira—the person will be bereft of good appearance, happiness, pride and vitality. Though earning much, it will not be sufficient and money will flow away like water drops falling on a bamboo leaf.

3. *In the 3rd house:* When Saturn passes through the 3rd from radical Moon for Scorpio he gives the following results according to the same author: The native will get much money, slaves, attendants, camels, buffaloes, horses, elephants, donkeys (good milk, food and vehicles), wealth, sound health and freedom from all ailments. Though a coward, he will now turn courageous and win over his enemies.

4. *In the 4th house:* Ardhashtama Sani for Libra. This has already explained above.

5. *In the 5th house:* For Virgo people this time the following effects are given according to *Bhadeepika*: the native's wealth will decline, there will be loss of children and his mind will get

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...osed and one will lose his discriminative fac-

6. *In the 6th house:* For Leo, it causes *sar-...khyam* according to *Phaladeepika*, which ...ts that the native will enjoy all comforts and ...ond success. According to the Tamil dictum he ...will have good time, all his efforts culminating in ...cess, special elevation, acquisition of vehicles ...d he will have a good time in the company of ...g women. Those unmarried will get married. ...se results will apply for Saturn in the 11th also, ...ely for Pisces people. This Tamil text gives ...d effects for Saturn in the 9th also.

7. *In the 7th house:* For Cancer born people ...rding to *Phaladeepika*, it makes the native ...er venereal diseases and he will be always ...ressed and frightened (*streerogaadhwa ...thim*) as Mantreswara puts it (here *streeroga* ...ly venereal disease and not suffering to wife as ...e translate it). Since the 7th indicates Kalatra, ...tly suffering to wife can also be expected.

8. *In the 8th house:* For the Gemini born, the ...ts have already been given under *ashtama* ...above.

9. *In the 9th house:* For Taurus people this time ...urn gives the following results: The native will ...er extreme poverty. There will be always ...acles for doing good deeds. Passing away of ...equal to father or father himself will come to ...s. He will be always undergoing hardships and ...erings.

10. *In the 10th house: Phaladeepika* gives the ...wing results for Saturn in the 10th (for Aries ...le). The native will do sinful acts, there will be ...of honour, loss in business and the native will ...suffer ill-health.

11. *In the 11th house:* For Pisces people, Saturn ...es the following results: The native will be ...ys happy and enjoy all kinds of comforts. His ...nce will grow immensely. He will have name ...fame. He will have an easy going life.

12. *In the 12th house:* For Aquarius people, ...urn gives the following results: The native will ...engaged in worthless acts and useless persuits. ...money will be robbed by his enemies. His wife ...children will suffer from ailments.

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Gems and Stones: In Astrology, the left eye is ...represented by the Moon and the right eye is ...represented by the Sun. When trouble is in the left ...the stone recommended is pearl (*muktaa*). It should be worn in a ring made of silver. The corresponding semi-precious stone is Moon-stone. It can be tried in place of the pearl.

If trouble is indicated in the right eye, ruby (*manikyam*) should be tried. This stone has been found very efficacious in treatment of the eyes.

If both eyes are affected, the ruby will help because it is a gem for affliction of the Sun and the Sun gives light to all living beings. If he is pleased, he can give back even loss of sight. Much research has been made on the healing effect of Sun-rays on incurable diseases. Many doctors recommend that the closed eyes be exposed to the rays of the rising Sun for 10 to 15 minutes and then washed with cold water; this is said to improve eye-sight and sometimes lost sight can also be regained.

Worship

(i) Our ancient sages have recommended worship of the Sun-god for proper cure of all eye diseases. They have also recommended fast on Sundays and have said that one thousand repetitions of *Netropanishat* will be an effective cure for eye disease.

The original *sloka* in Sanskrit is as under:

ऊं चक्षुः चक्षुः चक्षुः तेजः स्थिरो भव । मां पाहि
पाहि । त्वरितं चक्षुरोगान् शमय शमय । मम जात
रूप तेजो दर्शय दर्शय । यथाहं अन्धो न स्यां
तथा कल्पय कल्पय । कल्याणं कुरू कुरू । यामि
मम पूर्वजन्मोपार्जितानि चक्षुः प्रतिरोधक
दुष्कृतानि सर्वाण निर्मूल्य निर्मूल्य ।
ऊं नमः चक्षुस्तोजोदात्रे दिव्याय भास्कराय । ऊं
नमः करणाकरायामृताय । ऊं नमः सूर्याय । ऊं
नमो भगवते सूर्यायाक्षितेजसे नमः । खेचराय
नमः । महते नमः । रजसे नमः । तमसे नमः ।
असतो मा सद् गमय । तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।
मृत्योर्मा अमृतं गमय । उष्णो भगवाञ्छुचिरूपः ।
हंसो भगवान शुचि प्रति रूपः । य इमां
चक्षुमती विद्यां ब्राह्मणो नित्यमधीते न तस्याक्षि
रोगो भवति । न तस्य कुले अन्धो भवति ।
अष्टौ ब्राह्मणान् ग्राहार्यित्वा विद्यासिद्धिर्भवति ॥
ओं विश्वरूपं धृणिनं जात वेदसं हिरण्यमय
पूरूषं ज्योतिरूपं तपन्तम् । विश्वस्य यानि
प्रतपन्तमुग्रं पुरः प्रजानामुदयत्येषं सूर्यः ।
ओं नमो भगवते आदित्याय अहोवाहिन्यहोवाहिनी
स्वाहा ॥

(ii) Offering Arghya to the Sun-god has also been found effective. For this, some rice and red flower mixed with water should be offered to the Sun-god after bath by pouring the same on the

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Ancient Classical Writers of Jyotisha

King Dasabala

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DASABALA, a king of the Vallabha dynasty, was the son of Virochana. In the closing chapter of his work *Karana Kamala Marthanda* he makes a few references by way of an epilogue as given below.

Balabaanvaya Samjatho Virochana Sutha Sudhee
Idam Dasabala Sriman Chakre Karanam Uthamam
Danyayhi Aryabhatadibhihi Nijagunaihi
Dhideerapeloj Valyhi Aabrahmanda
Visaribhihi Prathidinam Visthaaritha Keerthayaha
Smrthvathath Charanaambujaani Rachitho Asmaabhihi Parasparartithyhi
Granthoyam Thadupaarjithyhi cha Sukrithyhi Preethim Bajanthaam Prajahaa
-(12) Adhy. 10

The above *slokas* would mean that the learned king Dasabala, son of Virochana of Vallabha dynasty, has compiled this best Karana work. Illustrious scholars like Aryabhata and others have spread their name and fame far in the past by their remarkable intellectual accomplishments. This work is being compiled remembering their sacred feet and is placed before the public, for their benefit.

His Works

The epoch of this work is Saka 980 (1058 A.D.). It is thus evident that Dasabala was a contemporary of king Bhoja of *Rajamrganka Karana*. The author has not stated the name of the *Siddhantha* he has followed. But the moment of the Mesha *sankranti* and the *tithi-suddhi i.e.*, the time elapsed at that period, agree with the figures calculated from *Brahma Siddhantha*, as corrected with the help of Rajamrganka. Similarly Nakshatra *dhruvas*, etc. agree with *Brahma Siddhantha*. From all this it is clear that the work conforms to the corrected *Brahma Siddhantha*; corrections have not been given separately, still the motions have been determined after actually taking these into account.

Usually the method of calculating mean motions and mean places of planets is from Ahargana, obtained by multiplying the number of years elapsed for the epoch taken by 365 1/4. This entails lengthy multiplication and division. If mean places are found from the number of years elapsed on the epochal year; on the basis of the yearly mean motion of planets, it would be relatively easy. This work, *Karana Kamala Marthanda*, simplifies the calculations by giving methods for finding the places of planets from Varshagana and has also prepared tables of motions in period of years to save the labour of multiplying the Varshagana by the figures of annual motions.

King Dasabala deserves our praise in this respect as he has adopted a shorter route by eliminating the beaten track. It gives the calculation of mean places of planets from Mesha *sankranti*.

It is a well-known fact that almost all *Siddhanthas* and *Karana Granthas* of repute give methods of finding mean places of planets from the total *Ahargana*.

A copy of the work found in the Deccan College Collections contains tables only for *tithi-suddhi*. This work consists of 10 chapters with 279 *slokas* in Anushtup *chandas*.

Besides the usual subjects of all *karana* works, it deals with conjunctions of planets, true intercalary months, etc. This work

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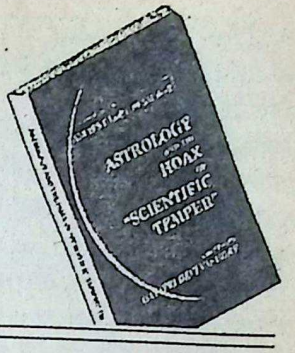
strology and the Hoax of Scientific Temper"*



Review by H.R. SHANKAR, B.A.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPER" is a conditioning of the mind. It is trained to reject anything whose properties cannot be de- through physical senses or which cannot sured in units of Time, Space and Motion. xpected to inculcate disciplined thinking ive direction to logical reasoning. But it ts as a blinker to the mental eye; it ts one from seeing the sides. As a result, rson is likely to remain ignorant of most things, except the subject of his pursuit. A point is the mulish resistance of men of to let in the light of knowledge of Astro- to their portals. They are not happy with trological theory of Destiny. It is uncom- le to have to make statements about the g of a force that eludes detection and rement. Whereas, in truth, three factors mine the result of an action: Prayatna or endeavour, Kala or Time and Daiva, the Supreme Force. The first two factors are the grasp of scientific knowledge. But the factor Daiva is beyond their comprehen- it warrants a transcendental approach. cientist is not yet equipped to cope with a task. Under the given conditions, the way out of the predicament is to pretend not e the existence of the third factor in de- ng the result of an action. Thus, astro- concepts have come to be hastily dis- as untenable scientifically. In a way, the strology stance has become an in-built defensive mechanism with men of science. The limitations of the scientific reach to the ultimate truth about the working of destiny is understandable. But why take it out on Astrology for the shortcomings of physical sciences?

The innuendo against Astrology is getting more vociferous, with more and more of the social elite turning to Astrology for counselling. We are witness to a head of a University taking to the streets to instigate a stir against Astrology, instead of debating the issue on an academic platform. Obviously with no valid arguments to advance against the tenets of Astrology, a group of eminent scientists made a joint appeal in the name of "scientific temper" to the layman sowing misgivings about Astrology. The hoax lies in the fact that none of these torch-bearers of scientific temper did ever make even a token of effort to know what Astrology is all about; and the signature of scientific temper is thorough investigating before drawing conclusions! It is time the hoax is exposed for what it is and the tirade against Astrology is silenced. The burden of this task is taken by Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev and her latest book *Astrology and the Hoax of "Scientific Temper"* is timely and purposeful. Herself being a science graduate with distinction in physics and chemistry she has competently performed the task by taking the 'bull by its horn'.

The volume is a collection of well-researched and ably presented papers. There are seventeen of them apart from the forceful introduction by the Chief Editor and well documented appendices, relevant extracts from the western press and thought-provoking excerpts from great thinkers and genuine scientists. Each of these

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articles goes about unmasking the garb of "scientific temper" to reveal the bias, the ignorance, the prejudice and the vituperation behind the attack on Astrology by the self-styled rationalists. Distorted views of Astrology projected by some to discredit the subject are corrected, misgivings are cleared and the subject of Astrology is held in its proper perspective, so that even a layman could see the truth. The book succeeds in making one wary of the jargon of "scientific temper" hammered into in their anti-Astrology campaign by the rationalists.

The book would have been complete with an additional paper on the obsession of zealots of Astrology to have this stream of knowledge bracketed with the physical science stream. This is a misplaced objective. The physical sciences are still in pursuit of Truth. With advancement in scientific studies they are discovering new areas of knowledge and revising their earlier beliefs in the light of new knowledge. The ultimate Truth is still beyond their reach whereas, ancient sages had a revelation of the ultimate Truth. Having appreciated that any knowledge is meaningful only to the extent of its utility to mankind, they have codified this knowledge in a manner and to the extent mankind could make use of it. Thus knowledge of Astrology is not pursuit of Truth; but flows from the realised Truth (from the Vedas) to be used for the benefit of man. Astrology does not expound theory but merely prescribes rules on the manner in which the revealed knowledge is to be used.

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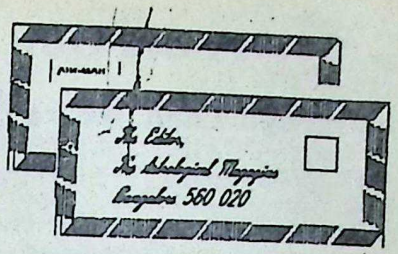

Letters to the Editor

Air Bus Crash

Sir, - In the 1990 annual editorial you have observed as follows:

"The Mars-Saturn and Mars-Rahu conjunctions may trigger off some serious railway or bus accidents and at least one air crash."

It is today only that a serious air-crash at Bombay, killing more than ninety passengers, has taken place. How very unfortunate authenticity! What a great tragedy! This again proves the accuracy of the sciences of the sages.

Massachusettes, U.S.A. *T. N. Qazi.*

Sir, - The Air-bus A-320 started at 11h.52m. from Bombay on 14-2-1990 when Mandi and Ascendant were in Krittika whose presiding deity is Agni (fire). Shoola Yoga was in progress. Mercury (lord of 3rd) was also in a constellation of the Sun. The Moon was squared by Mars, Saturn, Neptune and Venus (sign disposition of Mandi situated in 8th degree of Taurus). Moon in Dhanishta was semi-squared by mid-point of Mars and Herschel. Ebertin gives Neptune-Mars/Uranus for defect in engine. On 14-2-90 Mars was transiting between Herschel and Neptune — a configuration involving the three planets. There was also close conjunction of Indra-Neptune and Herschel. As per *Phaladeepika*, इन्द्रं शस्त्रैरपि घुतिः. The Ascendant was in Nakshatra (8th from constellation transited by the Sun) as well as in Samudayika Nakshatra (8th from the constellation transited by the Moon). These factors were responsible for the tragedy.

Narendra Dixit.

Sir, - Travel becomes hazardous partly due to improper maintenance of vehicles. The Mars-Saturn and Mars-Rahu conjunctions may trigger off some serious railway and bus accidents and at least one air-crash." Please accept my congratulations for your prediction in the Annual Number 1990 (page 6). I have learnt a lot based on your magazine and my predictions have also come true.

Your 1990 predictions have already started taking shape.

May God bless you for serving the cause of Indian astrologers.

Tumkur. *M. N. Ramamurthy.*

Sir, - As per newspaper reports the air-crash of the ill-fated Indian Airlines air-bus took place at 1.25 p.m. (IST).

A cursory glance at the horoscope cast for the time of mishap reveals: With Taurus rising, the Ascendant and 6th lord Venus, conjoined with 12th lord Mars in the 8th is aspected by the 8th lord Jupiter from the 2nd. Incidentally Jupiter is 11th (6th of 6th) lord also. The 8th house (indicating death, destruction) is heavily afflicted by the combination of Venus, Mars, Saturn, Herschel and Neptune. Herschel's mode of behaviour as strange and sudden and of Neptune as mysterious are fully manifested in the way the accident has taken place.

The combination has occurred in a much dreaded house (8th) and that too in a fiery sign (Sagittarius). The Nakshatra ruling on that day was Chitta, owned by Mars (12th lord).

From the Moon also, 12th lord Sun is in the 6th aspected by 6th lord Saturn (in company with 8th lord Mars).

Any lay astrologer can say what consequences such a planetary set-up (mostly comprising of 6th, 8th and 12th lords) can cause. The outcome of the accident is but obvious.

H.A.L. Township (Ojhar). *M. Ghirnicar.*

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: October 1958

Phaladeepika and Jataka Parijata

Sir, - Mantreswara in his *Phaladeepika* and Vidyanatha in his *Jataka Parijata* speak of the effect of Vrischika (Scorpio) Chandra (Moon) aspected by Budha (Mercury) in a horoscope as producing a dual father (*yugmapitha*). One copious commentator explaines the term as *yugamasyapatha* (father of twins) while another explains it as having two fathers. The latter explanation is biologically impossible on the face of it while the former can be verified only in the long run. Varahamihira gives quite different combination for the birth of twins, etc. I have seen the horoscope of one with Vargottama Vrischika Poorna Chandra (full Moon, occupying Scorpio both in Rasi and Navamsa) aspected by Budha (Mercury) from Vrishabha (Taurus) and neither of the explanations given above have come out to be true. Will you or any of your numerous readers kindly inform me through the columns of your esteemed magazine if they had occasion to verify the truth of this statement?

Hyderabad-Deccan. *R. Ramaswami.*

Sir, - Quite sometime ago I read a piece about air-crashes, a large majority of them came on Wednesdays only. The reason advanced was that Mercury is the day lord for Wednesday and owns Gemini, an airy sign. If Mercury gets afflicted in any way, air-crash follows. Besides, Mercury for travels - affliction should be for Venus (vehicle), Mars for accidents, Saturn for life (death) and Jupiter (as lord of 9th and 12th in the zodiac) governing air journeys. A study was being made in U.S.A. to find out certain combinations on Wednesday to locate periods to be avoided/rescheduled for air journeys. I am not in a position to say what the outcome was. I am not sure if a similar study was taken up in India. The two major tragedies that overtook Indo-Pak Peninsula in recent memory were the (1) 17-8-1988 air-crash in which General Zia was involved and the other (2) 14-2-1990 air-crash which took place in Bangalore. The planetary positions on 14-2-1990 (Wednesday) at Bangalore at 12.15 p.m. are as follows:

Rasi: Taurus - Lagna 7; Gemini - Jupiter (R) 7; Cancer - Ketu 22; Virgo - Moon 23-26; Sagittarius - Saturn 27, Venus 27 and Mars 18; Capricorn - Rahu 22 and Mercury 9; and Aquarius - Sun 1. *Navamsa:* Pisces - Ascendant and Mercury; Cancer - Rahu; Leo - Moon; Virgo - Mars; Libra - Sun; Sagittarius - Jupiter, Saturn and Venus; and Capricorn - Ketu.

The planetary positions for the air-crash in Pakistan on 17-8-1988 (Wednesday) afternoon are as follows:

Rasi: Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Saturn (R) 2; Aquarius - Rahu 21; Pisces - Mars 18; Taurus - Jupiter 10; Gemini - Venus 15; Leo - Sun 1, Mercury 14 and Ketu 21; and Virgo - Moon. *Navamsa:* Aries - Jupiter, Sun, Saturn and Rahu; Leo - Moon; Libra - Mercury and Ketu; Sagittarius - Mars; and Aquarius - Venus.

The exact time of the air-crash in Pakistan is not known, but I presume it was in the afternoon. So Lagna rising must be Scorpio (hour of death). It is significant to note that (1) Sun is at 1° Leo (fierce and airy); (2) Moon in Virgo - in the constellation of Chitta (lord Mars - accident); (3) Mars is at 18° Sagittarius owned by Jupiter; (4) Jupiter is in the 7th (*maraka*); (5) Saturn, Venus, Mars and Moon forming *kendra* (considered highly malefic in western Astrology); and (6) Rahu-Ketu afflicting the 3rd and the 9th.

Since Astrology stands for observed effects of planetary movements on human lives, it is high time thorough research is done to find out the ill-fated periods to be avoided by giving advance astrological warning.

Dombivli. *G. C. Srivastava.*

The V. P. Singh Government

Sir, - Regarding the discussions in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE about the longevity of the V.P. Singh government, almost everyone is discussing the horoscope for the time of swearing-in. But I think one should consider the time at which the premier won the confidence of the Lok Sabha. This is because he was instructed by the President to win the confidence within a fixed time frame and hence the appointment is conditional. Naturally I feel that the time of actual swearing-in indicates whether he will be able to secure the confidence of the House or not. But the longevity of the government should be judged from the time when he actually won the confidence.

Razole. *U. Muralikrishna.*

Sir,-The Muhurta for the swearing-in ceremony of Mr. V. P. Singh (2nd December 1989 at 12.17 p.m.) to form N.F. Government, might have been fixed by experienced astrologer. It was the

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based on authentic electional principles. The day was Saturday which is to be given up. was the 4th lunar day of the bright half, a *Tithi* which is bad. But the combination of two constitutes a Siddha Yoga which is most auspicious.

Aquarius was the well-chosen Lagna because Pusha is both a fixed and *seershodaya* sign. among the fixed signs Taurus alone is to be given because it is *Pruhtodaya* sign. The star Utthadha, the Yoga *Vriddhi* and the Karana Vanija are all good.

The 10th house is fortified by the occupancy of Mercury and the Sun (the most important planet in such functions) and the 10th lord, Mars, is in a aspected by Jupiter. The Ascendant is also aspected by Jupiter.

The 11th house is not vacant is a negative point. In view of the above favourable points for the Kumbha Lagna, there cannot be any doubt for the stability of N.F. Government for at least three years.

Iranganti Rangacharya.

Warangankonda.

Gorbachev's Horoscope

Sir, - Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev in her editorial "Planets, Soviet Russia and Gorbachev" (*A.M.*, February 1990) has written on page 180 "The Moon Dasa began around May 1984 and soon after confirmed on Gorbachev prime-ministership". The calculation of the Dasas seems wrong as Mikhail Gorbachev was born on 2nd March 1931 in Pisces Ascendant and Aslesha Nakshatra was upto 55 ghatis 52 palas. At birth balance of Mercury Dasa was 14 years, 7 months. Hence the Moon Dasa was from 2-10-1978 to 2-10-1988 and from 3-10-1988 running Mars Dasa. Mars is in the 5th house in Cancer *neecha* and Mars as lord of 2nd house is also a *maraka*. Hence there is all-round disturbance in Russia since 3-10-1988.

Onkarlal Sharma Prasad.

Bhopal (M.P.).

Yamaganda

Sir, - During the past 70 years I always dreaded Yamakantaka. Ekalavya's informative clarification (*A.M.*, March 1990) has made me *Gatha Sanchari* (removed of doubts). My *pranams*.

Kindly clarify in the next issue the significance of Kalam and Ardha Prahara given in Kerala Panchangas.

Vadodara.

P. R. Sanathanan Nair.

Sir, - It is held that Yamaganda is inauspicious on Thursdays only here. This is because we are told that Yamakantaka is the illegitimate son of Jupiter. Is this correct? I would be happy if Ekalavya could further elucidate.

Thanjavur. *N. Janakiram.*

Sir, - The clarification by Ekalavya is very welcome and will be appreciated by the readers. He has however omitted to refer to the fact that Yamakantaka should be observed as inauspicious on Thursdays for the reason stated by Dr. B. V. Raman on page 69 of his book *A Catechism of Astrology* (Vol.II), as he is believed to be an illegitimate issue of Jupiter. Birth occurring during Yamaganda is auspicious on all days.

Rahukala and Yamaganda are stated to be inauspicious for auspicious ceremonies and Gulika Kalam is stated to be inauspicious for inauspicious ceremonies only in the annual *Vasan Thiru Ganita Panchangam*. As many Hindus buy this almanac for reference at home, they get misled by this statement. During a marriage ceremony which I attended, the *purohit* began "Vratham" with which the function usually begins during Gulika Kalam. When I mentioned to him that Gulika Kalam was inauspicious, he replied that according to what he had understood and practised, Gulika Kalam was auspicious for all auspicious ceremonies. I shall be grateful if Ekalavya could confirm that Gulika Kalam is not auspicious for performance of religious ceremonies. It being inauspicious for birth is, of course, universally recognised.

Secunderabad. *S. Doraisamy.*

Mother Teresa

Sir, - Mr. S. Seniappa in his study on Mother Teresa (*A.M.*, February 1990) has stated that the Lagna lord Saturn does not attain cancellation of debilitation. I would like to differ. According to the old texts a planet, in its house of debilitation, is freed from that state, if it is in retrograde motion as is the case here. Mild cancellation of debility occurs if the concerned planet is in a *kendra* from Lagna or the Moon and absolute cancellation is possible if the lord of the house where a planet is debilitated and its exaltation lord is in a *kendra* from Lagna or the Moon. In this case Mars, lord of the house, and the Sun, the exaltation lord, is in the 4th or *kendra* from the Moon. Undoubtedly there is cancellation of Saturn's debility. Capricorn Ascendant is strengthened due to its *vargottama* position in Navamsa and its lord Saturn in the constellation ruled by Venus, a *yogakaraka*, for Capricorn Lagna. The native has been denied worldly comforts because Mars (*sukhas*

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thanadhipati) is combust in the 8th house. Finally, only a reasonably strong Lagna and Lagna lord can ensure achievement and fame.

Madras. *Usha Sreenivasan.*

Astrological Expo or Exploitation

Sir, - Apropos the captions "Astrology: Science of Sciences" and "Astrological Expo or Exploitation" one may generally agree with the pungent and sarcastic remarks rhetorically made by Ekalavya, against the so-called budding astrologers or astrologer-publicists and branding others as 'modern-publicists' and 'the brood of hapless astrologers who are distraught with penury and hunger for name', but the fact remains that they too have a desire surging within their hearts to express themselves publicly (by adopting media of their choice) and earn reputation as others do (howsoever incorrect they may be in arriving at right conclusions in making predictions). To err is human and they are not an exception. They now stand exposed and would have learnt a bitter lesson. Perhaps they may not repeat the same mistake hereafter. The point worth consideration is whether the present situation can be helped and remedied by debarring them from learning Astrology and practise it, as they may still continue with the so-called *tamasha* of the sacred science and exploit the weakness of the gullible public.

The step taken by the ICAS in this direction to induct and train only the highly educated persons in the field may not be of much significance. There are other persons also who are capable enough academically to study and learn Astrology and acquire knowledge for knowledge's sake and if warranted be of some use to the humanity at large by doing *gratis* service.

Durg. *K. D. Grover.*

Vriddhakarika Method

Sir, - It is most difficult to say something about longevity in Astrology. Mr. I. Rangacharya who has already to his credit an article on longevity published in *A.M.*, May and June 1988, has evolved a new technique this time based on Vriddhakarika method (*A.M.*, January 1990). His research on Ayurdaya and technique evolved is really praiseworthy because it is easy to follow and calculate.

However one thing has not been cleared by the author: Whether Dasa/Bhukti is to be considered at all, if so, whether Parasari system or Rasi-Dasa of Jaimini. We expect from him another article clarifying Maraka Dasa/Antardasa pinpointing the time of death.

As regards calculation of Hora Lagna, I may mention the system followed in Eastern India. The difference between sunrise and time of birth in hours/minutes/seconds is to be worked out. The whole hours would be Rasi and 1/2 of minutes/seconds would be Amsa. If Lagna is in odd Rasi, Ravisphuta is to be added with Rasi/Amsa thus obtained and if Lagna is even Rasi, Lagnasphuta is to be added. And this would be Hora Lagnasphuta. Perhaps this is an easier process for calculation of Hora Lagna.

Howrah. *K. K. Chakraborty.*

Cruel Amsas

Sir, - *Jatakadesa Marga* Adhy. XIV, *sloka* 22, says in the last line (तेषु क्रूरांशभवो)

What are these *krura amsas* and where are they given. P.S. Sastri's translation is silent on this.

Calicut. *L. S. Narayanan.*

Sanischara Yantra

Sir, - In a book on remedial measures, it is enjoined that Sanischara Yantra should be worn on days on which the constellations, Pushya, Anuradha, or Uttarabhadra are ruling - obviously since these belong to Saturn, the Yoga on that day being a good one.

But is it applicable to persons for whose birth stars, these stars would be *vipat, prathyak* or *vadha*? Perhaps Pushya may be an exception, since it is stated in "Electional Astrology" that if no suitable day or Muhurta can be found within a span of time, Pushya is *par excellence* for any auspicious function. Please clarify.

Madras. *T. D. V. Raman.*

"Reflections on Ramayana"

Sir, - This is with reference to "Reflections on Ramayana - V" by Dr. Bangalore Sureshwara in the 1990 Annual Number.

A agree in *toto* with the assessment of Manthara. She was wholly self-centred and did not have Kaikeyi's interests in her mind.

Dr. Sureshwara grieves that the chilling thought that strikes one's mind even now is what happened to Kaikeyi in that she swayed momentarily from the path of Dharma into Adharma and wonders why "her attitudes changed by one hundred and eighty degrees". It is not a matter of surprise because the reason is quite clear. It was solely due to Dussanga. It was her continued association with the mean Manthara that spoilt the noble lady Kaikeyi. Dussanga can pollute and destroy the noblest of creatures. Conversely Satsanga is the

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which will cure even cancerous individuals
raise them to the divine pedastal. Poor Kaikeyi
a victim to some bad Karma of hers and as soon
the effect of that bad Karma was over she atoned
banished Manthara.

I do not agree that Dasaratha was fully and
ys devoted and dedicated to Dharma because
order to avoid the promised boons asked for by
keyi, he importunated with her, saying that he
s prepared to condemn an innocent man and set
e a murderer if only she did not press for the
e of Rama.

Palghat. P. R. Erady.

Sarathwara Clarifies:

*I have provided below the information that I feel
complement Mr. Erady's views and/or clarify
points covered by him.*

*While I agree that Dussanga with Manthara
ributed in part to Kaikeyi's aberrations, it is
portant to note that Kaikeyi all along until the
moment of change adored and loved Sri Rama
much more than her own son Bharata. The
of **Dussanga** is not usually instantaneous,
gradual. However, it is not entirely impossible
instantaneous changes can occur. Mr. Erady
that that part of Kaikeyi's behaviour is due to her
ma. Whether it is **Dussanga** or **Satsanga**, the
depends on the strength of the involved per-
alities. Although Manthara was a cunning,
ing and cruel personality, there is no reason
lieve that Kaikeyi was a weak personality. At
other end of the spectrum, an evil person could
influenced when he or she comes into contact
a noble person of strong personality. I entirely
that, regardless of whether which type of
is influenced or not, one must always asso-
with people of noble quality as exemplified by
Rama.*

*A key element we must remember while discuss-
Dasaratha is the presence of Sage Vasishta at
dhya. Sage Vasishta would not have tolerated
injustice as long as he was the principal ad-
to Dasaratha. Sages such as Vasishta would
Dharma at all costs. They were not there to
or placate Dasaratha. Dasaratha was aware
Kaikeyi that in lieu of granting her boons he
prepared to set free a murderer or con-
an innocent person, it must not be literally
preted. When one is angry, confused, or upset
not unusual to see words like those used by
atha and must never be literally interpreted.
interpretation of that statement, consistent
the witnessed senario, is simply that he would
do practically anything to avoid the demand of
Kaikeyi. One must not quickly jump to the conclu-
sion that Dasaratha would perpetuate Adharma to
see Sri Rama stay in Ayodhya. More importantly,
one must not forget that Sri Rama would not have
stayed in Ayodhya if Dasaratha was forced to
commit any Adharma for Sri Rama's sake. Both
Sri Rama and Dasaratha are strong personalities,
but clearly accepted the fact that there was no
alternative, based on Dharma, with regard to
Kaikeyi's boon.*

*Many times commentators and translators tend
to add their own views and feelings to make the
story "exciting and interesting". Therefore we must
remember this whenever we review the epics such
as Ramayana and Mahabharata.*

*Sri Erady's views complement our continuing
discussion of Ramayana. I thank him for forward-
ing his views. I reiterate that debate, discussion
and differences ultimately contribute to our better
understanding of the events and characters in
Ramayana.]*

Political Forecasts

Sir, - In the *A.M.*, August 1989, you had said referring to the eclipse of August 1989, that "the people of Avanti, those living on the banks of the Kaveri and the Narmada rivers as well as despotic rulers will be in trouble". Although this was while discussing the future of the Congress (I) (and rightly has its leader been displaced since then) it applies on a more broader scale globally. The whole of Eastern Europe has been in ferment since about September 1989, that is about the time of the August eclipse, and we have been watching how in communist country after country, despotic rulers who had only some months before thought they could never be dislodged from power, have been literally shooed out of office. Of course while dealing with Western Europe editorially in the 1989 Annual Number, you had said "There will be considerable unrest in East Germany and major trouble is brewing. More contacts will be established with West Germany, Moscow's liberalisation policy will influence East Germany also. 1989 will be a year of serious stress." And under Soviet Union and its allies you gave a clear indication of the turn of events. We are now witnessing in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Hungary. What amazes me and drives home with unmistakable force is how if with a single chart for the New Moon in Pisces, you could point a picture of worldwide developments, you would have certainly been able to forecast the actual occurrences in each of

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these communist countries, had the charts of the births of these countries, of their rulers and other astrological dates been available. As it is you are doing an impossible task. Just imagine one individual with no funds or resources or support of any kind from the government dishing out such amazing forecasts year after year only on personal resources which are a pittance. Why, even nothing compared to the crores of rupees being pumped into space-research and other kinds of projects in our country.

Calcutta. *Ramaswamy Muduliar*

Saturn's Transit in Sagittarius

Sir, - The National Front government is defaming the ex-prime minister, for not maintaining amicable relations with the neighbouring countries and for high defence expenditure. But few know that Rajiv Gandhi has been a victim of the transit of Saturn. Rajiv took over the reigns of the government in 1984-85. He had hardly settled down on the saddle when Saturn entered Sagittarius to stay there till March 1990. This period covered most of Rajiv's regime. In the Indian Independence chart Sagittarius is the 8th house and it is the 4th house from India's ruling sign Virgo. More so Saturn has the aspect on Mars in the house of finance, the 12th from the 3rd. The transit of Saturn therefore produced the following adverse effects:

(1) The country suffered agony on account of quarrels with neighbours; (2) the balance of trade went unfavourable; (3) Government treasury reserves were exhausted; (4) Government was compelled to adopt deficit financing and (5) defence expenditure increased.

Rajiv served the country in the circumstances beyond his control. Sagittarius is the 5th house with an aspect of Saturn from the 11th in the horoscope of Rajiv. He has been a victim of undesirable propaganda.

Bhubaneswar. *T. N. Saxena.*

Appreciations

Sir, - I am a very keen but ardent and silent reader of your magazine since 1952. Not having any noteworthy social status I have not tried to offer my humble appreciation of your correct predictions right from Mossadique's downfall in 1953 onwards. I have a great respect for the well-learned exponent of Astrology in the pen of the esteemed Editor-in-Chief.

New Delhi. *Gulzar Singh Sidhu.*

Sir, - I may be one of thousands among your unseen followers in the field of Astrology. It is my desire to just write to you to congratulate you for your excellent books on Astrology, that serve as a ladder leading a student of Astrology to master the subject with ease.

I thank you for your excellent guidance shown in your books, and I wish you continuing success in your dedicated work.

Astonishingly, many of the predictions I based upon the guidance shown by you have come true.

Riyada, K.A.S. *M. Thiru.*

Sir, - "The Astrologer and a Modern Client" by Mandana Misra is not only superb but proves the present day attitude of the clinet. It is indeed a thought-provoking article and an excellent gibe at those who shun Astrology yet consult astrologers in *camera*.

Jallandhar. *S. N. Kalia.*

Sir, - My compliments to Mandan Mishra for the deserving article.

Mandsaur. *P. K. Padliya.*

Nelson Mandela

Sir, - I congratulate Mr. T. Vikaasa for his correct prediction regarding Nelson Mandela (A.M., October 1988, page 10).

Mysore. *S. N. Kumar.*

The House of Education

Sir, - There was nothing objectionable in Mr. K. N. Rao's observations about the 5th house which may be described as sectarian. Bhrigu, Lomasa, Atri, Parasara, Garga, Varahamihira, Kalyana Varma, Jaideva, Venkatesha, etc., have held the 4th house as the house of education. It was Vaidyanatha or Kalidasa of the South who have first held the 4th house as the house of education. More than 80 per cent classical works show the 5th house as the house of education and less than 20 per cent works show the 4th house. In most parts of India astrologers accept the 5th house. Sepharial also accepts the 5th house as the house of learning.

Mr. Venugopalan's approach seems sectarian. Adi Sankara was not an astrologer. Reference to him in this context is quite irrelevant. Mr. Venugopalan ought to have given the names of the authors who have accepted the 4th house as the house of learning. He has not done any such thing. While Gajakesari Yoga may be helpful in acquisition of learning, Sasi Mangala Yoga by itself has nothing to do with education. Sasi Mangala Yoga is essentially a Dhana Yoga.

Patna. *K. K. Pathak.*

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are put relating to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some of your doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at a time. This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE*** *—Ed., A.M.)*

Q. 1. Rasi: Pisces - Ascendant; Taurus - Ketu; Cancer - Jupiter; Scorpio - Mars, Rahu and Saturn; Sagittarius - Sun; Capricorn - Moon and Mercury; Aquarius - Venus. Navamsa: Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Sun; Aquarius - Rahu; Aries - Venus; Gemini - Mercury and Jupiter; Leo - Ketu; Virgo - Mars and Saturn; and Libra - Venus. In spite of 7th lord Mercury in the 11th and Jupiter transiting just started in September 1989, marriage has still not taken place. Why is it so?

R. Jayakumar, Kumbhakonam.

Ans: Saturn's aspect to the 7th lord is the cause delay. In the absence of Bhukti details, one has to depend on *gochara* movement. As the Navamsa chart provides accurate information about marital life one has to look for indications in it. In July 1990 Jupiter enters Cancer when he will be exact aspect natal Moon and Navamsa Lagna too. Jupiter's 7 1/2 years too often brings about marriage. One could therefore look for it in September 1990. Jupiter's dispositor Sun will transit the 7th.

*Q. 2. Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn; Cancer - Rahu; Leo - Moon; and Sagittarius - Sun, Mars, Mercury and Venus. Navamsa: Leo - Ascendant; Virgo - Ketu; Libra - Moon and Mercury; Aquarius - Saturn; Pisces - Rahu; Aries - Venus; Gemini - Jupiter and Mars; and Cancer - Sun. Because of the disposition of 7 planets in the 1st and 12th houses it is found difficult to apply normal rules of judgement to the horoscope. Kindly clarify the following: (a) The 8th house is occupied by the Moon in Leo and Leo is the heart of Kalapurusha. Could it be the cause of a suspected serious heart ailment of the native? Will the native overcome this trouble and have full life as one of the Lagna lords viz., Saturn is well placed in Rasi and Navamsa and Leo is the Ascendant in Navamsa? (b) Rahu is occupying the 7th house indicating unhappy married life but the ruler of that house appears to be well placed. In Navamsa, the 7th house is occupied by Saturn and he is in his own house Aquarius —**Sani kumbha durlabhah** as the saying goes. In view of the above when can the native be expected to be married (He is running Mars Dasa from 9/86) and after marriage will he have a happy married life?*

D. Rama Rao, Hyderabad.

Ans: (a) The chart is heavily afflicted. Seven planets in 3 *Rasis* constitute Soola Yoga; four planets in one sign give rise to emotional imbalance otherwise known as Sanyasa Yoga. Both Mars and Venus are combust. Rahu-Ketu axis plays ducks and drakes by plaguing all four planes across and along the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual, signified by Lagna, the Moon, Venus and the Sun. This invariably causes acerbity in married life. The ruling Dasa lord Mars is a *badhaka*. The Sun is the principal significator for heart; he is the 8th *cum* natural 5th lord; Mercury is lord of the natural 6th and all are clubbed in the 12th, the house of affliction and some combust at that. Thus the affliction is tight. (b) As Mars aspects the 7th too, one shouldn't think of marriage, before the end of his period. Saturn's strength can only guarantee longevity but not fitness — to wit, he is exempt from *harana* for combustion in

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ayurdaya. Inasmuch as Rahu-Ketu play havoc, I wouldn't advise marriage at all, if only to avoid post-marital complications which are threatened.

Q. 3. Rasi: *Virgo - Ascendant; Libra - Moon and Rahu; Sagittarius - Sun and Mercury; Capricorn - Venus; Pisces - Jupiter and Mars; and Aries - Saturn and Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aries - Ascendant, Saturn, Ketu and Mercury; Gemini - Venus; Virgo - Sun, Mars and Jupiter; Libra - Rahu; and Sagittarius - Moon. Saturn Dasa beginning 3-9-1970 and ending 3-9-1989. (a) The native started his career in Saturn Dasa in 1970. The progress is slow in these 19 years and he has not achieved merits. Is it due to the 8th lord in 7th? Will he prosper in Mercury Dasa, Mercury being the Lagna lord?*

M. S. Srinivasa Murthy, Hyderabad.

Ans: Saturn's debilitation is cancelled. By nature he is not helpful; he is besides lord of the 6th which is the 12th from the 7th which is the 10th from the 10th. He aspects the 10th house. And no planet in the 8th, in particular Saturn, can be enthusiastic in promoting native's profession. Now, Mercury is Lagna-*cum*-10th lord, aspecting the 10th and in consequence the native can expect to progress rapidly in his Dasa. And immediately, Jupiter the 7th lord in the 7th is in a very favourable position by *gochara*.

Q. 4. Rasi: *Cancer - Ascendant, Sun and Rahu; Leo - Venus; Sagittarius - Moon; Capricorn - Saturn and Ketu; Aquarius - Jupiter; Taurus - Mars; and Gemini - Mercury.* ***Navamsa:*** *Scorpio - Ascendant, Moon and Rahu; Aquarius - Mercury; Pisces - Jupiter; Aries - Mars; Taurus - Saturn and Ketu; and Cancer - Venus and Sun. Since Rahu Dasa is running, will the native be able to gain proficiency and success* ***via*** *English, of which he is a student?*

Peter V. G., Ernakulam.

Ans: Generally Jupiter is treated as *karaka* for Sanskrit and Saturn for English, being "neecha-bhasha". Here are some other *karakas:* Civics and history - Moon; Geography - Mars; Physics - Mercury; Chemistry - Sun; and Economics - Saturn; and Architecture - Venus. Here Saturn occupies own house, but the ruling Dasa lord occupies a *maraka* house from it. In consequence greater effort would have to put in to gain the expected grade.

Q. 5. Rasi: *Capricorn - Ascendant and Mars; Venus and Mercury in 2nd; Sun and Ketu in 3rd; Rahu in 9th; and Jupiter, Saturn and Moon in 12th.* ***Navamsa:*** *Gemini - Ascendant; Leo - Sun and Mars; Scorpio - Saturn; Capricorn - Venus; and Aries - Moon and Mercury. (a) What are the planetary factors that delay marriage? (b) Will Rahu in the 9th mean separate residence of the native (male) after marriage?*

O. P. Rastogi, New Delhi.

Ans: (a) Saturn's company to the Moon who is also the 7th lord and aspect to Venus *karaka* indicate delay in marriage. (b) The 7th is the house of marriage; the 4th from it is Libra; Rahu occupies the 12th from it. Hence change of residence is likely after marriage.

Q. 6. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant; Pisces - Saturn; Aries - the Sun and Rahu; Taurus - Mercury; Gemini - the Moon and Venus; Cancer - Jupiter (R); and Virgo - Mars (R).* ***Navamsa:*** *Taurus - Ascendant; Cancer - Rahu; Leo - Jupiter and Mars; Libra - the Moon and Saturn; Sagittarius - the Sun and Venus; and Capricorn - Mercury and Ketu. The owner of two upachayas Jupiter is posited in another upachaya with exaltation and in friendly Navamsa. The native completed his electrical engineering diploma successfully in Rahu Dasa. The mutual exchange between 8th and 9th lords is a malefic yoga. (Venus is Ascendant and 8th lord.) Astrological texts say Mercury in the 8th house is beneficial. The 12th lord Mercury in 8th house causes Vimala Yoga. Ascendant lord Venus is also 8th lord. Amala and Hamsa Yogas are caused by Jupiter. According to the above description: (a) What will be the effect during Jupiter Dasa regarding profession? (b) Will the mutual exchange between 8th and 9th lord affect adversely the native's luck? Jupiter Dasa, Jupiter Bhukti is on.*

Bhaskar Kumar, Visakhapatnam.

Ans: (a) Jupiter Dasa should prove helpful in advancing professional interests, he being exalted and occupying the 10th. (b) Yes; the mutual exchange between Mercury and Venus is an adverse Yoga; particularly that of Venus, because he is 12/2 with Dasa lord, in any case.

Q. 7. Rasi: *Virgo - Ascendant; Libra - Jupiter, Sagittarius - the Moon; Aquarius - Rahu; Aries - Saturn; Taurus - Mercury; Gemini - the Sun and Mars; Cancer - Venus; and Leo - Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aries - Ascendant; Pisces - Mars; Capricorn - Rahu; Sagittarius - the Moon; Scorpio - the Sun, Saturn and Jupiter; Libra - Venus; Leo - Mercury; and Cancer - Ketu. This chart shows good Chandradhi Yoga and the Moon is* vargottama. *There is Kemadruma Yoga also. The 8th and 12th lords are posited in the 10th house with directional strength. The 10th lord is in the 9th. Exchange of the lords of the 1st, 9th, 11th, 4th and 2nd is an asset of this chart. The native has only lower academic education and which was obtained with very great hardship. (a) What are the benefic and malefic Yogas in this*

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and what profession is indicated? (b) What be the native's career? Mars Dasa, Saturn bhi is on.

P. Nageswara Rao, Visakhapatnam.

Ans: (a) Chandradhi Yoga is formed when the 7th and 8th from it are occupied by the lefics Mercury, Jupiter and Venus. Here Jupi- occupies the 11th from it and hence the Yoga not arise. The Moon of course is *vargottama* the 4th; but he is aspected by Mars and Saturn, malefics while *karaka* Mercury occupies the from the 4th. These account for lower aca- qualification. Kemadruma is cancelled *kendras* are occupied. The 10th is occu- by malefics while the 10th lord occupies its Saturn also aspects the 10th, the 2nd and the These deny high office and remuneration. (b) can try as a medical representative. The lord Saturn occupies the 8th and hence do much good except in the above career. Bhukti will be trying because the two will be 2/12; so will Ketu be. Venus Bhukti improve matters.

Q. & Rasi: Virgo - Ascendant 22 and Mars 9- Scorpio - Moon 24-47; Sagittarius - Ketu 26-7; corn - Saturn (R) 27-20; Pisces - Jupiter 26-2; ni - Rahu 26-7; Cancer - Sun 15-7 and Venus and Leo Mercury 4-0. What kind of service the chart indicate and when? Will it be ment service or any other? Will I be satisfied my career? Kindly elucidate with reasons.

Ram Ghosh, Boweganchi.

Ans: The occupation of the 10th by Rahu helps mic line in profession. It could be govern- service since the Sun occupies the 11th. Jupiter moves into Cancer in July, job possi- will improve. Occupation of the 7th (10th 10th) by the 7th lord will make the job factory.

Q. 9. Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant and Venus 3-24; Mars 4-29; Virgo - Sun 5-8, Mercury 5-24, 5-18; Pisces - Ketu 11-18; Aries - Jupiter (R) and Saturn (R) 0-21; and Gemini - Moon 2-10. When will the native be cured from leucoderma (b) from which he has been suffering since 25 (b) When will he be promoted as electrical engineer?

Jagdish Prasad Mehta, Hilsa.

Ans: (a) The Moon and Saturn are primarily sible for this disease. Affliction to the 6th its lord and the Sun, natural 6th house are of the other factors implicated. Here the is the Lagna lord himself occupying the 12th aspected by Saturn. The 6th lord Jupiter is also afflicted by Saturn by conjunction. Hence the disease. In the absence of Dasa-Bhukti details it is impossible to say when it will be cured. (b) Chances of promotion are high in 1990-91 when Jupiter transits Lagna in Cancer.

Q. 10. Rasi: *Capricorn - Ascendant; Aries - Ketu; Cancer - Moon; Leo - Mercury; Virgo - Sun, Mars and Jupiter; Libra - Venus and Rahu; and Scorpio - Saturn. (a) The Lagna, Venus and Jupiter are afflicted heavily in both the cases; are there any chances of getting married;?If yes, when? Please explain cause of delay. (b) Is Kalasarpa Yoga present in the chart?*

Rajan M. B., Ruwi - Muscat.

Ans: (a) The aspect of Saturn to Lagna and affliction to Venus by Rahu appear to be the causes for delay in marriage. Occupation by the Moon, own lord of 7th house, holds promise of marriage after July 1990 when Jupiter will transit the 7th house. (b) There is no *Kalasarpa* Yoga as Saturn breaks away from the needed belt.

Q. 11. *Please refer to page 59 of 1982 edition of* ***Varshaphal (Hindu Progressed Horoscope)*** *by Dr. B. V. Raman. It is not understood as to why 30° was added even when Ascendant is between Moon's longitude and Sun's longitude (in determination of Punya Saham).*

K. K. Dixit, Indore.

Ans: Punya Saham corresponds to Pars Fortuna whose formula is Ascendant + Moon - Sun. The addition of 30° appears to be mandatory or axiomatic, as the Punya Saham looks like advancing place by one Rasi when the Ascendant falls on the other side of the arc.

Q. 12. *An apparent mistake seems to occur when calculating Chesta Bala according to your book* ***Graha and Bhava Balas.*** *The birth data is as follows: April 23, 1953 at 4.27 a.m. (CST) in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A., 90 W 12, 38 N 37. In this situation the planet Venus and Saturn are both* ***vakra,*** *yet Saturn gets about 56* ***virupas*** *while Venus gets only about 6* ***virupas.*** *Quite a disparity. To simplify calculations Madhya Venus = 5.3131; True Venus = 354.14 and the Seeghrocha of Venus = 175.027. It seems very unusual that a planet that is actually retrograde should get a lower score than other planets that aren't retrograde. In fact Venus had the lowest score of all the planets. What is the solution to this problem? Any help that you may be able to give would be much appreciated.*

Syamasundara Das, Dallas, U.S.A.

Ans: Just sorry you are barking the wrong tree. Venus is not retrograde at all; you can check with

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"The Astrological Magazine" Ephemeris for May 1990

*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE	Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun *Ravi*	☽ Moon *Chandra*	♂ Mars *Kuja*	☿ Merc. *Budha*	♃ Jupiter *Guru*	♀ Venus *Sukra*	♄ Saturn *Sani*	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
		h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
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2.	Wed.	2 39 43	19 03 51	110 56 23	316 00	22 14	74 50	335 19	273 03	289 48	257 11	262 14	204 16
3.	Thurs.	2 43 39	20 02 04	123 51 32	316 45	21 37	75 00	336 26	273 04	289 45	257 10	262 13	204 14
4.	Fri.	2 47 36	21 00 13	136 28 08	317 30	21 00	75 11	337 33	273 04	289 42	257 09	262 13	204 13
5.	Sat.	2 51 33	21 58 23	148 50 11	318 14	20 21	75 21	338 40	273 04	289 39	257 08	262 12	204 11
6.	Sun.	2 55 29	22 56 29	161 01 26	318 59	19 44	75 32	339 47	273 04	289 35	257 07	262 12	204 09
7.	Mon.	2 59 26	23 54 34	173 04 55	319 44	19 07	75 42	340 55	273 04	289 32	257 05	262 11	204 08
8.	Tues.	3 03 22	24 52 37	185 03 09	320 29	18 31	75 53	342 02	273 03	289 29	257 04	262 10	204 06
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10.	Thurs.	3 11 15	26 48 37	208 51 00	321 58	17 27	76 15	344 18	273 02	289 23	257 02	262 09	204 03
11.	Fri.	3 27 12	27 46 35	220 43 30	322 43	17 00	76 26	345 26	273 02	289 20	257 01	262 08	204 01
12.	Sat.	3 19 08	28 44 31	232 36 56	323 27	16 36	76 37	346 34	273 01	289 16	256 59	262 07	203 59
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18.	Fri.	3 42 48	34 31 42	306 40 55	327 55	15 40	77 44	353 24	272 56	288 57	257 51	262 02	203 49
19.	Sat.	3 46 44	35 29 29	320 03 15	328 39	15 47	77 56	354 33	272 54	288 54	356 49	262 01	203 48
20.	Sun.	3 50 41	36 26 45	333 52 56	329 24	15 58	78 08	355 41	272 53	288 51	256 47	262 00	203 46
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*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-5-1990 is 22°16' 36".

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Astronomical Notes for May 1990

AGASTYA

...ma positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-5-199

...nets (...has)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
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...ndra	119 55	122 20	1 N 04	21 N 12
...a	337 32	339 49	1 S 34	10 S 12
...na	45 05	42 13	1 N 18	17 N 36
...ra	96 57	97 34	0 N 07	23 N 23
...ra	356 29	357 14	1 S 10	2 S 28
...i	295 20	297 15	0 N 10	20 S 54
...ra	312 06			

...E SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward from ...Aries to 18° Taurus, entering Taurus on 13th. ...north declination of the Sun increases from 14° ...21° 59' at the end.

...E MOON

Starting from 8° Cancer, the Moon makes one ...plete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 26° Leo. ...north declination of the Moon decreases from ...2 till the Moon crosses the equator to the south ...h. Then the south declination increases attain... a maximum of 26° 57' on 12th; afterwards the ...h declination decreases until the Moon crosses ...equator to the north on 19th. Thereafter the ...declination of the Moon increases reaching a ...um of 26° 55' on 25th. Afterwards the north ...ination decreases to 1° 51' at the end.

...ARS

...description of planetary movements is given on ...ma basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-5-1990 is 22° 16' 56".

Starting from 15° Aquarius, Mars moves ahead, enters Pisces on 20th and ends at 8° Pisces. The south declination of Mars decreases from 10° 12' to 1° 31' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury continues to be retrograde in Aries from 23° till it becomes direct at 16° on 18th. Then Mercury moves ahead and ends at 24° Aries. The north declination of Mercury decreases from 17° 36' to 12° 54' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues to move forward in Gemini from 15° to 21° at the end. The north declination of Jupiter decreases from 23° 23' to 22° 59' at the end.

VENUS

Venus moves forward from 4° Pisces to 10° Aries entering Aries on 23rd. The south declination of Venus decreases from 2° 28' till Venus crosses the equator to the north on 7th. Afterwards the north declination increases to 10° 10' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn continues to be retrograde in Capricorn from 3° to 2° at the end. The south declination of Saturn increases from 20° 54' to 21° 03' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 289° 51' to 288° 13' at the end.

Uranus also retrogrades from 257° 11' to 256° 25' at the end.

Neptune too retrogrades from 262° 14' to 261° 47' at the end.

Pluto also retrogrades from 204° 18' to 203° 27' at the end.

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LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the times in I.S.T. noted: Pluto at 19h.50m. on 9th; Uranus at 6h.14m. on 14th; Neptune at 16h.26m. on 14th; Saturn at 13h.48m. on 15th; Mars at 21h.22m. on 19th; Venus at 20h.52m. on 21st; Mercury at 21h.49m. on 22nd; Jupiter at 7h.20m. on 27th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Square the Moon 1st, 17th, 31st; conjunction Mercury 3rd; trine the Moon 4th, 15th; trine Neptune 5th; opposition Pluto 7th; opposition the Moon 9th; trine Saturn 16th; conjunction the Moon 24th.

Mars: Opposition the Moon 4th; trine the Moon 9th, 28th; square the Moon 12th, 26th; trine Pluto 12th; conjunction the Moon 19th.

Mercury: Trine Neptune 1st, 30th; square the Moon 2nd, 16th, 29th; trine the Moon 4th, 13th, 31st; opposition the Moon 9th; trine Uranus 10th, 22nd; conjunction the Moon 22nd; trine Neptune 30th; opposition Pluto 31st.

Jupiter: Square the Moon 6th, 21st; trine the Moon 8th, 18th; square Venus 12th; opposition the Moon 14th; conjunction the Moon 27th.

Venus: Opposition the Moon 5th; trine the Moon 11th; square Jupiter 12th; square Uranus 12th; square the Moon 14th, 28th; square Neptune 16th; conjunction the Moon 21st; square Saturn 26th.

Saturn: Trine the Moon 5th, 23rd; square the Moon 7th, 21st; conjunction the Moon 15th; trine the Sun 16th; square Venus 26th; opposition the Moon 27th.

Uranus: Trine the Moon 4th, 22nd, 31st; square the Moon 6th. 20th; trine Mercury 10th, 22nd; square Venus 12th; opposition Jupiter 13th; conjunction the Moon 14th; opposition the Moon 26th.

Neptune: Trine Mercury 2nd, 30th; trine the Moon 4th, 31st; square the Moon 6th, 21st; conjunction the Moon 14th; square Venus 16th; opposition the Moon 27th; trine Mercury 30th.

Pluto: Square the Moon 2nd, 17th, 29th; opposition the Sun 7th; conjunction the Moon 9th; trine Mars 12th; trine the Moon 19th, 27th; opposition the Moon 23rd; opposition Mercury 31st.

I. Full Moon: Dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 25h.01m. on 9th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 26° 36'; the Moon 206° 36'; Mars 321° 50'; Mercury 17° 21'; Jupiter 76° 13'; Venus 344° 05'; Saturn 273° 02'; Rahu 288° 24'; Uranus 257° 02'; Neptune 262° 09'; Pluto 204° 03'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 293° 30'; the 2nd 328° 04'; the 3rd 2° 28'; the 4th 37° 12'; the 5th 62° 38'; the 6th 88° 04'; the 7th 113° 30'; the 8th 148° 04'; the 9th 182° 38'; the 10th 217° 12'; the 11th 242° 38'; the 12th 268° 04'.

II. New Moon: Bright fortnight (Sukla Paksha) begins at 17h.17m. on 24th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 40° 47'; the Moon 40° 47'; Mars 332° 43'; Mercury 17° 42'; Jupiter 79° 01'; Venus 0° 51'; Saturn 272° 45'; Rahu 288° 37'; Uranus 256° 41'; Neptune 261° 56'; Pluto 203° 39'.

Cusps (mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 197° 41'; the 2nd 229° 49'; the 3rd 261° 57'; the 4th 294° 05'; the 5th 321° 57'; the 6th 349° 49'; the 7th 17° 41'; the 8th 49° 49'; the 9th 81° 57'; the 10th 114° 05'; the 11th 141° 57'; the 12th 169° 49'.

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any ephemeris. The Sun's longitude is 9° 46' and Venus' is 354° 14'. The difference is 15° 32' but Venus becomes combust only with 9° difference.

Q. 13. *(a) Is there any special significance in the planets being in* vargottama? *(b) Almost all the planets aspect the 6th Bhava. Will this result in mixed reaction as per the planets' inherent qualities? (c) Mercury is* neecha vargottama; *but a functional malefic. What will be the results in his Dasa?* ***Rasi:*** *Aries - Ascendant and Ketu; Taurus - Jupiter; Gemini - Moon; Cancer - Mandi and Sa-turn; Libra - Rahu; Aquarius - Mars; and Pisces - Sun, Mercury and Venus.* ***Navamsa:*** *Sagittarius - Ascendant and Saturn; Aquarius - Mars; Pisces - Mercury, Jupiter and Venus; Aries - Ketu; Gemini - Moon; Libra - Rahu; and Scorpio - Sun.*

Vasudevan, Cochin.

Ans: (a) *Vargottama* of three planets and more make one above average in life. Here Rahu-Ketu make one unit and Moon is vitiated by Mandi. (b) The aspect of favourable planets to the 6th reduces the affliction of the Bhava. Venus however is a *maraka* lord for Aries Lagna and his aspect to the 6th could accentuate the evil effects of the Bhava. The 6th lord in the 12th causes Viparreeta Raja Yoga.

Q. 14. Rasi: *Sun 0s 21 08; Moon 1s 08 13; Mars 11s 18 49; Mercury 1s 10 12; Jupiter 10s 14 25; Venus 1s 15 17; Saturn 9s 17 50; Rahu 3s 19 45; Ketu 9s 19 45; Ascendant 5s 08 42; and 10th 2s 08 34. (a) Does the chart show a career in law or success in service?*

T. V. Srinivasa Rao, Nellore.

Ans: For success in law Jupiter must be well placed, and 7th house well conditioned. Here neither obtains. Saturn aspects both the 2nd and the 11th houses. Hence service will be preferable.

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...e ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to ...y time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to ...ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

...Tues.- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 14h.4m., then ...i (8th tithi). Pushya till 21h.42m., then ...a. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Upto 14h.04m. ...r patients to take first bath after recovery ...ess, for testing instruments, for garden-

...Wed.- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 13h.42m., Navami (9th tithi). Aslesha till 22h.16m., Makha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Routine ...ly.

...Thurs.- Navami (9th tithi) upto 14h.03m., ...sami (10th tithi). Makha and Amrita Yoga ...30m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha ...After 14h.03m. good for buying cows or dogs, ...chasing or storing paddy, wheat, corn, dhall ...r testing instruments, for deepening wells, ...ing accounts.

...Fri.- Dasami (10th tithi) till 15h.00m., then ...i (11th tithi). Poorvaphalguni till 25h.06m., Uttaraphalguni. Whole day Siddha Yoga. ...r buying cows or dogs, for borrowing, for ...g instruments, for patients to take first bath ...ecovery from illness, for deepening wells, for ...g accounts.

...Sat.- Ekadasi (11th tithi) till 16h.27m., then ...i (12th tithi). Uttaraphalguni till 27h.29m., Hasta. Whole day Marana Yoga. Routine ...ly.

...Sun.- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 18h.17m., Trayodasi (13th tithi). Hasta till 30h.01m., Chitta. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for ...g cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ...ments, for harvesting, for gardening, for tak-...chines, for driving new vehicles, for testing ...ments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for appointing staff.

7. *Mon.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 20h.22m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Chitta and Prabalarishta Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

8. *Tues.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) till 22h.39m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Chitta till 8h.46m., then Swati. Whole day Siddha Yoga. This day also routine work only.

9. *Wed.*- Poornima (Full Moon) till 25h.01m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Swati till 11h.38m., then Visakha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Upto 11h.38m. good for driving new vehicles, for wearing new garments; after 11h.38m. good for borrowing.

10. *Thurs.*- Prathama (1st tithi) till 27h.25m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Visakha upto 14h.35m., then Anuradha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Upto 14h.35m. good for borrowing, for buying houses.

11. *Fri.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 29h.47m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Anuradha and Siddha Yoga till 17h.31m., then Jyeshta and Marana Yoga. Till 17h.31m. good for wearing new garments, for travel, for wearing new ornaments.

12. *Sat.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) whole day. Jyeshta till 20h.22m., then Moola. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness.

13. *Sun.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 8h.01m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Moola and Amrita Yoga till 23h.04m., then Poorvashadha and Siddha Yoga. Till 8h.01m. good for buying cows or dogs, for borrowing, for gardening, for harvesting; after 8h.01m. good for surgical operations.

14. *Mon.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 10h.01m.,

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1.	Tues.	Gangotpatti, May Day.
3.	Thurs.	Sita Navami
4.	Fri.	Trichur Pooram (Kerala)
5.	Sat.	Meenakshi Kalyana, Mohini Ekadasi
8.	Tues.	Nrisimha Chaturdasi
9.	Wed.	Vaisaka Pournima, Buddha Pournima, Ravindranath Tagore's Birthday
20.	Sun.	Apara Ekadasi (*Smartha*), Bhadrakali Ekadasi (Punjab), Rogeshan Sunday.
21.	Mon.	Ekadasi (*Vaishnava* and *Vidhava*)
23.	Wed.	Savitri Chaturdasi, Phalaharini Kalika Puja
24.	Thurs.	Savitri Vrata (Amavasya Paksha), Ascension Day
27.	Sun.	Pratap Jayanthi (Rajasthan), Guru Arjun Dev's Death Anniversary, Ascension Sunday
29.	Tues.	Vindhyavasini Puja, Aranya Shashti or Jamatri Shashti (Bengal)
30.	Wed.	Shabooth
31.	Thurs.	Melaksheer Bharani, Jarthast-no-also

then Panchami (5th tithi). Poorvashadha till 25h.28m., then Uttarashadha. Whole day Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

15. *Tues.*- Panchami (5th tithi) till 11h.40m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Uttarashadha and Prabalarishta Yoga upto 27h.25m., then Sravana and Siddha Yoga. This day also only routine work.

16. *Wed.*- Shashti (6th tithi) till 12h.47m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Sravana and Siddha Yoga till 28h.48m., then Prabalarishta Yoga. Good for driving new vehicles, for travel, for taking medicines, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for harvesting, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness.

17. *Thurs.*- Saptami (7th tithi) till 13h.17m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga upto 29h.30m., then Satabhisha and Marana Yoga. Till 13h.17m. good for travel, for erecting sheds, for buying food-stuffs, for driving new vehicles, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness.

18. *Fri.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 13h.02m., then Navami (9th tithi). Satabhisha till 29h.25m., then Poorvabhadrapada. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

19. *Sat.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 12h.00m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga till 28h.35m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga. This day also routine work only.

20. *Sun.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 10h.12m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada till 27h.01m., then Revati. Whole day Amrita Yoga. Good for harvesting, for driving new vehicles, for buying or storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn, etc., for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for wearing new garments.

21. *Mon.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 7h.41m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 28h.35m., afterwards Trayodasi (13th tithi). Revati till 24h.49m., then Aswini. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for taking medicines, for fixing pumpsets, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

22. *Tues.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) till 25h.02m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Aswini upto 22h.08m., then Bharani. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for surgical operations, for fixing pumpsets.

23. *Wed.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) till 21h.12m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Bharani till 19h.10m., then Krittika. Siddha Yoga upto 19h.10m., then Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

24. *Thurs.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 17h.17m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Krittika till 16h.05m., then Rohini. Whole day Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

25. *Fri.*- Prathama (1st tithi) till 13h.28m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Rohini and Marana Yoga upto 13h.05m., then Mrigasira and Siddha Yoga. After 13h.28m. good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for borrowing, for travel, for buying cows or dogs.

26. *Sat.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 9h.56m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Mrigasira upto 10h.22m., then Aridra. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Till 10h.22m. good for wearing ornaments, for testing instruments, for storing food-stuffs.

27. *Sun.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 6h.51m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 28h.22m., afterwards Panchami (5th tithi). Aridra till 8h.07m., then Punarvasu. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Till 6h.51m. good for harvesting, for manuring gardens, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for storing food-stuffs.

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel.)

Aswini, Makha, Moola

1st before 14h.4m.; 6th upto 30h.1m.; 10th after 27h.25m.; 11th till 17h.31m.; 15th after 25m.; 16th upto 28h.48m.; 19th after 28h.35m.; whole day; 21st till 24h.49m.; 28th between 28m. and 29h.31m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

6th after 25h.6m.; 12th after 20h.22m.; 13th 8h.1m.; 17th till 13h.17m.; 20th after 27h.1m.; whole day; 22nd till 22h.8m.; 25th after 28m.; 26th upto 10h.22m.; 27th after 28h.22m.; upto 6h.28m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

1st upto 14h.4m.; 6th till 30h.1m.; 10th after 25m.; 11th till 17h.31m.; 12th after 20h.22m.; upto 8h.1m.; 15th after 27h.25m.; 16th till 48m.; 19th after 28h.35m.; 20th till 27h.1m.; after 24h.49m.; 22nd upto 22h.8m.; 28th between 6h.28m. and 29h.31m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

6th after 25h.6m.; 17th upto 13h.17m.; 20th 27h.1m.; 21st till 24h.49m.; 25th after 13h.28m.; upto 10h.22m.; 27th after 28h.22m.; 28th till 28m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

1st upto 14h.4m.; 4th after 25h.6m.; 6th till 1m.; 10th after 27h.25m.; 11th upto 17h.31m.; after 20h.22m.; 13th till 8h.1m.; 15th after 25m.; 16th upto 28h.48m.; 19th after 28h.35m.; till 27h.1m.; 21st after 24h.49m.; 22nd upto 8m.; 28th between 6h.28m. and 29h.31m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

6th upto 30h.1m.; 15th after 27h.25m.; 16th till 28h.48m.; 17th upto 13h.17m.; 20th after 27h.1m.; 21st till 24h.49m.; 25th after 13h.28m.; 26th upto 10h.22m.; 27th after 28h.22m.; 28th till 6h.28m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

1st till 14h.4m.; 4th after 25h.6m.; 10th after 27h.25m.; 11th upto 17h.31m.; 12th after 20h.22m.; 13th till 8h.1m.; 17th upto 13h.17m.; 19th after 28h.35m.; 20th till 27h.1m.; 21st after 24h.49m.; 22nd upto 22h.8m.; 25th after 13h.28m.; 26th till 10h.22m.; 28th between 6h.28m. and 29h.31m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

6th upto 30h.1m.; 15th after 27h.25m.; 16th till 28h.48m.; 20th after 27h,1m.; 21st upto 24h.49m.; 27th after 28h.22m.; 28th till 6h.28m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st upto 14h.4m.; 4th after 25h.6m.; 10th after 27h.25m.; 11th till 17h.31m.; 12th after 20h.22m.; 13th upto 8h.1m.; 17th till 13h.17m.; 19th after 28h.35m.; 20th upto 27h.1m.; 21st after 27h.49m.; 22nd till 22h.8m.; 25th after 13h.28m.; 26th upto 10h.22m.; 27th after 28h.22m.; 28th till 29h.31m.

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Farmer's Guide for May 1990

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(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed., A.M.)

1. Good for manuring, for sowing, for testing instruments.

2. Only routine work.

3. After 14h.03m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for sowing, for harvesting, for disposing of agricultural products, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts, for buying or storing wheat, paddy, corn etc.

4. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for buying oxen or sheep, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

5. Routine work only.

6. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for buying oxen or sheep, for ploughing, for sowing, for harvesting, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

7. Routine work only.

8. This day also only routine work.

9. Till 11h.38m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for fixing pumpsets, for sowing; after 11h.38m. good for borrowing, for sowing, for harvesting.

10. Till 14h.35m. good for borrowing; after 14h.35m. good for testing instruments.

11. Upto 17h.23m. good for harvesting.

12. Good for fixing pumpsets, for testing instruments.

13. Till 8h.01m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for ploughing, for sowing, for harvesting, for borrowing.

14. Only routine work.

15. This day also routine work only.

16. Good for harvesting, for sowing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

17. Upto 13h.07m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for harvesting, for sowing, for erecting sheds, for buying wheat, dhall, paddy, corn etc.

18. Routine work only.

19. This day also only routine work.

20. Good for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for harvesting, for disposing off agricultural products, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for buying or storing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

21. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for harvesting, for sowing, for ploughing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

22. Good for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets.

23. Only routine work.

24. This day also routine work only.

25. After 13h.28m. good for borrowing, for buying oxen or sheep.

26. Till 10h.22m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for testing instruments, for storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

27. Till 6h.51m. good for manuring, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

28. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for manuring, for harvesting, for ploughing, for sowing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds.

29. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

30. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

31. Routine work only.

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How Is This Month (May 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed., A.M.)*

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Aries till 13th and then enters Taurus. Mars transits Aquarius till 20th and then enters Pisces. Retrograde Mercury in Aries resumes direct motion on 18th. Jupiter and Saturn continue their movements in Gemini and Capricorn respectively, the latter getting retrograde on the 6th. Venus transits Pisces till 23rd and then enters Aries. Rahu and Ketu continue their counterclockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

MESHA (Aries)

General: The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd, Mercury in the 1st, Jupiter in the 3rd and Saturn in the 10th are all inimical; Saturn is under check. Mars in the favourable 11th till 20th transits afterwards the adverse 12th. Venus in the 12th and the 1st is fully favourable. The bad influences are more in evidence. Exorbitant expenditure, delay in enterprises and restlessness are all likely. The efforts of your enemies to malign you will not be successful. You are likely to acquire some influence and authority through association with persons in high places in politics. Krittika is better than Aswini and Bharani.

Health and Domestic: Health and vitality are likely to be affected adversely. Children's health will cause some concern. Chronic patients are likely to find the month troublesome. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: This is not a satisfactory month for finances. The expenditure is likely to get out of control and income may shrink. You should not stand surety for anybody. The speculative transactions should be fully avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You will make good profits in real estate matters during the first three weeks. Yield and rentals will be at satisfactory levels. The services may find the month somewhat difficult. This is not a good month for businesses and professions.

Women: You will have considerable difficulty to balance the domestic budget. Your popularity in social circles will increase considerably. You must exercise strict control on your expenses. Employed girls may not find the month unsatisfactory.

Students: You must get over your listlessness and make determined efforts to concentrate on studies. Those who had applied for commission in the country's defence forces are likely to get favourable news from the Defence Department.

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	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	1-9-15	2-11-21
Money dealings and enterprises	4-13-17	3-10-23
Journeys	5-15-20	6-12-24
Real property matters and educational activities	7-17-22	8-14-25
Children and speculation	9-17-26	10-16-27
Services	9-17-28	12-18-29
Partnership	5-17-28	12-18-30
Insurance	5-12-22	12-18-31
Profession and business	7-15-26	8-14-29

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 10th to night of 12th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: Mars in the 10th and the 11th, Jupiter in the 2nd and Venus in the 11th and the 12th are all favourable; Jupiter yields to *vedha* throughout and Venus till 23rd; the Sun in the 12th and the 1st and Saturn in the 9th are not well disposed; the Sun is under check till 13th. Mercury in the adverse 12th is under check till 23rd. The favourable influences will be more in evidence. Your authority will rule very high. Your enemies will be defeated. There will be general prosperity and accrual of money. Rohini is better than Krittika and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: Minor complaints may annoy you a little. Chronic sufferers could look forward to having temporary relief. Children's success in the examinations will make you happy. With some effort you could save peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will be, more or less, satisfactory. There may be gains in a few enterprises. Money due from others will be realised. Expenditure will be quite reasonable and generally on approved lines. Speculative deals are not recommended.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All matters pertaining to real properties will be smooth, satisfactory and profitable. Acquisition of new property is most likely. This is a good period for the services. Businesses and professions will find the month entirely satisfactory.

Women: Film artistes are particularly favoured. Your work in the social field will be greatly appreciated and you will be invited to shoulder greater responsibilities. This is a satisfactory month for the employed girls.

Students: Those in the research field will be able to collect sufficient data to support their thesis and the board of examiners will accept their thesis and recommend them for admission to the Doctorate Degree.

	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	1-7-17	2-13-23
Money dealings and enterprises	1-9-20	2-15-23
Journeys	1-11-22	2-12-27
Real property matters and educational activities	1-17-26	2-12-30
Children and speculation	1-20-28	2-12-31
Services	4-20-26	10-21-29
Partnership	4-20-28	10-21-30
Insurance	5-20-26	10-21-31
Profession and business	5-20-28	8-18-29

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 12th to morning of 15th.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: Jupiter in *janma* and Saturn in the 8th are totally inimical unrelieved by any check on their evil propensities. venus in the adverse 10th till 23rd transits thereafter the favourable 11th. Mercury in the favourable 11th yields to *vedha* from 13th. Mars in the adverse 9th till 20th with check transits afterwards the favourable 10th with *vedha* till 23rd. The Sun in the favourable 11th till 13th transits afterwards the adverse 12th with check. The evil influences will have the upper hand. You are likely to have worries throughout. You should be particularly careful not to get yourself involved in any criminal proceedings. In spite of numerous obstacles you will not lose your reputation for character and integrity. Mrigasira is better than Aridra and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: You should take particular care of your health. Chronic patients should be very careful and they should resort to prophylactic measures to avoid an exacerbation in their ailments. You will do well to avoid misunderstandings and tendentious talks with your spouse.

Finance and Speculation: You should think twice before embarking on any new financial venture. Expenditure may increase considerably. You may also incur losses in certain transactions. You should refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All major transactions should be postponed. Agricultural crops may be adversely affected by pests. Penal transfers are likely for the services. This is a lean month for the businesses and professions.

Women: You should be prepared for frustration in love affairs and courtships. You should cut down

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social and club activities. The month is not likely to be good for the employed girls.

Students: With some effort on your part you could make the grade in studies. In view of your proneness to physical injuries, you are advised to refrain from sports, games and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	13-22-28	3-15-23
Money dealings and enterprises	11-20-26	6-16-27
Journeys	9-20-26	8-17-27
Real property matters and educational activities	9-20-28	12-23-31
Children and speculation	9-22-28	10-21-30
Services	1-7-12	8-19-29
Partnership	1-7-22	6-18-27
Insurance	1-7-20	3-16-25
Profession and business	4-11-22	2-14-24

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 15th to evening of 17th.

KATAKA (Cancer)

General: Mars in the 8th and the 9th, Jupiter in the 12th and Saturn in the 7th are all unfavourable; Mars is under check till 20th. Venus in the favourable 9th till 23rd transits afterwards the adverse 10th. Mercury in the favourable 10th yields to Venus except between 13th and 23rd. The Sun is only favourable in the 10th and the 11th. In a month of mixed results the adverse influences will have the upper hand. You should resist a temptation to resort to unorthodox and short-cut methods of achieving success. This is only a passing phase. You will have certainly better Gochara periods in the course. Aslesha is better than Punarvasu and Bharani.

Health and Domestic: Persistent and violent headache may worry you. Expert medical attention should be resorted to. Chronic sufferers will find the month very troublesome. Children's health may cause mild concern. You will, however, be pressed with domestic bliss for most days in the month.

Finance and Speculation: In view of the favourable posture of the lord of the 2nd the financial position will not be too bad. You will be able to manage your expenses through assistance from friends. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month is not likely to be satisfactory for real property transactions. You will experience difficulties in the realisation of rentals. Services will have their quota of troubles. Stoicism should be their watch-word. Conditions are not propitious for businesses, industry and professions.

Women: The month will be, more or less, satisfactory for the fair sex. Social contacts are likely to be beneficial to them. They will have club activities. The employed girls will find the month satisfactory.

Students: Vidyakaraka will help you if only you make up your mind to help yourself in the field of studies. You must curtail your interest in extra-curricular activities. Those interested in fine arts will find the month quite rewarding.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	9-20-28	10-17-30
Money dealings and enterprises	7-15-26	6-14-23
Journeys	7-15-28	6-14-25
Real property matters and educational activities	5-11-20	6-14-27
Children and speculation	5-11-22	8-18-27
Services	5-11-26	8-19-29
Partnership	4-11-28	8-21-30
Insurance	4-11-22	8-21-31
Profession and business	4-15-28	10-23-31

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 17th to night of 19th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: Jupiter in the 11th, Venus in the 8th and the 9th, and Saturn in the 6th are all favourable making allowance for the yielding to *vedha* by Jupiter and Saturn throughout and Venus from 23rd till the end. Mars in the 7th and the 8th and Mercury in the 9th are not helpful; the former is under check till 20th and the latter, throughout. The Sun in the adverse 9th till 13th transits afterwards the favourable 10th. The good influences will be more in evidence. You will be successful in your undertakings. There will be auspicious, religious celebrations in the family. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: You will be in enjoyment of, more or less, good health practically throughout. Chronic sufferers will have some relief. Children's performance in schools and colleges will make you happy. You will have peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs will be more or less satisfactory. Some of the old dues which you had practically written off may be realised. Speculative transactions may yield moderate profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All major transactions pertaining to real property matters should be postponed to a more favourable period. Adjacent property owners may threaten

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litigation against you. You need not be perturbed. The period will be satisfactory for services, businesses and professions.

Women: Romances are likely to blossom into happy wedding. Long awaited luxury articles may be enjoyed by you. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the *vidyakaraka* the month will be quite good for students. You will get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and this will stand you in good stead in your career later. You will shine well in the field of sports.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-7-12	2-10-20
Money dealings and enterprises	4-9-15	2-10-22
Journeys	5-11-17	3-12-18
Real property matters and educational activities	7-13-26	3-12-19
Children and speculation	7-13-26	3-12-19
Services	1-9-17	8-16-25
Partnership	4-11-26	10-18-27
Insurance	5-13-28	10-18-30
Profession and business	5-13-26	10-18-31

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 19th to midnight of 21st/22nd.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Jupiter in the 10th and Saturn in the 5th are not satisfactory; the former is under check from 13th. Venus in the unfavourable 7th till 22nd transits thereafter the favourable 8th with *vedha*. Mercury in the 8th is fully favourable. Mars in the favourable 6th till 20th with *vedha* from 13th transits afterwards the adverse 7th with check. The Sun transits the unfavourable 8th and 9th with check till 13th. The month leans on the side of the evil. Aimless travels should be avoided. You should curb a tendency to listen to tale-bearers. You are likely to meet some of your old friends who will assist you to start a new business. Chitta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Hasta.

Health and Domestic: Troubles in respect of health are likely. Bilious and windy complaints are indicated by the adverse transits. The chronic patients should take particular care of their health. The health of family members may be affected adversely. Domestic life will annoy you considerably because of the absence of harmony.

Finance and Speculation: The month is likely to be adverse for finances. The expenditure will exceed income by a considerable margin. A good deal of money is also likely to be lost in certain transactions. Speculative deals should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The real property transactions will be, more or less, satisfactory for most days in the month. Labour problems will be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. The services may find the month trying. For businesses and professions losses will be greater than gains.

Women: Love affairs are likely to lead to disappointment and frustration. You will do well to tell your elders everything and follow their advice. This is not a satisfactory month for employed girls.

Students: The month shows very good sign for excellent and rapid progress in studies. You should make full use of the *vidyakaraka's* disposition and work even harder than usual to derive maximum benefits. Social contacts with the opposite sex may be reduced with advantage to you.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-7-13	2-12-22
Money dealings and enterprises	1-9-15	2-10-23
Journeys	1-11-17	2-11-25
Real property matters and educational activities	1-12-20	6-16-27
Children and speculation	4-15-26	6-18-30
Services	4-17-28	6-19-31
Partnership	5-11-20	10-19-29
Insurance	5-15-28	10-19-30
Profession and business	5-15-26	10-19-31

Chandrashtama occurs from midnight of 21st/22nd to midnight of 23rd/24th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: The Sun in the 7th and the 8th, Mercury in the 7th, Venus in the 6th and the 7th and Saturn in the 4th are unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check till 13th and Mercury under check throughout. Jupiter in the favourable 9th yields to *vedha*. Mars in the adverse 5th till 20th with check transits afterwards the favourable 6th with *vedha*. The evil influence is slightly more. Jupiter will assist you to develop your will very strongly and resist temptations which are likely to land you in difficulties. With some difficulty you will be able to achieve your objectives. Swati is better than Chitta and Visakha.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits do not generate any optimism in the field of health. Stomach ulcers are likely to worry you practically throughout. The consequences will not, however, be serious. Peace and harmony will elude you in the domestic sphere.

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Finance and Speculation: The silver lining in an otherwise dark cloud is your strength in the financial field. Because of the happy position you will be able to surmount your other difficulties. Speculative deals should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The first ten days in the month will prove satisfactory for real property transactions. The labour problems are likely to annoy you considerably. Services may find the month, more or less, satisfactory. This is an unsatisfactory month for businesses and professions.

Women: You should be particularly careful about your functional health. Your social climbing aspirations will be realised. Employed girls should be clear of politics in their office.

Students: There is likely to be a setback in your studies. You will, however, be helped by Jupiter to make up for the lost time in the field of studies. You are advised to curtail your extra-curricular activities.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	13-22-28	14-24-31
Money dealings and enterprises	11-20-26	12-23-30
Journeys	9-17-22	10-21-29
Real property matters and educational activities	7-15-20	8-19-27
Children and speculation	5-13-17	6-18-25
Services	4-11-15	3-16-24
Partnership	1-9-13	2-14-23
Insurance	5-17-26	6-16-27
Profession and business	11-22-28	10-19-30

Chandrashtama occurs from midnight of 23rd/24th to midnight of 25th/26th.

8. VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The Sun in the favourable 6th till 13th transits afterwards the adverse 7th. Mercury in the favourable 6th yields to *vedha*. Venus in the favourable 5th till 23rd with *vedha* transits the adverse 6th afterwards. Saturn in the 3rd is fully favourable. Mars in the 4th and the 5th and Jupiter in the 8th are both adverse; Mars is under check till 13th and Jupiter from 13th. The favourable influences have an edge over the unfavourable ones. Your popularity will increase during the first three months. You will acquire influence and authority through political connections. The aim of your enemies to discredit you will not bear fruit. Anuradha is better than Visakha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to have only minor health complaints. Chronic patients could look forward to having temporary relief. Children's health may cause mild concern during the first half. With tact and patience you may be able to preserve peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the Dhanakaraka, you will be able to manage successfully your financial needs. Friends will come forward to assist you. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is not a satisfactory month for real property transactions. You are advised to have direct talks with labour for settlement of problems instead of rushing to the Labour Courts. Services, businesses and professions may not find the month satisfactory.

Women: Women in independent professions such as doctors, nurses, writers, artistes, etc., are particularly favoured. You will enjoy increased popularity in club life and social circles. Employed girls will find the month generally satisfactory. They should be extra careful during the second half.

Students: Research scholars will be able to collect ample material for justifying their thesis. They are likely to be invited by foreign universities for expounding of their thesis.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-9-15	10-18-26
Money dealings and enterprises	7-15-22	10-18-28
Journeys	5-13-20	12-21-31
Real property matters and educational activities	4-11-17	12-21-30
Children and speculation	9-13-22	12-21-29
Services	13-17-22	3-14-23
Partnership	1-13-20	3-14-24
Insurance	1-13-22	8-16-25
Profession and business	7-13-22	8-16-27

Chandrashtama occurs from midnight of 25th/26th to midnight of 28th/29th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The Sun in the adverse 5th till 13th transits afterwards the favourable 6th. Mars in the favourable 3rd till 20th transits afterwards the unfavourable 4th. Mercury in the 5th and Saturn in the 2nd are both adverse; the latter is under check. Jupiter in the favourable 7th yields to *vedha*. Venus in the 4th and the 5th is fully favourable. The favourable influences have the upper hand during the month. You will start new ventures which will yield good dividend in due course. General prosperity is indicated. Poorvashadha is better than Moola and Uttarashadha.

Health and Domestic: You will be in enjoyment of good health practically throughout. Chronic

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sufferers will have good relief. Your eldest son is likely to launch a successful business. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be satisfactory. After the first 3 weeks there will be good improvement in the financial position. You will settle your past financial commitments on favourable terms. Speculative transactions will yield good dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is a good period for all real property transactions. Acquisition of new property is indicated. Services may be promoted out-of-turn. This is quite a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding. You will be the most sought-after person in all social gatherings. Employed girls will be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will be successful in tests and interviews. Medical students are particularly favoured. You will get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and such contacts will help you much in your career later. You will have a memorable and enjoyable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the first half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-9-13	1-18-28
Money dealings and enterprises	5-11-15	2-10-19
Journeys	7-13-17	3-12-21
Real property matters and educational activities	9-15-20	6-14-23
Children and speculation	11-17-22	8-16-24
Services	13-20-26	10-18-25
Partnership	15-22-28	12-19-27
Insurance	9-17-26	14-21-29
Profession and business	7-15-28	16-23-31

Chandrashtama occurs from beginning to night of 2nd and again from midnight of 27th/28th to early morning of 30th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The Sun in the 4th and the 5th, Jupiter in the 6th and Saturn in *janma* are all inimical; the Sun and Saturn are under check throughout. Mercury in the 4th and Venus in the 3rd and the 4th are both favourable; the former yields to *vedha* throughout and the latter till 23rd. Mars in the adverse 2nd till 20th transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. The result is that evil influences will be more in evidence. You should maintain an even tenor in all your activities without attempting any short-cut and unorthodox methods for achieving success. Dhanishta is better than Uttarashadha and Sravana.

Health and Domestic: Health troubles in some form or the other may be present throughout. Chronic patients should take necessary steps to prevent an aggravation in their ailments. Children's health may cause mild concern. With some effort you could preserve peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: You will have problems in the financial field. Pressure from creditors will be somewhat severe. Friends may assist you to some extent to relieve you from financial difficulties. Speculative transactions are not recommended.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The second half is full of promise for real property transactions which are likely to yield good gains towards the close of the month. As far as services, businesses and professions are concerned utmost prudence is necessary in all their activities.

Women: The month cannot be said to be satisfactory for the fair sex. Social workers are likely to face criticism and they should, therefore, be extremely careful in the discharge of their responsibilities. Employed girls should be very tactful and careful in dealing with their superiors.

Students: Disinclination to serious studies may be the predominating feature. You must make full use of the favourable posture of the *vidyakaraka* and make up your mind to concentrate on studies. You will be successful in interviews.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-13	4-14-21
Money dealings and enterprises	1-11-15	5-16-27
Journeys	1-13-17	2-12-21
Real property matters and educational activities	1-17-20	2-12-23
Children and speculation	7-17-22	8-19-29
Services	7-17-26	8-19-30
Partnership	9-20-28	8-19-31
Insurance	9-17-26	14-23-30
Profession and business	9-17-28	8-14-23

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 2nd to the morning of 5th and again from early morning of 30th till the end.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: Mars in the 1st and the 2nd, Mercury in the 3rd and Saturn in the 12th are unsatisfactory; Mars is under check from 20th to 27th and Mercury from 13th. Venus in the favourable 2nd and 3rd yields to *vedha* from 13th. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 13th transits afterwards the unfavourable 4th with check. In a month of mixed results the good effects will be slightly more. The efforts of your enemies to get the better of you will

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...thwarted. You will acquire self-compliance as the month rolls by. Jupiter, the most powerful ...et, is a strong ally for you during the month. ...rvabhadra is better than Dhanishta and ...bhisha.

Health and Domestic: Cataract in the right eye ...kely to get ripe this month and you are advised ...rrange for its surgical removal. You will get ...k your normal vision. Chronic sufferers should ...reful. Children's success in the examinations ...make you happy. You will have to be tactful and ...ent if you are keen on having peace and har...y in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: Chronic affairs will be ...factory. You are likely to launch a new finan...venture which will yield good dividends in time ...me. You should not stand surety. Speculative ...nsactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: It is ...mmended that you postpone all important ...perty transactions to more favourable periods. ...re may be difficulties in the realisation of ...als. This is a satisfactory month for the ser...s. The period will be profitable for businesses ...professions.

Women: This is a good month for the fair sex. ...re is a distinct possibility of romance blossom...into happy wedding. Your social contacts will ...p you in your business. Employed girls are likely ...e promoted.

Students: You will be successful in tests and ...rviews. Those who had appeared for the supe...r services competitive examinations held by the ...ntral Government are likely to come out success...with flying colours.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
...rsonal and domestic	1-9-15	5-14-21
...ney dealings and ...erprises	4-9-15	7-18-29
...rneys	9-17-22	3-10-18
...l property matters ...d educational activities	9-17-26	3-14-23
...ldren and speculation	9-20-28	3-21-27
...rvices	11-20-26	3-21-29
...rtnership	11-20-28	3-21-30
...urance	15-20-26	3-21-31
...fession and business	15-20-28	12-23-30

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 6th to ...ning of 7th.

...MEENA (Pisces)

General: Mars in the 12th and the 1st and ...ter in the 4th are both unhelpful; the former is ...ter check till 23rd and Jupiter throughout ...ury in the 2nd and Saturn in the 11th are both ...rable but both of them yield to *vedha*. Venus in the 1st and the 2nd is fully favourable. The Sun in the adverse 2nd till 13th with check transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. The general results are of a mixed nature with good effects having an edge over the evil ones. The second half will be more satisfactory than the first fortnight. You should curb a tendency to undertake travels without specific aim. Revati is better than Poorvabhadra and Uttarabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Though this is not a bad month for health, weakness and general debility may be present during the opening week. Chronic patients should resort to prophylactic measures. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs require careful watching. Skilful manipulation of financial affairs is necessary to offset the unfavourable posture of the Dhanakaraka. The financial position will be stable at the close of the month. Moderate dividends are likely in speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: In view of the partial support of the lord of the 4th, the position regarding real property transactions will not be unsatisfactory. Adjacent owners may speak of litigation against you. The month will not be unsatisfactory for services, professions and businesses.

Women: New contacts will enliven social life. Social workers may be invited to shoulder greater responsibilities in recognition of the good work done by them. The period will be satisfactory for working girls.

Students: The month is highly conducive to studies. You will be quite successful in the field of games, sports and athletics. The chances of your inclusion in the national or state level teams are quite bright.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-11-15	7-16-20
Money dealings and enterprises	4-13-17	9-21-30
Journeys	1-17-26	6-19-27
Real property matters and educational activities	1-17-28	6-19-29
Children and speculation	4-17-28	6-19-30
Services	5-15-22	6-19-31
Partnership	5-15-26	10-16-23
Insurance	11-17-26	10-18-25
Profession and business	11-17-28	8-21-31

Chandrashtama occurs from evening of 7th to morning of 10th.

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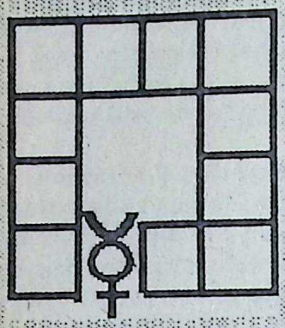
MY TURN

NANCY NACHUM, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Mercury in Scorpio



YOU HATE to have your good qualities eroded by circumstances. You experience boredom as real suffering. Sometimes you have problems with your memory and occasional bouts of circular thinking. You have difficulty in developing mental depth perception; you often can't see the feelings hidden under other people's surfaces.

You may not always find the right words immediately, or sometimes any words at all, to express what you mean. Quick-paced events can really sneak up on you, but you have a clear-eyed view into the heart of slow-paced extremity. You can be very minimalistic and stark in your solutions to problems.

You'll only be surprised by betrayal once. You're bitterly ironic in an understated kind of way. You have a certain literal-mindedness which resents how society constructs meaningless word-symbols for you to ritually believe in.

Your picture of life can be so steeped in despair and a conviction of the concentrated cruelty of fate that you seem willfully *satanic* to others. You're driven crazy by the mystery of experience, and you become frustrated if you never get an adequate opportunity to try to figure it out. You keep hoping that if you could only view something in its pure state, you would then see what it really is.

You often berate yourself for not thinking quickly enough, while you forget that your careful analysis isn't necessarily slowness. You'll invest an astonishing amount of energy in trying to unravel other people's motives. You have no sense of your own value, so if other people treat you well, you suspect them of having an ulterior purpose.

You're a figure of puzzlement, of many questions. You fret over loose ends and you end up depressed when you can't untangle them. To you, living is a case of penetrating the maze.

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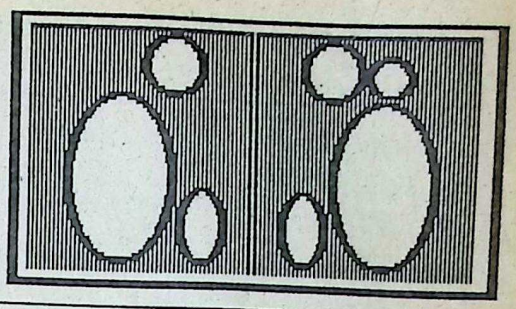

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Q. My daughter's white patches have almost disappeared after treatment as foretold astrologically. As a father I would like to know if they will reappear and affect her marriage life?
Born 26-9-1972

S.No. 12740

	MOON SAT.	KETU	
RASI		ASCDT. VENUS	
		SUN MARS MERC.	

VENUS	SUN	JUPIT. MERC.	KETU
MARS	NAVAMSA		
MOON			
RAHU			ASCDT. SAT.

Ans: The 7th house is aspected by Venus while the 7th lord Saturn joins exalted Lagna lord Moon. The *karaka* Venus has exchanged signs with Lagna lord Moon and is aspected by 7th lord Saturn. Therefore, *karaka* being quite well-placed married life may not be affected by the girl's problem of white patches. However, it would be dvisable to take all precautions to check and cure the patches.

Q. My daughter was married in September 1985. Doctors say she is free from any trouble but my son-in-law is under treatment for lack of harmones. Will they be blessed with a child?
Daughter: Born: 24-4-1964
Son-in-law: Born 2-2-1958

S.No. 16855

Ans: Ketu in the 5th from Lagna and the 5th

MARS	SUN JUPIT. MERC.	VENUS	RAHU
SAT.	Daughter		
			ASCDT.
KETU			MOON

	KETU		MOON
	Son-in-law		
SUN MERC. VENUS			
MARS	SAT.	JUPIT. RAHU	ASCDT.

lord Saturn from Moon-sign in the 6th from the Moon - factors *against* progeny. The 5th lord Jupiter is in the 9th with Lagna lord Sun and 11th lord Mercury aspecting the 5th - factors **FOR** progeny. With Jupiter Dasa due to start in November 1991, your daughter can expect her first issue then.

In the son-in-law's horoscope, the 5th house has 12th lord Sun, Lagna lord Mercury and benefic Venus aspected by 5th lord Saturn, the last named planet being only a delaying factor. His Dasa is of Mercury, the Lagna lord, and so not averse to issue.

Jupiter Bhukti of Jupiter Dasa in your daughter's chart should be a happy time in the couple's life *vis-a-vis* issue.

Q. My adopted grand-daughter was engaged to the boy she was in love with in June 1986. The boy died in an aircrash in July 1986. Eversince she is refusing marriage. What is her future?

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Born 25/26-12-1964 at midnight

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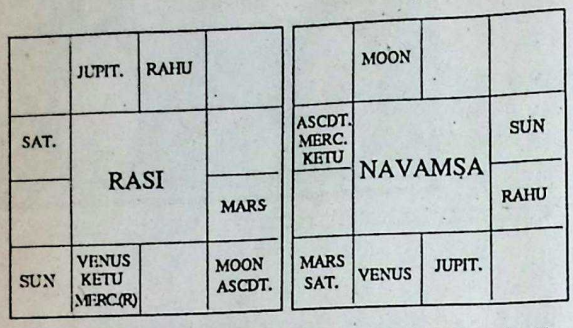


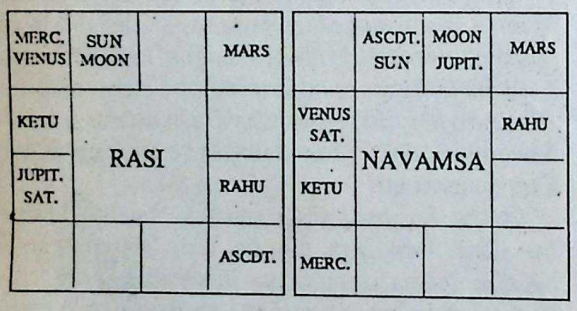
Ans: Your girl's guilt feeling that Mars in the 12th was responsible for the boy's death is quite baseless. She is now in Rahu Dasa and Venus is afflicted by Ketu. In such planetary circumstances broken engagements are quite common and unfortunately, in this case it was due to the boy's early demise, which is attributable solely to the planetary weak points in his own chart.

You can wait for Venus Bhukti which may be the time when efforts to get her married will work. Also, sufficient time would have passed for her to get over her emotional disappointment.

Q. Twice in 1988 and 1989, the girl's engagement was broken off by the boys' side involving a heavy financial drain as well. When will the girl find a suitable match?

Born 15-4-1961 at 16.15 p.m.

S.V.C.



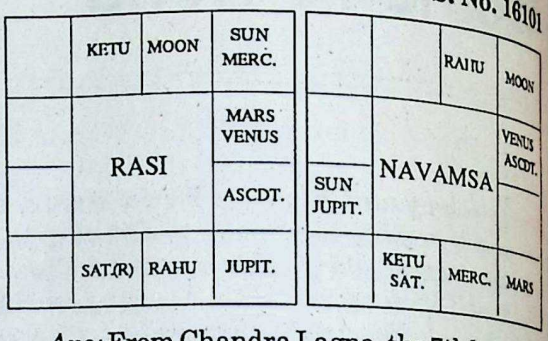
Ans: The Dasa of the Sun as 12th lord in the 8th involving 11th lord, very weak New Moon, has not given satisfactory results.

The Sun Dasa will end in July 1991. Venus Bhukti will run during the concluding year of the Dasa. Between mid-1990 and mid-1991 when transit Jupiter enters Cancer, marriage is likely. However, the Dasa of new Moon due to start soon after with the Moon in *mangalyasthana* may require a careful scrutiny of the boy's chart to ensure a strong *mangalya bhava* for the girl.

Q. The native married in August 1985. Will her married life stabilize and can she expect some marital peace?

Born 26-6-1957.

S. No. 16101



Ans: From Chandra Lagna, the 7th house has Yogakaraka Saturn and the Moon-sign lord Venus and the 7th lord therefrom Mars are together. Jupiter is in the 2nd house. These suggest that gradually she will gain marital peace. From Lagna, the Sun and 7th lord are in *shashtashtaka* and some differences between the couple may always be there. But all in all, the indications are not too bad.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

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28. *Mon.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 26h.37m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Punarvasu till 6h.28m., then Pushya upto 29h.31m., afterwards Aslesha. Till 6h.58m. Amrita Yoga, then Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds.

29. *Tues.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 25h.39m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Aslesha till 29h.27m., then Makha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for borrowing, for surgical operations, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

30. *Wed.*- Saptami (7th tithi) till 25h.28m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Makha and Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for deepening wells, for borrowing, for purchasing or storing food-stuffs, for testing instruments.

31. *Thurs.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) till 26h.04m., then Navami (9th tithi). Makha and Amrita Yoga till 6h.07m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

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Astrological Activities

Jyotisha Vignana Patrika

The Silver Jubilee celebrations of "Jyotisha Vijnana Patrika", a Telugu quarterly on Astrology and allied subjects, edited by Mr. Madhura Krishna Murty Sastry, a distinguished scholar and renowned almanac-maker, were conducted with great eclat on 30th and 31st December 1989, at Rajah- mundry. On the occasion symposia were held on different aspects of Astrology and its application to individuals and institutions. Well-known scholars and almanac-makers participated in the deliberations.

The proceedings on the first day began with a Vedic prediction. Vedartha Samrat Brahmasri Romella Suryaprakash Sastry presided over the inaugural session as well as the symposium that followed on 'Siddhanta'. Extending a hearty welcome to the gathering Mr. Mukkuchi Suryanarayana Murty explained the objects of "Viswa Vijnana Parishat" headed by Mr. Krishna Murty Sastry.

The participants — Prof. L. V. S. Mani (Madras), Romella Suryaprakasa Sastry (Rajahmundry), Mr. A. P. Singh (Calcutta), Dr. P. S. Sastri (Nagpur) and Mr. Darsanam Somasundar Sarma (Proddatur) were introduced by Mr. Krishna Murty Sastry.

Mr. R. Surya Prakasa Sastry chairing the morning session stressed the need for a uniform and standard almanac in the country.

Mr. A. P. Singh of Calcutta, a retired chief engineer, outlined the importance and significance of 'Panchangams' for the guidance of observers of rituals. He said that apart from *Aryabha-ttiyam* and *Pancha Siddhantika* available in English and other languages many such authoritative texts in manuscript awaited translation into English and regional languages of the country.

Dr. P. S. Sastri, retired Professor of Nagpur University and a scholar in Astrology, said there were controversies both in regard to 'Ayanamsa' and different aspects of 'Siddhanta' too. He pleaded for eclectic study and research on Astrology in order to get an integrated and fairly comprehensive picture of the progress of the science.

Mr. Kavuri Venkatappayya Sastry said there were twenty-five differing theories about 'Ayanamsa', and the resolution on the point was rather difficult. He advocated 'Drik Siddhanta' alone as the precise and authentic theory.

Mr. Pisapati Venkappa Somayaji pleaded for the uniform adoption of 'Surya Siddhanta'. Mr. Pidaparti Sitarama Sastry suggested that the 'Surya Siddhanta' be corrected to fall in line with 'Drik Siddhanta' but not abandoned.

In the evening session chaired by Dr. P. S. Sastri the symposium was on 'Jataka Vibhaga'. Initiating the discussion Mr. Madhura Krishna Murty Sastry referred to the differing schools of almanac-making and fervently appealed to all the scholars in the country to arrive at a uniform basis and guide the people in the matter of observance of rituals etc.

Dr. P. S. Sastri wanted the errors in astrological texts to be corrected first, and the scholars to interpret and apply the same along with the experiential wisdom gained through case-studies.

Prof. L. V. S. Mani read a paper on 'Application of Astronomy to Astrology' and illustrated his lecture with examples. Mr. B. Ramajogeswara Rao referred to 'Panchakosa' theory. Mr. Sonthi Subba Rao spoke on the astrological aspect of the 10th house in a horoscope and predictive results about one's profession.

Mr. Ayyagari Satyanarayana Murty spoke on congenital, physical and mental illnesses and acquired diseases which could be prognosticated by looking at the horoscope. Mr. Surabhi Narayana Sarma explained longevity and unnatural deaths.

On the second day, the morning session devoted to "Samhita" section, was presided over by Mr. Shaddarsanam Somasundara Sarma of Proddatur. Mr. Sarma referred to the concept of time and its division into convenient parts to suit astrological and other purposes depending on the change of seasons. Mr. Uday Sankar of Madras wanted Palmistry and Astrology to be studied and applied together in predictive aspects. Mr. U. Kameswara Rao (Amalapuram) wanted astrologers to take note of all the planetary positions before predicting.

Dr. P. Subramanya Sarma spoke on certain aspects of "Vastu Sastra". Dr. Chirnavuri Sivaramakrishna Sarma (Eluru) spoke on the significance of *'Sakunas'* (omens), prognostic dreams and premonitions of

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future happiness. Mr. G. Kadirappa spoke on the matching of horoscopes for marriage purposes. Mr. Nagulakonda Suryanarayanachari spoke on 'Prasna Sastra' and Mr. K. V. R. Anjaneyulu on "Muhurta: Merits and Demerits". Dr. C. Sri Rama Sarma gave an illuminating talk on 'Astrology and Dharma Sastra'.

At the valedictory session presided over by Dr. P. S. Sastri, Mr. A. Krishna Sarma spoke on 'Predictive Astrology'. Dr. Sastri stressed the need to consider Uranus and Neptune and their influence in charts. Mr. T. Bullayya, a former M.L.C. and educationalist, honoured Mr. Krishan Murty Sastry, the Editor, and announced the formation of the Indian Astronomical Association with Mr. A. P. Singh of Calcutta as President, Mr. Madhura Krishna Murty Sastry, Dr. P. S. Sastri, Messrs. Pothukuchi Suryanarayana Murty, B. S. R. Anjaneyulu, P. S. R. Bhaskara Murty, M. Sambasiva Rao, advocates, G. S. V. S. Subramanyam (scientist) CTRI, as members, affiliated to the 'Viswa Vijnana Parishat' - whose first and immediate task would be to call for an All India-meet of almanac-makers to come to a definitive understanding in regard to the long-pending 'Ayanamsa' riddle.

Mrs. and Mr. Krishna Murty Sastry were honoured by various individuals and insititutions.

The reception committee felicitated all the attending pandits, participants in the symposia, and distinguished literateurs of the town, Kalaprapurna Madhunapantula Satyanarayana Sastry and Mallampalli Sarabheswara Sarma, as also the prominent patrons and donors of 'Jyotisha Vijnana Patrika'. Mr. G. Subrahmanyam, a leading businessman, conducted the felicitation programme. Mr. B. Ramachandra Rao and Mr. B. Subba Rao made arrangements for boarding and lodging of guests. Dr. P. Subrahmanya Sarma, Joint Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. (*Report by P. Suryanarayana Murty.*)

Seminar at Secunderabad

Under the auspices of the Secunderabad Chapter of the Indian Council of Astrological Sciences, an Astrology Seminar was held on 24th and 25th December 1989 at Patidhar Bhavan, Secunderabad.

In his key-note address, Dr. B. V. Raman, President of ICAS and Editor, The Astrological Magazine, emphasised the need for developing Astrology in the light of today's social, political and economic conditions. Dr. Raman said that much research in Astrology was being done even by American and Russian scientists while Indian scientists, though rooted in astrological culture, were adopting an indifferent attitude.

Astrology had played a great role in the upliftment of human civilisation. He said the experience of generations of Indians about the validity of Astrology could not be simply dismissed just because the mechanism of Astrology could not fit into the known laws of science.

Dr. Raman called upon Indian universities to shed their complexes and establish chairs in Astrology. Dr. Raman complimented Messrs. V. L. Narasimhan (Chairman), A. Srinivas (Vice-Chairman), and D. L. N. Murthy (Secretary) of the Secunderabad Chapter of ICAS for the zeal with which they had begun to promote the objectives of the ICAS and make Astrology acceptable to the public.

Mr. D. L. N. Murthy, Secretary, gave a brief report of the functioning and objectives of the Chapter.

Mr. B. N. Reddy, M.P., who presided over the inaugural function, said Astrology, palmistry etc., were a part of our great national heritage and there was need to preserve the same. A study of "Vastusastra" was very beneficial in the construction of houses, he added.

In the evening session, Mr. K. L. Manohar, Director of Kowtha Group of Industries, released "Hand Book of Astrology" written by Mr. A. Srinivas. Mr. S. K. Kelkar, Vice-President, ICAS, Pune, who presided said, Bombay University had already introduced Astrology as a degree course of study.

Dr. B. V. Raman being felicitated by Mr. V. L. Narasimhan. Messrs. B. N. Reddy and A. Srinivas look on

Mr. K. V. R. Anjaneyulu, ICAS Chapter Chairman, Visakhapatnam, spoke on "Rasis and their Impact".

Mr. Chithisidhartha Bhaskarabhatta from Berhampur, explained lucidly the theory of "Dharmakarmadhipatyam" with reference to houses 9, 10 and 5. Mr. M. Krishnamurthy of Khammam criticised the commercial exploitation of the science.

At the session held on December 25 presided over by Mr. A. V. Sundaram, Joint Secretary, ICAS, Mr. N. Venkata Reddy spoke on the 5th and 9th houses. The major role of "number 5" in Astrology was correctly expounded by Mr. Sundaram.

The afternoon session dealt with the 10th Bhava i.e., profession. Mr. Pulippani of Madras presided. Messrs. L. V. S. Rao, Punneswara Rao, N. V. Someswara Rao, S. Subba Rao, V. S. N. Someshwara Rao, Nageswara Rao and other delegates participated.

Mr. Ganapathy Sastry explained the concept of *Karma* theory and the relation between the 9th and 10th houses. Mr. Punneswara Rao spoke on the so-called Krishna Murthy system. Mr. Someswara Rao, a research scholar, explained the theory of "Genetic Astrology". According to him for every epicentre of the earth, there was a corresponding epicentre of the universe. Mr. Subba Rao explained planetary rulerships: Saturn - planning, Mercury - memory, Sun -

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...icians, the Moon - beverages etc. Mr. K. Ramnath ...spoke on the role of benefic and malefic planets. Mr. ...swara Rao explained the basics of the so-called ...hna Murthy system. Mr. Viswanathaiah, a retired ...ssor of engineering, while dealing with the 5th ...se stressed the significance of female and male ele...ts inherent in each individual.

Dr. T. S. Vasan, Chairman, Bangalore Chapter, ...ribed Astrology as a multi-dimensional science ...on the bedrock of Rishi culture. He suggested ...ing links in Hindu *panchangam* be identified. New ...niques of prediction could be evolved on the basis ...cient teachings. Messrs. Puranam Subramanyan ...y, R. Chitti Babu, Purushotham Sastry and Subendra ...nath Sen Gupta of Bombay and others also spoke.

The concluding session was chaired by Mr. R. V. ...hnan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Andhra Pradesh ...rnment. The chief guest, Justice Mr. K. N. Rao of ...High Court, honoured the astrological savants ...shawls and presented mementos. A special souve...brought out on this occasion was released by him.

Mr. R. V. Krishnan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, ...rnment of A.P., spoke on the growing importance ...rology in day-to-day life.

All the members of the reception committee and ...were also honoured with shawls and mementos ...the Chief Guest.

Messrs. V. L. Narasimhan and A. Srinivas, the ...ic chairman and vice-chariman of the chapter ...their colleague Mr. Murthy spared no pains to make ...minar successful.

Dr. Srinivas proposed a vote of thanks.

On the first day of the Seminar, DR. B. V. RAMAN was ...ed with Poornakumbham and the Vedic invoca...was done by Veda Ratna Salakshana Ghanapathi ...V. Santana Gopalachariar.

...an Institute of Astrology, Calcutta

The eleventh Annual Conference and the sixth ...al Convocation of the Indian Institute of Astrol...ok place on 6th and 7th January 1990 at the ...bodhi Society Hall, Calcutta.

...rable Mr. Justice Paritosh K. Mukherjee at...d the conference as Guest-in-Chief which was ...urated by Mrs. Chaya Mukherjee.

Mr. Arun K. Goswami Bhaskarachar delivered the ...N. C. Lahiri Memorial Lecture "Expanding Uni...". Mr. C. S. Patel of Bombay delivered a talk on ...

A Seminar on cancer disease was held in the evening ...d by an open-house discussion.

At the Convocation on the 7th January 1990 seven ...were given the title of *Jyotirvid* on their ...l completion of a 3-year diploma course: Medals ...given as follows: Ms. Alpana Mukherjee (gold ...), Ms. Kalyani Chakraborty and Mr. Dipankar ...(Silver medals) and Mr. Saurav Kamal Dutta ...medal).

ACCIDENTS — THEIR HOW AND WHY

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RAHU			VENUS
	Chart 4 RASI		SUN MERC. JUPIT.
			MOON MARS
ASCDT. SAT.(R)			KETU

VENUS		KETU	
	NAVAMSA		SUN
MERC.			
MOON MARS	ASCDT. SAT. RAHU		JUPIT.

The Lagna lord Jupiter is exalted and he is posited in the 8th house in a friendly sign. The 8th lord is posited in the 9th in a friendly sign. Saturn is posited in Lagna. The 8th lord from the Moon-sign is also Jupiter. Both the Ascendant, Moon-sign and the 8th houses therefrom and their lords are strong. hence, the native is endowed with long life. He met with an accident when he was running the sub-period of Rahu in the major period of Jupiter.

The 4th lord is exalted but Rahu is in the 4th house. This is also the 8th house from the Moon-sign. The 4th house from Lagna and the 4th house from the Moon-sign are aspected by Mars. Thus, the 4th house is afflicted.

In *gochara*, on the date of the accident, the Moon was in the 12th, Mars in the 4th, Mercury in the 7th, Saturn in the 5th and Jupiter and Rahu in the 8th from his natal Moon. All these were adverse. The native, therefore, survived.

Science and technology have failed to prevent accidents. Rather, there is an increase in their number. Astrology can help in this regard. The most important precaution is that accident-prone persons should not be employed as drivers or pilots. If a driver or a pilot is running an adverse period astrologically, he should avoid a journey. When any special journey or an adventure or an enterprise is taken up, a good *muhurta* is to be chosen.

Those who are accident-prone can avoid disasters in their lives if they worship and recite hymns of Lord Narasimha or Goddess Durga.—106.88.

CORRECTION

A.M., April 1990: Page 380, the sanskrit passage appearing at the top in the third column should be

प्रभुत्वं खलसङ्गरक्तं रसेष्वाधिकं मूर्खतम् नृशंसम्

and not as printed.. The error is regretted. —*Editor.*

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INDICATIONS FOR UNHAPPY MARRIAGES: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH — II

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Format I — Horoscopes of Natives (Unhappy Marriages)

Sl. No. (Date of Birth)	Aries	Taurus	Gemini	Cancer	Leo	Virgo	Libra	Scorpio	Sagitt.	Capri.	Aqua.	Pisces
1 23-8-34	—	—	—	Venus Ascdt. Mars Ketu	Sun Merc.	Jupit.	—	—	—	Rahu Moon	Sat. (R)	—
2. 28-3-36	Ascdt. Mars	Moon	Ketu	—	—	—	—	—	Rahu Jupit.	—	Sat. Ven.	Sun Merc.
3. 5-7-35	—	—	Sun Merc. Ketu	-	— Ven.	Mars	Jupit. (R)	—	Rahu	—	Sat. (R)	Ascdt. —
4. 13-9-47	—	Rahu	Mars	Ascdt. Sat. Moon	Sun Ven.	Merc.	—	Jupit. Ketu	—	—	—	—
5. 25-2-28	Moon	Rahu	—	—	—	—	Ascdt.	Sat. Ketu	—	Mars Ven.	Sun Merc.	Jupit.
6. 21-2-45	—	Sat.	Jupit. (R) Ascdt.	—	Rahu	—	—	—	Mars	Merc.	Sun Ven. Ketu	—
7. 29-9-39	Sat.(R) Ketu	—	—	—	—	Ven. Sun Merc.	Ascdt. Rahu	—	—	Mars	—	Jupit. Moon
8. 23-9-54	—	—	Ketu	Moon Jupit.	—	Sun	Merc. Ven. Sat	—	Mars Rahu Ascdt.	—	—	—
9. 11-12-33	—	—	—	Ketu	Ascdt.	Jupit. Moon	—	Sun Merc.	Mars	Sat. Ven. Rahu	—	—
10. 11-7-44	—	Sat. Ven.	Jupit. Sun Merc. Moon	Mars	Rahu	—	Ascdt.	—	—	—	Ketu	—
11. 17-6-55	Moon	Ven.(R) Merc. (R)	Ascdt. Sun Mars Ketu	Jupit.	—	—	Sat.(R)	—	Rahu	—	—	—
12. 30-5-30	Mars Rahu	Ascdt. Sun Merc. (R)	Moon Jupit. Ven.	—	—	—	Ketu	—	Sat. (R)	—	—	—
13. 6-2-47	—	Rahu	—	Sat. (R) Ascdt.	Moon	—	—	Jupit. Ketu	Ven.	Mars Sun	Merc.	—
14. 20-2-47	—	Rahu	—	Sat. (R)	—	—	—	Jupit. Ketu	Ven. Ascdt.	Mars	Sun Merc. Moon	—
15. 15-12-45	Moon	—	Rahu Ascdt.	Sat.(R) Mars (R)	—	Jupit.	—	Ven. Merc. (R)	Sun. Ketu	—	—	—
16. 14-4-48	Sun Rahu Merc.	Moon Ven.	—	Sat.(R) Mars	—	—	Ketu	—	Jupit.	—	Ascdt.	—
17. 25-11-41	Sat.(R) Jupit. (R)	—	—	—	Ascdt.	Moon Rahu	Mars Ven. Merc.	Sun	—	—	—	Ketu
18. 7-12-50	—	—	Ketu	Jupit. (R)	—	Ascdt.	Ven.(R) Sat.	Sun Merc.	Rahu	—	Mars Moon	—

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Format II — Horoscopes of Natives (Happy Marriages)

...No. ...of ...h)	Aries	Taurus	Gemini	Cancer	Leo	Virgo	Libra	Scorpio	Sagitt.	Capri.	Aqua.	Pisces
	—	—	—	Ascdt. Rahu	—	Sun Mars Merc.	Sat. Venus	—	Jupit. Moon	Ketu	—	—
...9-25	Moon Ven. Jupit.	Rahu	Mars	—	—	—	Ascdt.	Ketu	Sat,	—	—	Sun Merc.
...4-29	Sun Moon Ketu	Ascdt.	—	Jupit.	Sat.(R)	—	Mars (R) Rahu	—	—	—	—	Ven. Merc.
...4-20	—	—	Ketu	Moon	—	—	—	Jupit.	Rahu	Ascdt. Ven. Merc.	Sun Sat.	Mars
...3-56	Ven. Merc.	Ascdt. Sun	Jupit.	Mars	—	Ketu Moon	—		Sat.(R)	—	—	Rahu
...1-31	Ascdt. Moon	—	—	Ketu	Sun Ven.	Merc.	Jupit.	Mars	—	Rahu	Sat. (R)	—

PLANETS AND FINANCIAL PROSPECTS — IV*

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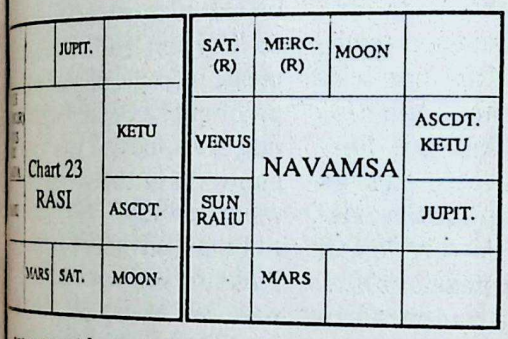


...e present but what sets apart the native is ...degree of the riches she will inherit from her ...naire father.

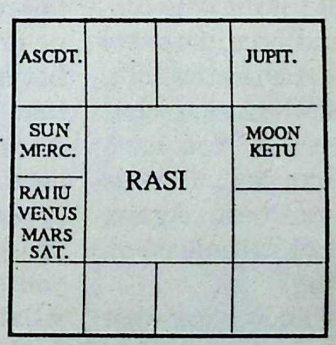
The Ascendant is aspected by its ruler Sun ...is joined by 2nd and 11th lord Mercury. ...s also joins them. The 9th lord Mars occu... his own sign Scorpio and is aspected by 5th ...Jupiter. Mars, in turn, aspects the 2nd and ...lord Mercury and also the Sun. Indu Lagna ...Mars and 12 for Venus being the rulers of ...th from Lagna and the Moon respectively) is ...Aquarius occupied by powerful benefics Mer... and *vargottama* Venus and aspected by *var*...ttama Mars. That she was born with a silver ...in her mouth is apparent from the Dasas ...eration since birth being of the Moon, *var*...ttama Mars and *vargottama* Rahu. Neither business nor employment but riches by birth is attributable to the strength of the Lagna lord joining the 2nd and 11th lord Mercury and the aspect on them by *vargottama* Mars.

(to be continued).

BRAIN TEASER

Question: My younger sister's husband is missing since March 4th. Will he return?

Question Time: 8.00 a.m. (IST) on 7-3-1990 at 13° N, 77° E 35'.



Solution: Next month

Solution to Our April Teaser:

Ascendant is Gemini

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Again ... you must see how Saturn is behaving in my horoscope. The famed Pandit Vamachari once told me that *vedic puja* does not influence the transit of Saturn or any other planet. On the other hand, being an expert in *tantric puja*, he can not only hasten the transit of Saturn, but make it jump from the 11th house to the 1st house avoiding the dreaded 12th house. He charges two to three thousand rupees for the special *puja*. And if somebody is in a real hurry he has instant-special *puja* for five thousand rupees. Pandit Vamachari is well known in foreign countries too, and has testimonials from many dictators. The dictators have vouched how his *tantric puja* enabled them to over-throw governments by killing only a few thousand innocent citizens. The respect they have for Pandit Vamachari is unbelievable... But I do not understand... it seems strange, that his *pujas* are effective only for dictators and despotic rulers. He is, believe me, a national treasure. He has enriched our foreign exchange position. He has even invited me to accompany him on a tour of some countries in South America. I don't want power. Trivediji... all I want is to contain Saturn and force him out of critical places such as the 12th, 9th, 6th and 4th houses. Is that asking too much? You have heard my difficulties... and it is upto you to do your best... Again, please take a look at the fees you will be charging...

T: Sriramji, I now know what the problems are in your life. Astrologers are not magicians, and cannot solve all problems, just as medical doctors cannot cure many diseases. And a four-figure-an-hour fee lawyer cannot always guarantee success in every litigation. Top engineers' constructions do not guarantee a perfect building or a bridge. Every profession or professional has limitations that an average citizen is neither aware of nor observes. High paying lawyers, *puja*-specialists, medical doctors, accountants, engineers etc., may come with high reputation and with equally high egoes, but there are no guarantee that they will always provide complete and satisfactory results. Sometimes one is never sure whether it is because of high priced engineers or in spite of them floods and famines not only continue to exist but increase year after year in our country. It always comes in handy to blame nature for even human-caused problems. But that has not prevented some professionals to act and behave like God. Perhaps, only when we act as humans and recognize the existence of a Higher Power, we will become better professionals...

I notice that, compared to what you will be paying for my services, that you paid or pay a lot of money to your specialist-lawyer and medical doctor with no or limited results in sight. Let me ask you a simple question: Did you decide the professional fees for the lawyer and doctor? Or did the respective professional indicate his fees or charges? And did each allow you to make a judgement as what was a reasonable and fair fee? Did you or he make a decision on how much advance to be paid even before he looked into the matter? I know what the answers are, but I want to hear from you on how you handled the fee matter with each professional. Personally, I know many doctors, lawyers, engineers, accountants, and other professionals who not only charge reasonable fees, but more importantly tell their clients how much they can help in each specific case. Many of these professionals have also sought my astrological advice on matters of concern.

S: I am a little embarrassed. I wish I could have made the decisions on the professionals that I consulted about their real worth. No Sir!... No Sir! I had absolutely no say in any aspect covering their professional fees. My lawyer always requires an advance payment even before he listens to me. Have you heard of any modern medical facility, such as a clinic or hospital, not requiring any advance payment? Some facilities do not even look at you until you show them the green-stuff... I mean money. Astrologers do not need advance payment. I... I mean, you don't actually expect me to pay an advance to you. You are here to help people like us. Service to the public must be your motto. Please ... watch what you charge me? Just ... a reminder ... Do you still want me to complete this form. Is it really necessary?

Trivedi is both surprised and astonished at Sriram's words. There is also some disappointment in Sriram expectations that while other professionals can set their terms and fees, astrologers alone do not have those rights. In fact, Sriram is indirectly saying that an astrologer is at the whim and fancy of a client. Trivedi is

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but quickly recovers his Sriram's double standard unique, but typifies the at-es of many who want to astrologers while im-ly benefitting from them.

T: Sri Sriram... as I said ier, I work under certain ms, my terms, like any other ll known, respected, and ognized professional. I, like ny professional astrologers, always ready and willing to p people like you. It is a me that an educated person you lacks even basic courte-on how to relate to astrolo-... I have given you a bro-e containing my fees, and fee must be paid fully in ance. I have to require full ance payment now, because e past many wealthy and er-middle class people after ing my services, either eniently forgot or simply ed paying me my fees. efore, now it is my strict y to require advance ents.

Please also complete the rmation-form before you . It will take about a week for me to study your chart ding the various items of em for you. Sriramji... any stions.

Sriram is looking at the in-mation-form and brochures es. A few minutes pass.

S: This information-form is pages; and I have not any money. It will take to fill the form. I can give brief information and you write it down. Do not worry the fees. You have my

Trivedi is amazed at this nse from Sriram. Evidently, m does not seem to listen to derstand him.

T: You do not seem to understand what I have been telling you all this morning. Did you tell the lawyer that it was his business to find out about your case without your telling anything to him? Did you tell that surgeon who operated your wife it was his problem to find what was wrong with her? Or did you indicate to him that she had a back-problem? I am sure that each professional needed a lot of information to start any proceeding in each matter.

I know you did not tell them how to practise their professions. If you did so, like you are now doing it to me, they would have given you the answer of your life-time. I am not here to teach you Astrology in one day. Your hotch-potch knowledge that Saturn, etc., is the cause of your problems at best indicates your complete ignorance of Astrology or at worst a heresy information that you have gathered from somewhere. An individual need not be ashamed or embarrassed if he or she is not familiar with the basic elements of Astrology, or for that matter any other field. In our short life-spans, we cannot understand or master even one subject. We must not only understand our limitations, but be brave enough to accept them with dignity.

In fact, you offended me when, in spite of the fact that a sign clearly said no footwear, you initially disregarded it. I am expecting some visitors soon. Perhaps, you must leave now. I am sorry I cannot help, unless you respect my terms and conditions. You must learn to recognize a qualified astrologer as a professional who is to be treated just as you treat other qualified professionals such as engineers, lawyers, etc.

Trivedi gets up and opens the door. Sriram gets up and just stands, as though he has no intention of leaving right at that moment. A few minutes pass. Trivedi is waiting for him to leave...

S: (*in a low-voice*) Trivediji! Please accept my sincere apologies for my impolite and impertinent behaviour. I know, I have been so far neither fair nor reasonable with you. I hope you will forgive me. I will complete the form and send the amount this afternoon. Please telephone me when I should come to see you.

Sriram, after offering Namaskar, suddenly touches Trivedi's feet. Trivedi is surprised and touched at Sriram's action. He returns the Namaskar with a broad smile. He pats Sriram on the back. Again there is a smile on both the faces. Trivedi closes the door just as Sriram leaves the house. The simple act of Sriram touching Trivedi's feet reflects the traditional way of acknowledging (i) the wealth of knowledge in a person, or (ii) respect to elders and seniors in the society. In a way, Sriram demonstrates that good traditions do continue in their own way even in modern times.

Later in the afternoon a messenger drops the completed form and a bank-draft at Trivedi's place....—306.89.

AM
FOR THE FAMILY

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DETERMINATION OF LONGEVITY

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His troubles started with the commencement of the Sun's sub-period in Venus. His health deteriorated slowly in spite of medical treatment. It was suggested by some (though ridiculed by others) that he was possessed by evil spirit. Some practitioners of Tantra Sastra and Imams were approached for cure. There was some improvement but not a lasting cure. A few even admitted that the task was beyond their capacity. In the meantime medical treatment was continued. Various pathological tests, E.E.G. and Catscan turned out to be normal! The boy did not cause much problem to his parents and other persons whom he met. He was averse to doing any job and irregular in daily routine. He still read books in science and Astrology. Yet he was gradually losing weight and getting thin. He repulsed any suggestion for his marriage. Perhaps due to his astrological knowledge he had an indication that he would not live long. After a brief illness due to viral fever he passed away at the age of 37 years', 4 months, 18 days in the period of Venus/Mercury/Rahu/Mercury during Saturn's transit through the last phase of his second cycle of 7 1/2 years', while Jupiter moved into Gemini, the Sun in Cancer and the Moon in the constellation of Uttaraphalguni ruled by the Sun. The Ascendant rising at the time of death was Virgo; the sign falling in the 8th house in the natal chart.

Chart II: Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant and Saturn; Leo - Mars; Scorpio - Sun and Mercury; Sagittarius - Venus and Rahu; Capricorn - Moon; Taurus - Jupiter; and Gemini - Ketu. This chart is of the late Mrs. Indira Gandhi. This chart has been reported and studied so extensively in various astrological journals that I do not consider it necessary to give more details. I have chosen it to illustrate another case of untimely death. In this chart the Lagna is quite strong. Its lord the Moon is posited in *kendra* in the 7th house from where he fully aspects the Lagna and is aspected by Jupiter posited in the 11th house. Neither the Lagna nor the Moon is hemmed between malefics. Thus according to *Yogayu* consideration her longevity should have exceeded 70 years. But she was assassinated on 31-10-1984 before completing 67 years. Notice that in this chart the Yoga of *apamrityu* is formed by the mutual opposition of the Moon and Saturn involving the Ascendant, the 7th and the 8th houses. This is further accentuated by the presence of Mars in the 2nd house from the Lagna and the 8th from the Moon in the fiery sign of Leo. The fixed and airy sign of Aquarius rises in the 8th house from the Lagna while the fixed and fiery sign Leo rises in the 8th house from the Moon. The death was caused by firearms in her normal place of residence but in open air.

Death due to hanging or suffocation occurs under the Yoga of *apamrityu* in which Saturn assisted by Mars or Rahu plays the leading role. In case of snake-bite, rabies, fall from a high place, the Nodes assume the main role assisted by Saturn. The nature of the sign falling in the 8th house, the sign posited by lord of the 8th house, nature of planets occupying or aspecting the 8th house, both from the Lagna and the Moon-sign, should be carefully examined while ascertaining the environment and cause of death. The usual rules for determining the longevity should be applied keeping in view the combinations for *apamrityu*, otherwise predictions would go wrong. Moreover, the opportunity of overcoming the untimely death through recommended measures could be lost for ever due to ignorance.—220.89.

ASCERTAINING EYE DIESEASES FROM THE PALM

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earth facing the Sun-god. The following *mantra* should be repeated.

यथाश विमलाः सर्वस्तव भास्तव भास्कर भानुभिः।
यथाश सफला नित्यं कुरू मर्त्यंयमार्चित्॥
एहि सूर्य सहस्त्रांशो तेजो राशे जगत्पते।
अनुकम्पय मां भक्त्या ग्रहाणाध्यं दिवाकर॥

(iii) Repetition of Aditya Hrudaya Kavacha is also wonderful. It gives strength to the heart as well as to the eyes.

Though in this atomic age, science has made wonderful advance and effective cures are being discovered by eminent doctors for many complicated diseases, it is my firm belief that if medical cure and astrological methods, as stated above, are combined, many wonder cures can be effected. No power is greater than the power of *mantras* as laid down in our ancient and religious literature.—14.73.

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फलानि ग्रहचारेण सूचयन्ति मनीषिणः।
को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकम् वेधसम् विना॥

Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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MY EARLY EXPERIENCES IN ASTROLOGY —XXX*

AS THE year 1942 was progressing the tumult of the war was increasing. The scale of events grew larger as Saturn moved through Taurus and greater military disasters fell on the Allies. America was drawing more closely towards the British.

While the British empire seemed to be reeling under a collapse and France was prostrate, the Italian empire in Africa under Dictator Mussolini had spread far and wide. Consistent with the structure of his horoscope — its analysis will appear shortly — Mussolini felt certain that a vast area of the earth's surface — Egypt and other British colonies in Africa — would be added to his empire, the like of which had not been seen since the days of the Caesars. But his gleaming vision got abruptly dimmed, due to the Allied onslaughts on Abyssinia and the entry of the Negus into his own country.

Developments in the East meanwhile were taking a different turn. Japan declared war on Russia and U.S.A. on 8-12-1941 at about 6 a.m. Russia and Britain declared war on Japan at 12.30 p.m. (GMT) on the same date. The positions of the planets in both the charts were the same. But Scorpio rose at Tokyo and Aquarius was the Ascendant at London.

Commenting on these two charts in the February 1942 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE I observed thus:

"In Chart No.1, the Lagna is Vrischika, an insect sign and lord of Lagna Mars is in the 5th unaspected by benefics or malefics. Lord of the 11th Mercury is in Lagna with the lord of the 10th, the Sun. Jupiter and Saturn are aspecting the Lagna while Rahu is in the 10th. These favourable combinations explain the initial successes of Japan in the Pacific War. Did not Hitler reach the gates of Moscow securing victories after victories for a period of 4 months until his hordes were driven back by the gallant Red Army of the Soviets? Planets were unfavourable for Russia till November 1941 (to which we made reference in the August 1941 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE and said that after this, favourable period for Stalin would set in) and the stubborn resistance of Russia coupled with the will of her people to oust the invader did minimise the evil indications of planets.

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"Mr. Stalin's well-calculated and successful transition from the defensive to the offensive against a formidable and experienced foe will not only remain a masterpiece of military achievement but a demonstration of how events become favourable consistent with benefic angular dispositions of planets. When planets occupy certain angular positions (such as 4th and 10th, and 5th and 9th), they simply stimulate the resistance power while in unfavourable situations (6th and 8th and 2nd and 12th), they will introduce a feeling of inaction or dejection. A student of Astrology will do well to compare the horoscopes of Germany's attack on Russia and Japan's declaration of war on Western democracies. He will come across convincing proof that initial successes are often the forerunners of great reverses as is the case with Germany and as is likely to be the case with Japan.

"In Horoscope No.1, the sub-period of Venus (in the Dasa of Saturn) lasts till 29-3-1942. The sub and the major lords are in the 9th and 5th from each other. After this, the sub-period of the Sun will set in. The Sun and Saturn are mutual enemies. They are aspecting each other. In Navamsa they are not mutually well disposed.

MARS		SAT. JUPIT.	
KETU	Chart I RASI		MOON
VENUS			RAHU
	ASCDT. SUN MERC.		

"In the Mikado's horoscope Jupiter in Jupiter lasts till 17-10-1942. Jupiter is in the Ascendant in conjunction with Saturn lord of the 2nd and the 3rd. This is again harmful. Therefore a bad time for Japan is likely to commence from about the middle of 1942. From this period onwards she will sustain reverses and setbacks, the effects of which on the future of Japan will be disastrous.

"In Horoscope No. 2 the Lagna is Aquarius occupied by Ketu while the lords of the 5th and the 7th are in the 10th. Ketu's presence in the Ascendant is not desirable. Sani Dasa rules till November 1942. Sani is no doubt lord of Lagna but he is with Jupiter, lord of the 2nd and 11th and hence, bad. As a result of these malefic influences the British have suffered reverses in Malaya but this is not going to be a permanent feature. From November 1942 Budha Dasa will commence. Budha is lord of the 5th (and 8th) from Lagna and is in the 10th with the lord of the 7th. In Navamsa he is in Upachaya. Added to these, influences in the horoscope of King George VI will become favourable so that Britain will be able to stem Japanese aggression.

MARS		JUPIT. SAT.	
ASCDT. KETU	Chart II RASI		MOON
VENUS			RAHU
	SUN MERC.		

"Summing up the above observations, planetary influences will be favourable to the Allies in the Pacific war till about the middle of this year. Even though there is no direct threat to India the planetary movements are unfavourable for Burma and Bengal."

Japanese air raids on Rangoon had begun by the beginning of 1942, causing havoc and many casualties. Japanese advance into Burma had also begun. Fierce fighting ensued between the Japanese and the British Indian army. Rangoon fell and in a sense Burma was lost. Many perceived that the threat to India was real and in the view of the British "the security of India was now directly endangered".

The Indian national opinion was that India should remain neutral in this war, while the British Indian Government, to help it in the war, busied itself in raising an enormous Indian army. The stresses latent in Indian politics — Gandhi to start the independence movement in August 1942 — grew and Subhas Chandra Bose had come on the scene. It was suggested that if India could somehow throw off the British connections, the Japanese might not invade India. The Cripps mission arrived in April 1942 and Pandit Nehru is said to have observed that "Japanese must be resisted. We are not going to embarrass the British war effort in India". And Gandhi wrote in *Harijan* "The presence of the British in India is an invitation to Japan to invade India. The withdrawal should remove the bait."

When things were in such a state of confusion there was some sort of panic in India about Japan bombing Madras, Calcutta etc. Even

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[1-8-30]

...u wanted to shift the paper to Bangalore. ...his juncture I assured Kasturi Srinivasan ...Japan would not be able to invade India or ...Madras and wrote in the February 1942 ...of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE that "There ...need for panic about the war develop- ...s in the Far East ..... the conjunctions of ...ets occurring in the first half of 1942 re- ...e engeries unfavourable to India. But this ...not warrant in the least the exodus that is ...ing place from Madras, Calcutta and other ...s.... India at this juncture should effec- ...y and willingly co-operate with the war ...t and stem the evil influences of planets ...Britain on her part should readily con- ...the Indian demand for a truly national ...rnment, without repeating the miserable ...equate 'august offer' so that India's war ...s may be completely nationalised."

...ontinued, "the study of national Astrology ...special difficulties of its own. It is not ...ys possible to find a moment in a nation's ...ry for which a horoscope can be cast in the ...e way as for the birth of an individual. ...efore much of national Astrology has to be ...d upon Gochara movements, horary ...and horoscopes of rulers. Hence we ...attached due importance to the horo- ...s of King George and the Mikado.

While not wishing to encourage wishful ...ing as regards Japan, a study of the ...nt data gives us the impression that we ...hear in the near future some more un- ...ant news; but in the long run, that is, after ...period suggested above, the Japanese war ...ine will receive serious blows. This effect ...be realised by the combined action of the ...d forces in the Far East - but it will also be ...firmation of the astrological principles.... ...all the Allies are fighting a righteous ...and by the time Jupiter reaches Cancer, ...Allies will certainly have gained an upper ...d."

I have never claimed that all my predictions ...the war had been fulfilled. But the spate ...ters received by me during this period and ...sequently after the termination of war, ...e generally flattering.

Even in those days there was a breed of so- ...d "rationalists" who had the knack of bracketing some unfulfilled forecasts with those that happened slightly before or after the indicated time and gleefully declaring "Astrology is irrational". But many of these poor fellows lacked intellectual integrity, as later on they visited me to "know their future".

Typical of the letters complimentary to my "achievements" was one dated 18-2-1942 from Prof. Christian Paul of Colombo, "Ceylon's Premier physical culture expert" which read: "Your predictions relative to the present state of affairs are quite accurate uptodate and I have every confidence that the same will be true to the very letter in the future.

"As a matter of fact predictions by several western savants have proved futile. Astrologers like Naylor have actually misled the reading public with their fanciful and false predictions. It is no flattery when I emphasise that you are not only an astrologer but also a prophet of the present day.

"I have been in constant touch with your movements and I am a regular reader of your magazine. What you predicted long ago regarding the non-aggression pact between Germany and Russia had come to pass. You stated that such a pact would not last long. Very correct in every detail. Analysing the Mikado's horoscope you stated that the Emperor's planetary positions have aggressive tendencies and Japan would be dragged into the war and that she will score victories over victories upto the end of June 1942. I believe that your scientific analysis would score another victory for you all over the civilised globe. According to your predictions, I also emphasise that the Japanese will get defeated in due course.

"I am at present engaged in the A.R.P. Movement and am longing for the time when I shall be able to meet you face to face and gather knowledge at your worthy feet—Sd. *Christian Paul.*"

Most of the Western astrologers, especially the British, were partisan in their forecasts and I often had digs at them and their predictions. Unfortunately, the English media in India, with rare exceptions, would publish the forecasts of western astrologers and ignore those of the Indian astrologers while the language press in general carried my forecasts.

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But unlike a few Indians who gloat over the Western system of Astrology and still dub the Hindu system as obscurantist, the Western astrologers never gave — and even today, they never give, (with very rare exceptions) — any credit to the superiority of Hindu Astrology.

This attitude of the English media and the arrogance coupled with the pontifical attitude of Western astrologers often provoked me to highlight how most of the forecasts made by them about the war flopped exposing their pretensions.

Under the heading "A Fault with Western Astrologers" I wrote in the March 1942 issue of *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE* thus: "Some people suppose it impossible to predict the future. Some others suppose that the future can be exactly predicted; while the majority of thinking men, rightly hold, that whilst it is possible to predict the future, a certain margin of error should be allowed because of human limitations. But most of the Western astrologers have a tendency to predict exactly (?) and most often hit off the mark in their predictions. Many of these prophets predicted a slow-up or defeat for Germany during the third quarter of 1940. Vincent Lopez said in an American astrological journal (October 1941 issue) that America would not declare war in 1941. Several English astrological journals expected the end of war in 1941. Their own anticipations were further strengthened (?) by prophecies made by seers like Nostradamus. Many of the Western astrologers went on interpreting (I hope not misinterpreting) the quatrains of Nostradamus to suit their pet theories and pet expectations. They interpreted Hister as Hitler. Clarence Reed observes thus: 'The details Nostradamus gives about the defeat of Germany are not very conclusive, *but it is quite clear* (italics mine) that he did foresee the present situation.' In the imagination of these astrologers, Nostradamus expected the end of war in 1941 September. The translation reads thus: 'Arms and Plagues cease, death of the seditious, wine will not be abundant. France will be more victorious than ever'. Then there are Naylor, Lyndoe and Blake — who have all made (or marred) history. Clarence Reed observes thus: 'In this country we have several well-known writers on Astrology; and it is remarkable that two of them fix on September 1941 for the end of hostilities'. He further says that 'the September date, if we look back, coincides with a suggestive stanza from Nostradamus, while December has the support of another stanza from Nostradamus as well as St. Odile and the Pyramid; it also accords well with Polish prophecy'. We are in February 1942 and have yet to realise the above predictions!

"I do not for a moment suggest that the great Nostradamus has failed as a prophet. Far from it, I would only like to impress that Western astrologers — English as well as American — are infected with a psychosis. They have a knack to explain away things. Most of them seem to be still under the delusion that it is below their self-respect or dignity to refer to predictions made by Indian astrological journals and admit their own failures. Surely it requires greater nobility to give credit to those who deserve it. The Western astrologers will do well to forget that they represent the sum total of astrological wisdom."

Commenting again on the Pacific War in the May 1942 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, I said: "From 29-7-1942 to 26-8-1942, excepting the periods of the Moon's transit from Leo to Capricorn, Kalasarpa Yoga will manifest, the effects of which on the present world crisis will be considerable. This forebodes evil for the entire world and the war is not likely to terminate in the course of this year.

"As we have said several times, astrological evidence points to the conclusion that when Jupiter enters Cancer, he becomes exalted and releases Jupiterean forces and therefore things are likely to assume a turn favourable to the Allies and the dream of peace is likely to be a reality."

About this time, a Bombay astrologer — unfortunately I have forgotten his name — who had specialised in market forecasts and who used to meet me whenever I visited Bombay, predicted in a local paper that the Allies would meet with reverses in Europe was hauled up for the "offence of causing panic amongst His Majesty's subjects by predicting reverses for the Allies". I was in Bombay about this time. The astrologer was on bail and I told him that

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Die or Not to Die

A WOMAN of 32 is lying, as a result of a car accident, in an American hospital in a state of irreversible comatose for full seven years

her body has shrunk into a foetal position with fingers dug into the wrist. She is awake but not aware. Food and water are injected into her stomach through a tube. And it costs the State a hundred and thirty thousand dollars a

and the doctors attending on her feel that her heart and lungs could keep pumping for at least years more!

Out of sheer ennui, the parents surrogating her to the lower court to disconnect the feeding so she could be spared the agony, *i.e.*, die.

The Counsel buttressed the parent's claim by that the feeding tube constituted an unwanted and invasive intrusion into individual

The the court agreed with the principal objection, could not accept the Counsel's plea, for want convincing proof of the patient's wish. In consequence it preferred to err on the right side of life.

The case has now become a cocktail of emotions, and law to the discerning public. It is feared the highest court's decision, whatever it be, have repercussions on the existing law on euthanasia, suicide and treatment of terminal ill-

The Supreme Court is locked on the horns of a

to decide (a) on the right of surrogation — the parents or the State (b) how far the to-be-taken action will really help the patient.

Objective analysis could help a better appreciation of the issue. The patient in her present condition is not a cadaver; she can only be compared to a new-born child with no power of providing convincing proof either of the ailment or wish. She however cries occasionally. An additional point is that the parents have a track record of 25 years of the patient. Thirdly, the parents are second to none, not even the State, to wish the patient really well.

These considerations should out-weigh in the claim of the parents over the State in deciding the fate of the patient.

Yama Kantaka

My note on the above has had the desired effect namely to rouse public opinion in the south, particularly Tamil Nadu, against the misconception that Yama Kantaka hours of the week-days are evil in effect.

I had quoted reliable authorities to the contrary.

A popular Tamil weekly has taken it up and tried to elicit the opinion of scholars and practising astrologers in Tamil Nadu ON IT.

A scholar consulted has pleaded innocence on the subject of Astrology with which it is concerned. While all the others agree with me in principle, they are willing to wound but refuse to hit.

One of them has pointed out a verse from *Kala Vidhana*, a *Muhurta Grantha* to the effect that Yama Kanta is evil and which I shall presently deal with, and apparently on that basis feels hidebound, and would like to hold on to it until decided by stronger or wider opinion. Another has backed my contention fully.

My initial object is served in that it has created a doubt in the validity of the current opinion and, in my view, well begun is half done and I am sure a crusade on correcting a wrong opinion

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concerning *muhurtas* is well worth the attempt.

One of the astrologers consulted by the weekly has instanced a case of difficulty experienced by a client in "Yama Ganda" hour, in support of his scepticism. It is clearly a case of the *kaaka taaliya* (crow and the palm fruit) brand or pure chance and as evidence, is worthless. And certainly one swallow cannot make a summer!

Now about the impugned verse which runs as follows:

यमकण्टकनामैतत् सर्वकार्यप्रणाशनम् ।
शुभार्ती सर्वकार्याणि वर्जयेत् यमकण्टके ॥

I have heard some saying that *Yama Kantaka* is inauspicious on Thursdays only because he is the "illegitimate son" of Jupiter. It is preposterous that a reputed grantha like *Prasna Marga* should devote a whole chapter by name *Santana Prasna* in which an "illegitimate" Yama Kantaka is utilised zealously for spotting birth of son! Nor do I fancy that Parasara and Mantreswara to mention a few would have failed to mention it, had it been so, and would certainly not have beefed it up as benefic *par excellence*.

While the authorities quoted by me are the stalwarts Parasara, Mantreswara, *Prasna Marga* and *Jatakadesa* etc., which are classical, original and respected all over the world, *Kala Vidhana* is a *muhurta-grantha* compiled just fifty or sixty years ago by a practitioner for day-to-day use and little known beyond Tamil Nadu.

Now, the above quoted verse which is blindly construed as meaning that Yama Kantaka is adverse and one who wishes auspiciousness, should avoid, is amateurish, faulty in text, grammar and construction. The word शुभार्ती means one who is "suffering from auspiciousness" which is preposterous and absurd. It is idle to argue that the word is wrongly spelt or a printing error, using त for थ ; for, there are hardly other errors of similar kind and the first line is not any better; its construction is awkward and untenable in grammar and syntax. The verse itself is clearly the handiwork of a scribe who is ignorant of Parasara's statement in the first instance and, wanted to incorporate blindly a wrong notion prevalent at his time, namely 50 or 60 years ago.

All that one can say of this verse is: Your slip is showing! We have the Bhagavatpada's authority to reject even a Vedic statement should it be found to militate against *pramanas* or commonsense. And as against Parasara and Mantreswara, *Kala-Vidhana* is a light-weight and, water-thin empi- cism is a lame duck.

And speaking of ourselves, it is not the mark intelligence to persist in a wrong action, af knowing or learning it to be so; the bear-hug spe our loss.

The Planets—Some Vagrant Thoughts

Planets appear to be but human proto-type judged by their behaviour; for, when Brahma te them in his laboratory soon after their creation weighing the Moon against the rest in lump in balance, he was surprised to see the scales in favour of the former at which he smil mischievously.

Peeved by this insult, the rest of the plane ganged up against the Moon and formed *yogas* li *Yuga* and *Soola* on a campaign of character assa sination against the Moon.

Chagrined by this collectivist behaviour on th part of the other planets the Moon decided to bre their unity and, being *karaka* for mind, could do quickly and by re-aligning, through baits a parleys formed *Sunapha, Anapha, Dhurdhu Kesari, Adhi, Amala* and a host of beneficial yog to boost his own image. But he could not st occasional sniping by defections in the alignmen causing *Papakartari, Sakata* and other *dur-yoga* It was then that the Moon decided to bequeath h qualities followed by the other planets to *ho sapiens*.

Unconfirmed records say that during a la epoch, some of the planets spearheaded by the S complained to Brahma that often they were be treated as untouchables by men. The Sun, f instance, took a plaint on his relation to the Mo as Tithi in respect of Amavasya, Ashta Navami, Chaturthi etc., saying he felt aggrie that no auspicious functions were celebrated man on these days.

Brahma, the God, felt that their grievan were genuine and promised to make amen Accordingly He incarnated Himself as Krishna Ashtami, Rama on Navami, as Ganesha on Chat thi etc. The first two were born black as Amavas thus making these *tithis* auspicious in part respectable to say the least.

Following God's lead, man too promoted bl Ashtami as good enough for marriage, Nava after nine ghatis fit for *yatra* and our mod panchang compilers especially from the So have become over-generous to Chaturthi, thou labelled as *rikta*, in gifting marriage *muhurtas*

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ONE born in Aswini Nakshatra; The Sun and Mercury together in any house; Mercury in Mars' house or Mars in Mercury's Mars + Mercury together in any house for gna; Mars in Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati or in Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta; if Satpens to be in 4th in Libra, Capricorn or ; if Jupiter is very strong aspected by Sat- the Moon; if Jupiter and Mercury are to- n any house—these combinations make for astrologer, says reader T. Channappa of re.

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younger brother's wife underwent a major n in October 1989 and never recovered. ed on 19-2-1990 at Pratapgarh (U.P) at p.m. She had no horoscope. My brother to know if his chart could throw some light. s but then I forgot about it till I got the bad

"I had read somewhere that this is such a perfect science that much could be predicted about any relative (if the latter had no chart). Obviously it is always easy to justify a past event. Let me demonstrate how true it is read about wife from the husband's chart. I wish I had forewarned my brother. But God did not ordain it to be so. The Lagna of the wife becomes Sagittarius. The lord Jupiter (evil) is in the 6th. The Dasa is of the Moon (Ashtamadhipati for wife). The 6th (sickness) lord is Venus (placed in 12th from 6th). Since Ketu is in Aquarius, Venus is replaced by Ketu. So Ketu Bhukti brought about the end. Mars, lord of the 12th (*moksha*) came within 5° of evil Saturn in Sagittarius, Saturn being lord of *maraka*. The Sun was transitting the 3rd but having 3rd aspect of Saturn. Venus, lord of sickness, with Rahu was transitting the 2nd house. The 8th lord Moon was in the 12th. Jupiter is lord of 4th (end of longevity) and was transitting the 7th, a *maraka* house. Ketu was transitting the 8th. How nicely the whole thing gets explained. If it could be seen afterwards, one could as well fore-see it but God did not permit that. Perhaps He did not want my brother (a nervous person) to know about it in advance" ends up philosophically a reader from Dombivili, Bombay.

Deadly Negligence

"My only daughter's daughter was vaccinated at the age of two-and-a-half years. She suffered due to the reaction of the vaccination and has become invalid. The doctors have diagnosed the

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disease to be cerebral palsy and necessary treatment was given to her. After prolonged treatment she was only able to talk. But she is unable to walk and her limbs have become invalid. She is now 18 years old. She has undergone every treatment but without much result. She is at present running the sub-period of Rahu in Venus Dasa upto 2-1-1992." writes reader Venkat Rao of Bombay Atomic Research Centre.

Born 17-3-1972 at 1.52 p.m. *Rasi:* Cancer - Ascendant and Ketu; Sagittarius - Jupiter; Capricorn - Rahu; Pisces - Sun, Moon and Mercury; Aries - Venus; Taurus - Mars and Saturn. *Navamsa:* Leo - Sun and Jupiter; Virgo - Ascendant, Venus and Ketu; Sagittarius - Mercury; Capricorn - Mars; and Pisces - Saturn, Moon and Rahu with a balance of 2 years, 7 months and 15 days of Mercury Dasa.

Afflictions to the Ascendant and Aries can create problems in the brain. So also can negligent administration of medication by doctors. The latter is not within our purview.

Here the nodal axis is very close to the Ascendant which is aspected only by malefic Saturn. The Ascendant lord is very weak having just come out of new Moon. Further the Dasas have been of Mercury, 12th lord afflicted by weak Moon and of Ke who himself afflicts the Ascendant. Now Ve Dasa is on and Venus is in Aries hemmed betwe malefics, Sun - Mercury on one side and Mars a Saturn on the other. In addition, the 6th lo Jupiter aspects Venus. There are no afflictio that would point to very early death. So we mov on to the next question of whether any improve ment is possible.

Venus is in Aries ruling the brain and we have just seen he, as Dasa lord, is heavily afflicted. Th sign Aries comes under the same affliction a Venus and is rendered worse by its ruler Ma association with Saturn. As 7th and 8th lor Saturn's inherent characteristic of making a pro lem long drawn and difficult marks the malad During Venus Dasa, not much by way of improve ment can be expected.

Most of the planets in the upper half of th zodiac indicate the girl will be generally well-pro vided for. The Ascendant lord, though lacking i *pakshabala*, is at least Vargottama which is som consolation. With the advent of Sun Dasa, som slight improvement is possible.

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Yoga in Daily Life

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Health is the highest gain, content the greatest wealth. A trustworthy person is the best kinsman, Nirvana is the highest bliss.

—Dhammapada

THE word Yoga automatically calls to mind Sage Patanjali' the father and father of Yoga. He lived around three centuries before Christ, and was a great philosopher and grammarian. He was also a physician and a medical work is attributed to him. However, this work is lost in the pages of time. His best known work is Patanjali Yoga Sutras or Aphorisms on Yoga. The path outlined is called Raja Yoga or the sovereign path. It is so called because of the regal, noble method by which the self is united with the Overself.

Patanjali's Yoga has essentially to do with the mind and its modifications. It deals with the training of the mind to achieve oneness with the Universe. Incidental to this objective are the acquisitions of siddhis or powers.

The aim of Patanjali Yoga is to set man free from the cage of matter. Mind is the highest form of matter and man freed from this dragnet of Chitta or Ahankara (mind or ego) becomes a pure being.

The mind or Chitta is said to operate at two levels—intellectual and emotional. Both these levels of operation must be removed and a dispassionate outlook replace them. Constant Vichara (enquiry) and Viveka (discrimination between the pleasant and the good) are the two means to slay the ego enmeshed in the intellect and emotions. Vairagya or dispassion is said to free one from the pain of opposites — love and hate, pleasure and pain, honour and ignominy, happiness and sorrow.

The easiest path to reach this state of dispassion and undisturbed tranquility is the path of Bhakti or love. Here, man surrenders his all—mind, soul, ego—to the Divine Being and is only led on by the Divine Will. Self-surrender must be cultivated through Japa or recitation of the Divine Name. Such repetition must not be mechanical but one-pointed and full of fervour. For this, concentration is necessary. Concentration can be there only if man has practised to fix his attention on a particular object without letting it dwell on anything else.

Concentration also calls for regulation of conduct if Bhakti must develop. Good cheer, compassion, absence of jealousy, complacence towards the virtuous and consideration towards the wicked must be consciously cultivated.

There are also methods of regulated breathing which help reach concentration.

Yoga is an art and takes into purview the mind, the body and the soul of the man in its aim of reaching Divinity. The body must be purified and strengthened through various practices. The mind must be cleansed of all gross and the soul should turn inwards if a man should become a *yogic* adept. Study purifies the mind and surrender takes the soul towards God.

The human mind is subject to certain weaknesses which are universal. *Avidya*—wrong notions of the external world, *asmita*—wrong notions of oneself, *raga*—longing and attachment for sensory objects and affections, *dwesha*—dislike and hatred for objects and persons, and *abinivesha* or the love of life are the five defects of the mind that must be removed.

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Constant meditation and introspection eradicate these mental flaws.

The human body is a vehicle for journeying this life. It must be kept in proper form if the mind should function well. For this, there are practices too, but Patanjali does not elucidate on them.

The Yoga of Patanjali is Ashtanga or comprised of 8 limbs. These are:

1. *Yama*
2. *Niyama*
3. *Asana*
4. *Pranayama*
5. *Pratyahara*
6. *Dharana*
7. *Dhyana* and
8. *Samadhi*

Ahimsa (non-injury), *satya* (truth), *asteya* (non-covetousness), *brahmacharya* (continence) and *aparagriha* (abstinence from avarice) come under *Yama*.

These five austerities are universal and absolute. Under no conditions should they be deviated from. A *Yogi* must not cause injury or pain to another in thought, word or deed. One must not hurt even in self-defence. This is *Ahimsa*.

Truth is concurrence between thought, word and deed. It must be true to fact and at the same time pleasant. If by speaking the truth, another is hurt it ceases to be truth and becomes *himsa*. There is a story which illustrates this point.

In olden days there was a sage renowned for his austerities and obervance of the vow of truth. It so happened that once when he was sitting by his little hut, a frightened man with a bundle ran past him and disappeared into a cave nearby. A couple of minutes later there came a band of fierce robbers with gleaming knives, apparently looking for this man. Knowing that the sage would not lie, they asked him where the man with the bundle was hiding. At once, the sage, true to his vow of not uttering falsehood, showed them the cave. The cruel robbers rushed into it, dragged out the scared man, killed him mercilessly and departed with his bundle. The sage never realised God in spite of his austerities and tenacity for truth for he had been instrumental in the murder of a man. This is not the kind of truth that *Yoga* requires. It would have been better if the sage had remained quiet for that would have saved the poor man. Great care is therefore to be exercised in speaking and each word must be carefully weighed before it is uttered.

There is a story in the *Chandogya Upanishad* which illustrates truth. It was the practice for little boys, in those days, to seek out a Guru for learning all about the Soul. Satyakama was one such little boy, eager to find a Guru who would teach him all that his young heart yearned for.

He went to his mother and said, "Mother, who is my father and what is my *gotra* (lineage)? I must tell my Guru all this before he will accept me as his student."

Satyakama's mother was Jabala, who had worked as a servant in many households and who did not know the boy's father herself. But she knew how eager her little boy was to gain in knowledge and so, overcoming her own confusion said: "My little boy, I worked in many houses as a maid and I conceived you. I do not know your father. But I can tell you I am Jabala and you are Satyakama."

Armed with this answer, the boy left his mother and went in search of a Guru. He cam to Haridrumata Gautama, a renowned master. The first question the Guru asked was "Boy, tell me your lineage."

Straightaway the little boy answered with confidence, "I am Satyakama Jabala", and narrated all that his mother had told him.

The great Haridrumata was pleased with the truthfulness of the boy and at once accepted him as a student.

Here, we notice the boy did not refrain from speaking out the truth, although it could have denied him his most cherished object of learning. Only in this case the Guru was great enough to recognise the little boy's greatness and did not dismiss him away as a bastard.

What is Truth can never be defined but certain broad guidelines can be laid down.

"Truth is not the same as fact. It is an announcement of reality but subject to:-

"1. It is wrong to speak the truth when by doing so, one betrays another person unnecessarily and to no good purpose.

"2. Be protective about others' faults so long as they harm no one else. Speak privately to an offender about his failings—but only if you have an opportunity or responsibility to help him; but never, under the pretext of helping someone, speak deliberately to hurt him.

"3. Truth is always whole-

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e fact; a fact that can never harmful. A fact which harms ther, even if the truth must be published or spoken. er reveal unpleasant facts t cause meaningless suffer- to another such as speaking unnecessarily against an- er's character. Your hurtful tion will not only cause pain, t rebound and do you also rm."

Non-covetousness is not ering after things not one's . Longing for things be- ging to another breeds in- ation for the object and ds thinking. It leads to ft and pilfering. No matter insignificant the object, in ciple, the mind is stained if e one begins to covet an- r's things.

Continence is abstintence m sexual intercourse. The inence must be complete. ough physically controlling self, if one mentally dwells , there is no real conti- ce.

The vow of Brahmacharya e of the hardest to keep up. quires great vigil and watch- ess. Thoughts of lust are ways lurking in the bottom of e mind and waiting to erupt. n great sages have suc- mbed to temptation. Shakun- a was born to Menaka of wamitra, a great *tapaswin* n he let himself be ena- ured of the celestial dancer. How insidiously lust takes ession of a person is shown the following story.

Many students were learn- Vedanta at the hermitage a great master. After a dis- rse on Brahmacharya, the ter added finally, "Beware, dents. Always keep away from women. No matter how staunch your resolution and self-control, proximity leads to desire and desire, to ruin."

One of the students who thought very highly of himself interrupted: "No master, that cannot be. I am perfected in Brahmacharya and nothing can tempt me."

The master smiled to himself and dismissed the class. The students were sent to different parts of the country to preach to the people.

This student also left on his preaching mission and set himself up in a small hut in a village. One day, it began to rain heavily. He stood by the door of his hut watching the rain when a young girl, who was in the flush of her youth, came running to take shelter under a tree opposite the hut. The student felt sorry for the drenched girl and invited her to come into the hut. She came. Soon it was night and the student gave the girl clothes to change and a mat to lie down on in the outer room. But his mind kept going back to the girl and suddenly he was driven by an irresistible urge to embrace her. He took her in his arms when whom should he see but his master instead caught in his arms.

The master said, "Are you still so sure of your self-control?"

The student hung his head in shame.

Perfect Brahmacharya cannot be advocated for an average person. That is why, our ancients set up the institution of marriage where a man's basic tendencies and instincts are taken into account and regulated. Excesses can lead to ruin—physical and moral.

Absence of avarice is the absence of the desire to acquire, to posses and enjoy objects. It is undesirable because the acquisition and preservation of possessions may necessitate forbidden means and the breaking of the earlier mentioned austerities.

A classic illustration of covetousness and avarice is found in the story of a mightly king. Once while on a hunting expedition, he came by the *ashrama* of Vasishta and decided his men needed some rest. He went into the *ashrama* and after prostrating himself before the Maharishis sought his hospitability. The sage agreed and soon fed the king and his countless soldiers with the most dainty dishes. Afterwards they were led to mansions filled with every kind of luxury and entertainment so that they could rest their tired bodies. The king was amazed and began to wonder how a hermitage could arrange for all this royal treatment. He found the sage had a cow Kamadhenu which could yield anything he wished for. The king was filled with desire for such a wonderful cow and decided he should posses it. He fought the sage with his mighty army but Kamadhenu razed the whole battalion effortlessly. The king lost his entire army and became mad with misery and covetousness for the wish-fulfilling cow. This is the story of Vishwamitra before he became a Rishi. Desire breeds misery and blinds one to everything.

The observances or *Niyamas* are five in number. They are:

1. *Saucha* (cleanliness)

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2. *Santosha* (contentment)
3. *Tapas* (purificatory penance)
4. *Swadhyaya* (study of sacred books) and
5. *Ishwarapranidhanani* (total surrender to the Divine Being)

Saucha is the cleanliness of the body and mind. The body is kept clean externally by washing and scrubbing. Internally it is cleaned by various methods.

The aim of *Saucha* is to create an awareness of what the body is and that it contains but flesh, filth, blood, mucus and is not worthy of the attachment and love we bestow on it. A thorough cleaning of the various orifices creates disgust and removes our infatuation for the body.

A great Bhakta of the Lord once fell a victim to lust and began courting a beautiful dancer. He soon forgot God and all his thoughts remained absorbed in the dancer. He began to ply her with gifts and ornaments. One day he found there was nothing left in his house and so he went to his sister-in-law to see if she could give him something for the dancer. The sister-in-law was an enlightened and intelligent woman. She thanked God she was given an opportunity to teach her brother-in-law a lesson. She took out her best jewels and gave them to the distraught Bhakta on a condition.

She said, "When you go to the dancer, ask her to stand naked before you. You must go behind her and ask her to bend forward. She must take the jewels from you in this posture through between her legs."

The Bhakta went to the dancer in joy and bade her receive the jewels in accordance with his sister-in-law's directions. No sooner did the dancer bend forward, the Bhakta was struck aghast at the ugliness and loathsomeness of the human body for which he had given up his dearest Lord. He was struck with remorse and went away to seek the Lord with greater and renewed dispassion.

Contentment is the ability to remain happy with whatever one has and not hanker after what one does not have. Saint Thyagaraja, a great composer and devotee of Sri Rama, sings in one of his songs "Santhamu Leka, Saukhymu Ledu" which means without contentment there can be no happiness.

Tapas is penance. It is training the body and mind to endure, without complaining the pairs of opposites—pain and pleasure, hunger and thirst, heat and cold, and practise fasts, vows and resolutions.

Tapas is often mistaken for torturing the body and distorting it out of all shape. Almost all temples in India are beseiged by beggars and *sadhus*. These *sadhus* stand on their hands or heads and claim to be great souls. Some of them pass rods of metal through their cheeks or tongue and other parts of the body. Yet others lie on beds of nails or swallow live cinders. Whatever all this is, it definitely is not *Tapas*. It is desecrating the human body which is meant to be a temple for the Divine.

Lord Krishna in his famous *Bhagavad Gita* tells us what *tapas* is. There are three kinds of *tapas* or austerity: *Tapas* of the body, of speech and of mind.

Tapas of the body is worshipping the *devas*, the twice born or Brahmanas or pious people, teachers and the wise, purity, upright posture, continence and non-violence.

Credible people are sometimes carried away by the sensational feats of *sadhus* and mistake them for realised souls. Abuse of the body cannot be *tapas*.

Austerity of speech consists of speech that does not vex others, truth, pleasant talk which is beneficial and the study of sacred scriptures.

Serenity of mind, sympathy, silence, self-control and integrity of motive are called austerity of the mind.

Study of the scriptures leads to divine contemplation. Actually a man is known by the company he keeps. These days, how can one make out whether a *sanyasi* is a genuine one or a fraud. So instead of seeking such company, books are more helpful and indirectly become our teachers. Constant study of good books leads to contemplation. Contemplation leads to meditation and Bhakti for God.

Total surrender to the Divine Will erases the ego and starts the process of evolution of the soul.

There is a little story that teaches what total surrender is. Once Lord Vishnu and his consort, Lakshmi, were relaxing in Vaikunta over a game of dice. Suddenly Lord Vishnu got up in haste when Lakshmi intercepted him and asked him for the reason.

The Lord replied, "My devotee is in danger of being assaulted by armed thieves. He is calling Me", and in a trice was gone. But the next instant, He was back. Lakshmi was bewildered.

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delights on ractical Astrology — III*

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chanana Yoga

I WILL now go on to Panchanana Yoga.

My father wrote in er small notebook that s born with this Yoga e wealthy or become and can be trusted. On amination of different having this Yoga, I have that the final inference by my father is quite cor-

realising the benefits of ga, all the nine planets find their place in 5 no matter how they are or combined. But in any ge if there are other Raja s also, the Panchanana will work in manifold ways. greater the number of Raja in a horoscope, the higher elevation of the person. person concerned will make rk in life.

Yoga is present in the ge of Dr. Radhakrish- who was the President of

Undoubtedly he had the nana Yoga.

(ii) Mercury and Venus are in Virgo in Lagna *kendra*. Mercury in the Lagna is in exaltation but Venus is in debility.

	RASI Radhakrishnan		RAHU SAT.
KETU			SUN MOON
	MARS JUPIT.		ASCDT. VENUS MERC.

For benefics, exaltation is good. But Venus is in debility combined with Mercury who is exalted. In the circumstances the debility of Venus will cancel out due to combination with Mercury. Venus will bestow unexpected Raja Yoga in his Dasa. This is called Neechabhanga.

(iii) Again, Mercury and Venus are lords of the 10th and the 9th houses respectively. Their combination itself has given rise to Maharaja Yoga. And, if a benefic is in the Lagna, such a planet will make the individual a king; if such a benefic is exalted, such a planet is bound to make the individual a king. Further, Venus and Mercury are friends.

(iv) In the 11th house from Lagna are Rahu and Saturn. They are aspected by Jupiter. It is said that if Rahu is in the 3rd, 6th and 11th houses either from Lagna or the Moon and is aspected by a benefic, the individual will have a long life and enjoy riches and pleasures of life. Saturn in the 11th also gives rise to similar results.

(v) Observe that on either side of the Moon are planets — in the 2nd house from Moon are Mercury and Venus and in the 12th house from the Moon are Rahu and Saturn. This constitutes Durdhura Yoga. This will give the individual wealth and all pleasures of life.

I would like to mention that for Virgo Lagna, Mercury and Venus combination in the 9th, 10th, 1st, 4th, 5th or even 12th or exchange of their respective houses *viz.*, 9th in 10th and vice versa or 1st in the 2nd and vice-versa gives rise to Raja Yoga of great worth. Harry Truman, who was the President of the U.S.A. during the second World War, also had this Yoga with the same Lagna. I shall write

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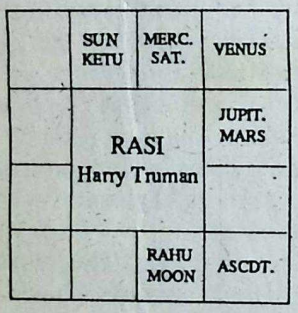
about it by and by. For him, the 9th and 10th lords exchanged their houses. He also had Panchanana Yoga and Neechabhanga Rajayoga.

(vi) Further studying the horoscope we see that the Sun is in his own house. Mercury is in his own house (exalted), Mars is in his own house. Venus, is in debility. Mercury is exalted. It is said that if atleast 3 or 4 planets are either in debility or exaltation or in their own house the person concerned will rise to very high position.

Definite Pattern Necessary

Planets just strewn in the chart here and there will not give any Raja Yoga. The formation and arrangement should be in defined patterns for the planets to acquire power.

Harry Truman became President on the death of President Roosevelt in 1943.



(i) The first and foremost feature of the horoscope is that he was born with Panchanana Yoga. The nine planets are in 5 houses.

(ii) The Sun is exalted in Aries. The 12th lord is placed in the 8th house. This is a typical Raja Yoga.

(iii) Mercury is the 10th lord and Venus is the 9th lord. They have exchanged their houses. This gives rise to Maharaja Yoga.

(iv) Jupiter is exalted in Cancer in the 11th house. Mars is in debility. This is Neechabhanga Raja Yoga. In my opinion, Neechabhanga can occur in any place. The important point is that one must get the Dasa of the *neecha* (debilitated) planet for getting the benefits of the yoga.

Rajayogas in a horoscope are assets. When you know that you have Raja Yogas, you may rest assured that they are like cheques which convert the paper money into cash.

When Mondale was defeated by Reagan in the 1984 Presidential elections an interesting comment was made in a certain magazine in U.S.A. which was reproduced in Indian newspapers. I will quote it as it appears in my diary:

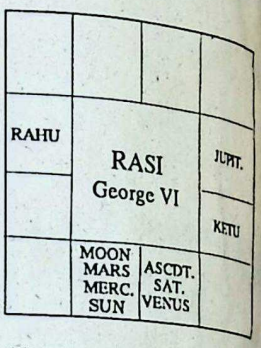
"... nothing we could have done would have mattered. Mondale ran a good race but there is no good democrat alive who could have won against Ronald Reagan. Ronald Reagan won a popularity contest and not an issue mandate".

Both ran but it was Ronald Reagan who won. The stars of Reagan were better than those of Mondale!

There are newspaper reports that Reagan consulted astrologers before taking decisions. I don't find anything wrong in that. He was the head of a country. Any decisions he took would have had a far-reaching effect on the destiny of the country. I would put it this way that he wanted his decisions to be acceptable and effective.

Brilliant Yogas

I should continue my efforts to devote a little more space to write a little more on Panchanana Yoga. In this connection, I would like to bring before you the horoscope of King George the VI, who ascended the British throne in 1936 after it was abdicated by his brother.



(i) King George VI had all the nine planets in 5 houses. Panchanana Yoga.

(ii) His was Libra Lagna. In the Lagna itself there is the combination of 1st and 8th lord Venus with 4th and 5th lord Saturn. This is a combination of great worth in which Maharaja Yoga is bound to occur in Venus Dasa and not in Saturn. I have already written earlier that any planet in combination with the 8th lord or aspected by 8th lord will spoil the Yoga of the planet with which the 8th lord is associated. But the 8th lord will give the Yoga of the Yogakaraka planet with which it has combined or is aspected. Though Saturn is Yogakaraka, it gives results of Venus and Venus will give the results of Saturn. For Libra Lagna there are only two Yogakaraka planets— Saturn and Mercury. If an individual is born in Libra Lagna and gets Saturn Dasa during the prime of his life, he will get Mercury Dasa also subsequently. The total period would thus be 36

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Astrology, Science and Prediction

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THE LAYMEN do not have a full mental comprehension of four dimensional existence. We comprehend it only through matics. We can measure space as volume egrating all the three dimensions. But we know what units to use to measure space. Strictly speaking, we did not have units to re time. We have been measuring time as The only natural unit that could suggest as the day which is the time taken by the to rotate on its axis once (to bring a point th facing the Sun to face it again). For a unit, the time taken by the Moon from one on to another is taken as the month and e taken for the earth to go round the Sun ear. A still larger measure of 12 years can ined by Jupiter's movement round the nd of 30 years by Saturn's movement the Sun. The LCM of 12 and 30 being 60, year cycle of years was defined by our . They did not bother about the planets uld not be seen by the naked eye as they not be useful for measuring time.

In order to define the location and movement Sun, the Moon and planets in the sky, 'milestones' were identified along their These are the Rasis and Nakshatras to along the same path. The imaginary arance of the groups of stars at each mile- has been used to name it. So we find that asure time in relation to the spatial move- of the earth and to a lesser extent of the

During the process of searching for a natural to measure time, we made the discovery anets and the rates and courses of their against the Rasis and Nakshatras. Their motions are regular for our purpose. Therefore, their positions on any future date can be calculated and predicted exactly. There is, therefore, not much as a metaphor if we say that the zodiac is a clock, the Rasis and Nakshatras are the figures on its face and the planets are the hands of the clock.

The future positions of a body with a known velocity of acceleration can be predicted and that is dynamics, not Astrology. Given the annual rate of increase in population, you may predict the future figures. That is demography, not Astrology. If you know the rate of growth of production, the rate of increase in populations and the type of governments in various countries, you could predict the price trends. In fact, the stock market is every minute predicting future prices. The forward markets and speculation are all a process of prediction. Even in horse-races which have ruined many an enthusiast, there appear to be some elements on which to hazard a prediction, such as the previous performance of the horses, the jockeys etc. The basis of life insurance business is predictions of longevity. Every minute of our time we predict our profits, increments, promotions, successes, failures etc. *In fact, all knowledge is for prediction. The very purpose of science is prediction.*

In the progress of any science, there are some recognisable stages. First is the observation of events and their association. Second is the proposal of a hypothesis to explain the association. Third is the experimental verification of the hypothesis (reproducibility or reliability). Finally a principle is enunciated *i.e.*, prediction. Some events do not progress beyond the first

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stage for quite a long time. Yet the knowledge is utilised for the benefit of man without waiting for the scientific explanation. Such use is called empirical application of knowledge.

If two events occur in the same sequence a number of times, we call them associated events. Some times we can see a relationship between them, calling the previous event the cause and the subsequent event, the effect. In either case, since they occured together so many times, we predict that they could occur together in future also. Thus a prediction is an extrapolation in time, of the association of two events, whether related by 'cause and affect' or not.

Why do we accept certain predictions and reject some? If you have seen a black cat cross your path and the work on which you were proceeding failed, you suspect a relationship between the two events. If it has occurred once more, you are convinced. That is called superstition. If the same association is found with a probability of 95% in 'r' number of 'trials' with 'n' number of occurrences, the association has passed through statistics and is accepted though the cause and effect relation is not yet established.

Let us consider a model. Some people drink river water; some drink well water. Some develop cancer and some do not. Sort out these observations as cancer patients among river-water drinkers, and among well-water drinkers. Let us say one in a million of river-water drinkers and one in a billion of well-water drinkers have had cancer. The study is made in a sufficient number of locations and sufficient populations as required by statistics. If they pass through the statistical sieve, from the few cases studied, the result is projected over the whole of mankind by a sort of extrapolation or prediction. The incidence of cancer is said to be 'significantly' lower among well-water drinkers than in the river-water drinkers. And statistical significance gives the result a scientific stature and the causal relationship between the type of water and incidence of cancer is taken as a fact.

Upto this point it does not affect the people. The study may add a paper to the credit of the scientist or it may give him a degree or promotion (if it is by merit and not by reservation). The next step of applying the knowledge to humanity is more important. Shall we say, 'If you drink river-water, you will get cancer'? It is only a one in a million chance. Or shall we say 'Drink well-water and you will not get cancer'. The chance of one in a billion is there. Who knows, you may be the billionth man! This indeterminability and probability are characteristic of not only biological events but also physical events. It is possible to predict how many atoms will change in a given time in a given mass of a radio-active element. But none can predict which particular atom will change in the next moment. Predictability is only when masses are concerned. It vanishes when we come to individuals. If predictions go wrong, it only means that there are some more factors at work to contend with.

Is it necessary to explain the causal relationship before it is accepted? **No, There are a number of facts accepted by science for which we do not yet have a full explanation.** Further, explanation is only a process of pushing the frontiers of ignorance further and not really giving the full explanation. While the search for ultimate explanation is an eternal endeavour, there is no bar to utilising the facts for human benefit. Ginger is a carminative. Why? Some one extracts a glucoside from it, names it and declares that the glucoside is the component which is a carminative. But why? A biochemist may further reveal that the glucoside has a radical which interacts with the enzyme precursor in the stomach. But the question persists. Why? While the search for the answer may go on, wise men do not wait for its conclusions to use ginger for improvement of their digestion.

The first and superficial objection to the acceptance of Astrology as a science is the inadequate reliability of the predictions. But there are some 'sciences' which, probably, are less reliable. Meteorology is one such. Medical science is not that bad, but the doctor's prognosis does go wrong not infrequently.

The second objection is that the method of predicting is not validated by statistics employed by all other sciences as the touchstone of 'science'. We, of course, do not know how the laws of Astrology were framed because we have no record of experiments as we have of modern scientists. But the large number of 'influences' that are considered in giving a prediction make it virtually impossible to reduce them to a manageable number for statistical verification. We can only hope that the computer may in the

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our future help us in this matter.

The real trouble is that it looks improbable to our common sense that the planets at such enormous distances should have anything to do with our lives (until some western scientist ventures to say so). It looks easier and more fashionable to join the disbelievers. We know of the gross effects of the Sun and Moon which flow from the laws of gravity. Some have also suggested that the nervous system may be affected by phenomena like the sunspots. Such explanations do not carry us far. We do not yet have enough knowledge of the subtle interaction between the stimuli from the planets, if any, and the human body; or of their relationship to events of life of the individuals. It appears that the hypothesis that the planets physically affect life's events cannot be upheld with our present state of knowledge. **We have to look for a relationship other than cause and effect relationship with the planets.**

The world is a space-time continuum. A thing has three dimensions. When the fourth dimension is added, a thing becomes an event. When you describe a man or woman as so many centimeters tall or so many inches round, or in the language as 35-25-35 and so on, he or she is a thing. But when you add the fourth dimension, the time, he or she becomes a string of events — birth, growth, development, sensence, death, achievement, hope, fulfilment and more.

According to some astronomers, the universe which was a single mass, was blown (the big bang) and is rapidly expanding in all directions. According to the simple and unchanging properties vested in the system, a chain of events has been set in; forming atoms, larger atoms, molecules, larger molecules, organic molecules, life, vegetation and man. All these manifestations of nature are an unfolding of the time-space matrix somewhat like the letters or patterns written on an expanding balloon. They grow larger and move away from each other as the balloon expands. But their movements are related and coordinated. If the relative movement of two points is known, it would naturally be possible to predict the position of the other points at the present or at some future moment. The letters on an expanding balloon are a two-dimensional system. But the universe is a four dimensional system and the predictions are far more complicated. Bang or no bang, if we accept the world as a single co-ordinated system, by linking events to regularly moving bodies whose future movements can be calculated, it should be possible to predict a future event.

Let us consider an over-simplified model. The movement of the hands of a clock is regular. Now suppose you link your life to the clock. You arrive at your office at 11 0' clock and leave it at 5. I can give the reading: When the small hand (Planet A) comes to 5 (Rasi X), and the long hand (Plant B) comes to 12 (Rasi Y), you will leave office. The movement of the hands has nothing to do with you leaving the office. Yet the two events are related by their movement in time. In the same way, by tagging your life to the regularly moving planets, it appears reasonably possible to predict that a certain person born when the planets were at such and such a place will die when they reach such and such positions. **The planets do not kill him. Their indicating positions are synchronous with the event.** They are just the hands on the dial. Of course, the actual situation is highly complicated because of numerous cross indications. To give consideration to each of them may be difficult but must be quite possible.

Astrologers differ in their success of predictions because of differences in their individual abilities to comprehend the relative importance and weightage to be given to innumerable factors which have to be taken into account simultaneously. **Also, as in scientific and other mental activities, intuition has a great part to play in correctly interpreting the result from the planetary chart before them.** One may gaze at a long algebraic expression for hours without understanding it; while another may see in a moment that it is the square or cube of a simpler expression. *Such abilities are generally inborn and personal. Failure of prediction by some astrologers can be no valid argument for rejection of Astrology. Not every doctor can diagnose an ailment correctly in spite of all the tests. That does not invalidate medicine.*

The most appealing reason not to reject Astrology is that it has been handed down to us by *rishis* who desired nothing but the good of humanity. They did not teach this knowledge to exploit anybody, nor were they hypocrites to perpetuate this knowledge, knowing that it was false and baseless.

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We are still on the beach sands of the ocean of knowledge and what we know is not enough to reject Astrology. **If it is unscientific to accept a thing that is not proved by 'science', it is equally unscientific to reject a thing without adequate proof.** Till we have understood the nature of existence and the origin and unfoldment of the Universe and the relationship of living things to the so called nonliving things, we would not be in a position to establish a basis for Astrology. It would be as foolish to reject Astrology for want of scientific proof as to reject God whom no scientist can 'prove'. It is of course, an easy course to outright reject Astrology like many ancient good things handed down to us by our Rishis. But let us preserve it at least till a western scientist hints at a basis for Astrology; because then we shall sing praises of Astrology. Let us not say 'Is it not science? Then it has no right to be preserved'. **It is such fanaticism that has burnt valuable books in many ancient libraries of the world.**

If we record some of the exact predictions made by some astrologers of the past and present in surprisingly great detail, we are struck with wonder. It is impossible to reject them as mere chance predictions. **Let a thousand predictions fail; but one such prediction is enough reason to preserve this ancient science, experiment with it, improve upon it, find out 'scientific' explanations for it. Astrology has a great part to play in lessening our tensions, giving us hope, confidence and perserverance in our endeavours.**—129.89.

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years, and if these two planets are not spoiled otherwise, they will raise the status and position of the person to great heights. Again, for Libra Lagna, Venus is harmful unless he is associated or aspected by benefics or Yogakaraka planets or placed in the 6th, the 8th or the 12th houses.

(iii) In the 2nd house, the following planets combine:

(a) Moon, lord of the 10th, the 9th and 12th lord Mercury, the 2nd and 7th lord Mars and 11th lord Sun.

The combination of the 9th and the 10th lords gives Bhagyarajya Yoga. This is a prestigious Yoga. Again, the 2nd lord and 11th lord in the 2nd are supposed to give unexpected Dhana (wealth) Yoga.

(iv) The 5th house Rahu and 11th house Ketu are Yogakarakas.

(v) The 6th lord in the 10th and the 10th lord in the 6th constitute an instant unexpected Rajayoga. Here Jupiter who is the 6th lord is in the 10th. He is in *uccha* (exalted).

(vi) Saturn in the 10th will lead to the ultimate downfall of the individual. On the contrary, 10th house Jupiter will promote the concerned person.

(vii) In this horoscope Jupiter is exalted; the Moon is debilitated; and Venus is in his own house.

In short, a number of Rajayogas in the framework of the Panchanana Yoga are present.—211.89.

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them, let alone forbidden months, *pakshas* or Guru-Sukra *asthamanas*.

The wag, however, differs and says that God did nothing of the kind; He took the complainants, if at all, for a ride; by doing what he did he did exactly for the opposite reason *viz.*, protecting man from their evil influence by compelling him to worship Him through his incarnations on the impugned days as a prophylactic measure.

'Whatever be the truth, as things are, even those entities have come to possess good points. Mars is known as Mangala or the auspicious one. Maritial arts for one, enjoy permit on that day. So is Saturday, when events of lasting nature are undertaken. In some parts of our country even marriages are celebrated on those days.

Among *muhurtas* too, there are some black sheep. Nidhana-Lagna for instance. It is the 8th sign from one's birth when no auspicious function is dared. It may be a discovery to be told as the following verse points out that this maligned Lagna is a gold mine for some very important sectors of human life.

निधनभवनलग्ने भोजनं पौष्टिकर्मा
क्षितिपति सेवा सांपसयप्रयोगम् ।
रभतुरग गजेनद्रा ऽऽरोहणं शस्त्र शिक्षा
मपिशुभकरमन्य दूर्जयेज्जीवितार्था ॥

It means that the 8th house Lagna is favourable for medication, state service, military training and manoeuvres, war and riding, including automobiles, but is taboo for others.

This is no small mercy.

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Planets and the V.P. Singh Government

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THE planetary positions* at the time of the formation of a new government can be used as an indicator for judging the future developments.

Important features are the aspect of Jupiter on Lagna, Lagna lord, 9th and 11th houses, mutual aspect between Lagna lord and the 2nd and 11th lord and the occupation of the 10th house by the Sun with Mercury.

In regard to the longevity of the government, the aspect of the first-rate benefic Jupiter on Lagna and Lagna lord and the aspect of Saturn on Lagna as Lagna lord are worth mentioning. Therefore, the tenure of the Government may not be unduly short. The 10th house is also sufficiently strong. The Saturn-Jupiter connec-

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THE Government of the National Front was formed on 2-12-1989 at 12.10 p.m. at New Delhi.

The rising Lagna is Aquarius and it is *vargottama*. The Moon is in Capricorn in Uttarashadha. The other planets are as follows: The Sun in Uttarashadha 4; the Moon in Uttarashadha 2; Mars in Vishakha 2; Mercury in Jyeshta 4; Jupiter (R) in Ardra 3; Venus in Uttarashadha 2; Saturn in Uttarashadha 2; Rahu in Capricorn and Ketu in Cancer. The balance of Sun Dasa is 4 years, 5 months and 1 day. Sun Dasa Rahu Bhukti runs upto 21-5-1990. The *tithi* is Chaturthi and the Yoga Vrithi Yoga. According to this, Aquarius and Taurus are Tithisunya Rasis and Jyeshta is Yoga Nakshatra. The Lagna lord and the 8th are well placed. Saturn's mutual aspect

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INDIA is a country ruled by Capricorn. The Indian masses show all characteristics of Capricorn mainly hero-worship, passionate decisions and more concern for one's personal life than public life.

All the above features of a general nature of the Indian masses has led to a husband-wife relationship between the leader and masses. Naturally the masses follow leadership blindly and also discard it wildly when the feelings are hurt.

India masses, till now, have been led by Cancer Ascendant persons such as Sri Ramachandra, Yudhishtra, Tilak, Nehru and the late Smt. Indira Gandhi.

The exception to the rule are former prime minister Morarji Desai and the present prime-

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V. P. SINGH'S government took oath on Saturday the 2nd December 1989 at 12.16 p.m. at New Delhi. The Ascendant at that moment was Aquarius and the Moon was in Capricorn.

Saturday is not considered good for any auspicious function. But the oath was taken in Abhijit Nakshatra when the Sun was on the meridian which is good enough to ward off the bad effects of many malefic combinations. The Ascendant lord Saturn is in the 11th house, house of gains and friends. Moreover Jupiter from the 5th house aspects the Ascendant and the Ascendant lord too.

The 5th house governs the mentality of the rulers and the presence of Jupiter there shows, it is good and its intentions are clear. The 8th

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tion involving the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 11th houses will impart financial stability to the country. The presence of Saturn who is the 12th lord will delay this prosperity. Jupiter and Saturn represent two different streams. Jupiter represents orthodoxy with wisdom and logic, ancient religion and existing social order. In our political arena BJP is more closely associated with these values. Saturn represents masses, particularly down trodden, workers, reactionaries, revolutionaries, criticism of existing order, etc. Communists can easily be identified with these values. Since both these planets are protecting the Government we can safely infer that V.P. Singh's minority Government will continue to enjoy the support of both the apparently antagnositic parties. Since Jupiter is spoiled by the aspect of Saturn, the 9th lord Venus which signifies religious matters is afflicted in the 12th house and influence of Saturn is very pronounced on Lagna leftist thinking will prevail in the government. Jupiter is in Aridra *i.e.*, in Rahu's constellation, its dispositor Mercury is combust and therefore,

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with Jupiter indicates Deerghayu Yoga. Though Yogakaraka Venus has gone to the 12th house, his malefic nature has been nullified because of Tithisunya. Hence it is good.

Venus in the 12th is said to be good, if it is not Saturn's house. This drawback is also nullified since his association with Rahu is good. We should also not forget the *vargottama* position of the 7th lord Sun and his full *digbala* simply by occupying the 10th house from Lagna. Hence we cannot under-estimate the opposition benches also. They will closely watch the situation which is very evident from the occupation of Saturn in the 5th from the 7th house. Saturn stands for cunning. Of course, the aspect of Jupiter over Saturn will certainly help the present government. Mutual friendship with other parties will also be quite okay for sometime since the 11th and Lagna lords are in mutual aspect. The country's prosperity is assured by the occupation of Jupiter in the 5th house. The main feature in this horoscope is the placement of the Moon in the 12th house. We can expect rapid economic changes in the near future as Dha-

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minister V.P. Singh.

That Morarji Desai is Gemini-born is very well known to the readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

I firmly opine that V.P. Singh should be treated as Gemini Ascendant with Gemini Navamsa against Cancer Ascendant and Cancer Navamsa. His love for nuclear physics, poetry, unpretentious attitude, non-provocative speech, serene nature, humility and honesty come under Gemini. After getting elected as prime-minister, the Fergusson College, Pune, verified his enrolment in it in 1957 for nuclear physics.

His crusade against corruption in a sensitive matter like defence led him to win. The 1989 elections were the elections in which a vote of conscience was cast. For the first time the Indian voter voted without any pre-determined concepts or passions or slogans. Unlike on previous occasions it was not avote of negation. It was for qualitative change.

Should we expect this as the beginning of a new chapter in the progress of Indian democracy? —37.90.

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lord Mercury in the 10th signifies unexpected gains due to the fall of the previous government.

The Sun in the 10th is very strong. Ketu in the 6th house makes it powerful and tactical enough to beat any enemy in the political field and war.

The remaining part of the Dasa of Sun (not bad for Aquarius Lagna) will run upto 16-3-1994. The Sun is in the 10th, the house of its friend Mars, a Yogakaraka for Aquarius Lagna). The presence of 7th lord Sun in the 10th makes its partners faithful. They will contribute and may help it in its efforts for the advancement of the country. The support it enjoys from outside will prove to be its strength.

After June 25, 1990 the government will be likely to give a clear and well-directed direction to the nation. Slowly and steadily it will gain confidence and clear the fears of dangers and uncertainty.

The Sun in the 10th is between Saturn on the one side and Mars on the other. It shows some pressure on the government for some time. The Sun, Moon and Venus are *vargottama*. This is a good sign and gives strength to the horoscope (0.91)

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the government will keep the Hindus and BJP in good humour but will not redress their grievances such as liberation of Ram Janmabhoomi.

Jupiter's influence on the 11th in the Rasi chart and the 2nd in Navamsa shows that despite socialistic restrictions liberalisation in the economy will proceed but at a slower pace. On the whole, this government's economic policy will be a much better mix of different and diverse pulls of thinking in economics than the previous government's policies. As the 12th house is overloaded and the best *yogakaraka* Venus is in the 12th, to say that India will see a golden age is a tall claim.

The most disconcerting feature of the horoscope is the 12th house. Three planets, Venus, Moon and Rahu, receive the aspect of Mars from the 9th house. The Moon, the 6th lord, represents enemies, Venus is the 4th and 9th lord and so represents peace, order, domestic and foreign affairs. Rahu is the significator of subversion, covert activities, spying, diplomatic efforts etc. Mars the violent planet is aspecting the 12th house from the 9th. The writing on the wall is clear. Despite better discipline in money matters embezzlement of funds and illegal transactions will continue. Since the 9th lord, *i.e.*, lord of fame, is involved, the National Front will suffer some loss of reputation due to corruption but the leadership will remain unaffected as the 9th house is safe and sound.

Mars aspecting the 12th and the 4th houses, itself being 3/10 lord, the use of armed force by the leadership in domestic as well as foreign power-generated problems is not ruled out.

There are very strong indications pointing towards expenditure in conflict with foreign power. Occupation of the 12th by the Moon, the 6th lord, shows loss and expenditure due to enemy. Venus, the 9th lord, in the 12th with the 6th lord Moon shows loss and expenditure due to foreign enemies. The aspect of Mars on this conjunction shows loss in conflict with foreign power in which arms are used and bloodshed occurs. Involvement of Rahu complicates the situation. Rahu is in Dhanishta ruled by Mars, showing covert activities leading to violence, subversion and guerilla war. Rasis which are involved in this are Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. Planets involved are Mars, Venus, Rahu and Moon. Rahu and Mars show conflicts and not the venue of the conflict. Of the remaining factors Venus shows the involvement of foreign power and its entanglement with domestic issues. Therefore the most important factors left for ascertaining the place of conflict are the three Rasis and the Moon. Of these, the 6th house and its lord Moon show the West and Cancer, in the 6th shows North. Clearly the North-West frontier is going to become the theatre of this drama. Capricorn shows the South. It means the Sri Lanka problem will also elude solution for a long time. The presence of Venus as a secondary factor shows that relations with foreign countries in the East such as Bangladesh will not be comfortable. Similarly in the North-East region the problems will remain. The reasonably comfortable position of Jupiter shows that relations with the Hindu state Nepal will improve but since he is in Aridra ruled by Rahu, mistrust between the two countries will remain. In Navamsa the position of Jupiter in the 2nd in own house may be taken as a pointer towards trade treaty between India and Nepal.—29.90.

**Rasi:* Aquarius - Ascendant; Gemini - Jupiter; Cancer - Ketu; Libra - Mars; Scorpio - the Sun and Mercury; Sagittarius - Saturn; and Capricorn - the Moon, Rahu and Venus. *Navamsa:* Aquarius - Ascendant and Ketu; Pisces - Mercury and Jupiter; Taurus - Mars; Leo - Rahu; Virgo - Saturn; Scorpio - the Sun; and Capricorn - Venus and the Moon.

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nakaraka and 2nd lord Jupiter has a mutual aspect with Saturn.

Venus in the 12th with 6th lord Moon and Rahu and Mars in the 9th indicate sudden demise of leading figures in the National Front. This can occur during Sun Dasa Jupiter Bhukti, that too in a violent manner. Overall agricultural production will see a fall. Industries will find steady growth. Our communication system will find a new era in this period. However Rahu with the Moon, especially in the 12th, will throw some shadow on the National Front Government before the end of Sun Dasa.

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YOGA IN DAILY LIFE

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"You are back so soon?" she asked him.

"Yes", sighed the Lord. "My devotee called Me, but in the meanwhile he had picked up a large stone to throw at the thieves and defend himself. He had more faith in himself and in the stone than in Me. And so, I came back."

Total surrender is the realization of our littleness and insignificance before the Almighty. Draupadi's story is another illustration. So long as she clung to the garment with her hands depending upon them to save her modesty, Lord Krishna did not turn up. But the moment she threw up her hands in supplication letting go the garment, the Lord came to her rescue.

In fact, Patanjali holds that what all can be achieved by the practice of the different stages of Yoga can be attained singly through *Iswarapranidhanani* or total surrender of the self to God.

Yoga *asanas* are the next stage. Ordinarily, the life of a yogi is outwardly shorn of all activity. The limbs are used only when necessary. This does not conduce to good health. *Asanas* or Yogic postures, therefore, become important. *Asanas* help maintain health and vitality in an otherwise sedentary life. They also give steadiness to the body, an important factor in future yogic practices.

The next step is *Pranayama*. Prana is the life-giving force circulating through the human body. Although *prana* is commonly interpreted as 'breath', it is something more vital in function and more subtle in operation than breath. *Pranayama* regulates the flow of Prana which purifies the dross in the mind and body.

Pratyahara comes next. It is the disengaging of the senses from the sense-objects. By sustained practice, the senses are trained to cease to dwell on external objects and turn inwards.

Once the outgoing senses are taught to look inwards, Dharana or concentation becomes easy. The mind is steadied, the thought processes slow down and attention is fixed uninterrupted on a particular object. The object may be an image of God or the tip of the tongue or the space between the eyebrow or even an imaginary radiance in one's heart. Continued fixity of attention leads to *Dhyana* or meditation. Meditation is the continuous flow of a single thought from the person meditating to the object meditated upon. Effortless concentration is, in a sense, *Dhyana*.

The final stage is *Samadhi* or Beautitude. In this, the person meditating and the object of meditation become one. There is complete identification between the two.

Dharana, *Dhyana* and *Samadhi* are collectively called *Samyama* or the means of acquiring all knowledge beyond the senses.

Samyama must be employed to evolve from plane to plane of superconsciousness. *Samyama* is said to bring in its wake supernatural powers and memory of past births. However, it must not be wasted in the pursuit of selfish ends and pleasures. The ultimate goal of all Yoga is *Kaivalya* or Emancipation of the Soul.

Kaivalya is that state when man experiences and perceives his Divinity. Divinity means perfection. Once this state is attained, there are no desires—the harbingers of misery and pain. Man becomes God or Bliss. Nothing disturbs his tranquility and happiness. This is the aim of Yoga. Only if we stop to think, we realise every thought and act we think or perform is really an attempt to reach happiness. But we are always looking for it in the wrong things and places. We do not get it there and we suffer anger, disappointment, and frustration. Again and again we look for it in the wrong places like the moth that is drawn towards the flame and gets destroyed.

Yoga shows us all happiness is within ourselves and trying to quench desires is like pouring ghee on fire which only makes it blaze more instead of putting it out. So with desire. It is never satisfied. *Yoga* shows us that happiness for which we are eternally searching can be obtained through non-desire.

To achieve a state of non-desire, the mind must be trained to think clearly. A healthy mind requires a healthy body. This is where Hatha Yoga comes in.

(to be continued)

That which is not destined to happen as a result of our past Karma will not happen; that which is to happen must happen. Such knowledge is a sure antidote to the poison of anxiety: it removes the delusion of grief.

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Argala Application

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JAIMINI MAHARSHI in his *sutragrantha*, after his benedictory *sutra*, commences with a novel exposition of the aspects in three *sutras*. The use of this novel concept of the aspects is shown next in another new item of *argala*, in six *sutras* and the application is specifically indicated in two *sutras* (Adh.1, Pada 3, Sutra 23).

Although the sage expends altogether eight sutras for a single item of *argala*, we hardly discern in the Sanskrit commentaries, old or modern, a valid application save *prima facie* arguments and doctrines, limited to the *argala* information. Having made a deep study of how best we could make use of the *argala* application, in more than two hundred horoscopic charts, I am emboused to present a clear and thorough method of applications before the readers, with my own interpretation of the relevant *argala sutras*.

I. Let me begin with the item of aspects, which is the linch-pin of *argala*.

Sutra 1: *Abhi pasyanti rikshani*

Sutra 2: *Parswebha cha*

Sutra 3: *Tannishttascha tadwat.*

The meaning of the above three *sutras* is as follows: The signs aspect (look at) their frontal signs. They also aspect their lateral signs. The planets also aspect in the manner the signs they aspect. The table given below is useful in the next exposition of the *argala* application

II. Argala Sutras and Interpretation

1. *Darabhagya soolasthargala midhyatuhu* The 4th (Dara), 2nd (Bhagya) and 11th (Soola) signs reckoned from an aspecting planet are the *argala* signs.

2. *Kamasthatu bhooyasa papanam*. The 3rd from an aspecting planet, occupied by more than two malefics, is the *argala* sign.

TABLE I

S.No.	Aspecting Signs	Aspected Signs
1.	Mesha	Simha, Vrischika, Kumbha
2.	Vrishabha	Kataka, Tula, Makara
3.	Mithuna	Kanya, Dhanus, Meena
4.	Kataka	Vrischika, Kumbha, Vrishabha
5.	Simha	Tula, Makara, Mesha
6.	Kanya	Dhanus, Meena Mithuna
7.	Tula	Kumbha, Vrishabha, Simha
8.	Vrischika	Makara, Mesha, Kataka
9.	Dhanus	Meena, Mithuna, Kanya
10.	Makara	Vrishabha, Simha, Vrischika
11.	Kumbha	Mesha, Kataka, Tula
12.	Meena	Mithuna, Kanya, Dhanus

3. *Ripha neecha kamastha virodhinah* - The 10th (Ripha), 12th (Neecha), 3rd (Kama) signs are the *virodharagala* signs respectively of the 4th, 2nd, 11th *argala* signs.

4. *Na nyuna vibalascha* - The *argalas* by the planets in the 4th, 2nd, 11th signs will not be obstructed if the 10th, 12th, 3rd signs are occupied by less number of planets or by the weaker planets.

5. *Pragwat trikone* - The *trikona* (5th, 9th) *argala* signs may be understood as before.

6. *Vipareetam Ketoh* - The contrary holds good in the case of Ketu.

Controversial Arguments:

What does *pragwat* (as before) mean?

It means that it is like the 2nd *sutra Kamastha tu bhooyasa papanam*.

The *argala* of the 3rd sign occupied by more than two malefics cannot be obstructed (*nir-*

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abhasargala as understood by the use of *tu* in the *sutra*. Similarly the 5th and 9th *argala* signs do not get obstructed. The above interpretation is inadmissible since *pragwat* cannot straightaway relate to the 2nd *sutra* because of the two *sutras* being in between the 2nd *sutra* and the 5th *pragwat sutra*. Hence *pragwat trikone* means that the 5th sign is the *argala* sign and the 9th sign is the *virodhargala* sign.

In such a case, why should the sage ennunciate the 5th *sutra, pragwat trikone* separately? He could have safely inserted a word, like, *santa* (5) in the 1st *argala sutra* and another word, like, *dhatus* (9) in the 3rd (*virodhargala) sutra*.

That is true. But the sage intended that *vipareetam ketoh* should pertain to its preceeding *pragwat trikone* only. It means that for Ketu, the 9th is the *argala* sign and the 5th is the *virdohargala sign*. The sage expended the 5th *sutra, pragwat trikone* to prevent the involvement of Ketu for the *argala* signs mentioned in the 1st *sutra* and the 2nd *sutra*. The *sutra, Vipareetam ketoh* may be connected also with the next *sutra, Atmadhikah....* by the *dehali deepaka nyaya*. No, it would be tantamount to dishonouring the regular order of the planets from the Sun to Ketu, by first mentioning Ketu in the *atmakaraka* theory. Thus ran the controversial arguments without defering to the *argala* application, nonchalant of the role of the aspecting planet.

III. Valid Application

Here is my interpretation of the valid *argala* application. The 1st category of the *argala* signs 2nd, 4th, 11th is given in the 1st *argala sutra*. These *argala* signs have the *virdohargala* signs *viz.*, 12th, 10th, 3rd. The 2nd category is given in the 2nd *argala sutra*. This 3rd *argala* sign, occupied by more than two malefics, has no *virodhargala* sign at all. Thus these two categories differ from each other. The sage next expends one more *sutra* to ennunciate the 3rd category, *viz.,trikonargala* signs. The sage uses *pragwat* probably to make us understand this category also, as we understand the other two categories, as mentioned before. *Pragwat* does not necessarily behove us to understand the similitude of the *argala* cadres. Now I shall tabulate the three categories.

The point that the 3rd category differs a little from the other two categories is evidenced, when we come to know how the three categories are potential in the formation of the *subhargala yogas*, analysed below.

TABLE II

No.	Category	Argala Signs	Virodhargala Signs
I.	Principal or Primary	2nd 4th 11th	12th 10th 3rd
II.	Specific	3rd (When occupied by more than two malefics)	Nil
III.	Secondary	5th 9th	9th 5th

IV. Subhargala Yogas

1. The planets irrespective of the benefics or the malefics, occupying the 2nd, 4th, 11th signs (PAS) can form the *subhargala yogas* when the *virodhargala* signs, 12th, 10th, 3rd lie vacant.

It means that if both the A.S. and V.A.S. are occupied by the planets, the *argala*, formed, is only *aabhaasa*, doing no good. However a concession is given. If the number of planets in the V.A.S. is less than those in the A.S., or if the planets in V.A.S. are weaker than those in the A.S., the *subhargala* does not get marred.

2. If the 3rd sign is occupied by more than two malefics or if a malefic among the planets in the 3rd sign gets more degrees etc. than the rest of the planets get, a *nirabhasargala yoga* forms.

3. If the 5th sign is occupied only by the benefics, while the 9th sign lies vacant, a *subhargala yoga* forms. Similarly if the 9th sign is occupied only by the benefics, while the 5th sign lies vacant, a *subhargala yoga* forms. However a concession is given to a malefic, if exalted in the formation of the *subhargala yoga*. Thus the three different categories of the *argala* signs are involved differently in the formation of the *subhargala yogas*, one by both the benefics and malefics, the other by malefics only, the 3rd by benefics only.

N.B.: Here are two points worth remembering:

1. Rahu/Ketu in the *argala* signs does not contribute to the formation of the *subhargala yogas*.

2. The *argala* signs should be reckoned from an aspecting planet.

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Before I deal the aspecting planet who has a function in the classification of the *subhargala yogas*, I offer my interpretation of the 6th *sutra* "Vipareetam Ketoh".

That the *argala* signs should be reckoned from the aspecting planet is evident in the very *argala sutra*, by the word *nidhyatuhu*. The position of *argala* closes with the 6th *argala sutra* "*Vipareetam Ketoh*" specifying Ketu. The *subhargala yogas* are deduced by all the three categories of the *argala* signs, connected with the aspecting planet in general. But with regard to Ketu, the contrary holds good. It means that if Ketu is involved with the aspecting planet in the formation of the *subhargala yoga*, the contrary of the *subhargala yoga* holds good. It means Ketu spoils the *subhargala*. By the mention of Ketu in the *sutra*, Rahu also comes into the picture, though in fact, Rahu is more destructive than Ketu.

Aspecting Planets

I have conveniently classified the aspecting planets into six kinds according to their potentiality in the formation of the *subhargala yogas*. I enumerate below from the lowest to the highest.

1. A planet who aspects Janma Lagna.
2. A planet who aspects both Janma Lagna and its 7th house.
3. The lord of the sign occupied by the Moon aspecting Janma Lagna called *Kevala*.
4. The lord of the sign occupied by the Moon, aspecting both the Moon and Janma Lagna called *Yogada*.
5. A planet aspecting Janma Lagna in Rasi chart and Navamsa Lagna in Navamsa chart called *Yogada*.
6. A planet aspecting Janma Lagna in Rasi chart and Drekkana Lagna in Drekkana chart called Yogada.
7. A planet aspecting Janma Lagna in Rasi chart, Navamsa Lagna in Navamsa chart and Drekkana Lagna in Drekkana chart.

The sage has hinted the use of the *argala* exposition in the 22nd and 23rd *sutras* in the 3rd section of the 1st *adhyaya*. They are:

1. *Palnilabhayoh dishtya nirabhasargalaya* - This relates to the 1st category of the *argala* signs (P.A.S.) connected with the 2nd order of the aspecting planets, enumerated above.
2. *Subharagale dhana samriddhihi* - This relates to the 3rd order of the *argala* signs (S.A.S.) connected with the 2nd order of the aspecting planets. In the 1st case, the involvement of both benefics and malefics in the P.A.S. is allowed. This *subhargala yoga*, so formed, without obstruction, bestows prosperity. In the 2nd case, the involvement of only the benefics is allowed. This *subhargala yoga*, so formed, without obstruction by the planets in the corresponding V.A.S., gives enough money. Here also lies an inapplicable debate without reference to the A.P.

VI. Assessment of Subhargala - Potential

Assess the *subhargala*-potential by the six orders of the aspecting planet, the 1st being the lowest and the 6th being the highest.

2. Assess the *subhargala*-potential by the merits and demerits of the aspecting planet.

Merits: 1. Exaltation or own house position of the aspecting planet. 2. Association of the Moon with the aspecting planet. 3. Aspect or association of the exalted planets with the aspecting planet.

Demerits: 1. The *subhargala*-potential falls if Rahu is associated with the aspecting planet. Rahu destroys the *subhargala yoga* like a droplet of poison in a pot of milk. (2) The *subhargala*-potential decreases much by the association of Ketu with the aspecting planet. 3. The *subhargala* - potential decreases if the aspecting planet is debilitated. 4. Rahu in the 5th or 9th from the aspecting planet reduces the *subhargala*-potential. 5. Rahu in the 8th and 12th also from the aspecting planet is not a welcome feature.

The *subhargala*-potential can also be classified into three orders *viz.*, superior, above-average, average, according to the planets and the *argala* signs involved in the formation of the *subhargala yogas*.

(a) *Superior order:* 1. Involvement of the benefics in the *argala* signs; 2. Involvement of three planets in the *argala* signs; 3. Involvement of the planets in the three *argala* signs.

(b) *Above-average order:* 1. Involvement of both benefics and malefics in the *argala* signs; 2. Involvement of two planets in the *argala* signs; 3. Involvement of the planets in any two *argala* signs.

(c) Average order: 1. Involvement of malefics in the *argala* sign; 2. Involvement of one planet in the *argala* sign.

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Reckoning Principles

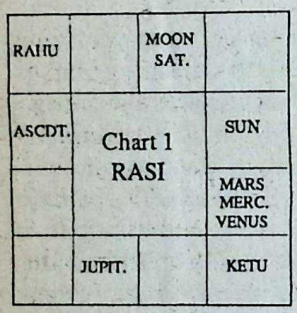
1. Reckon the *argala* signs in the regular order from the aspecting planet. 2. Judge also the *subhargala yogas*, if formed by the reverse reckoning of the *argala* signs from the aspecting planet posited in an even sign.

Results of *subhargala yoga* in general are good position in life, financial status and reputation. Benefics give very sound financial position. Both benefics and malefics indicate the unsteady financial status. Malefics indicate the average position. Other results also may be assessed similarly.

Abbreviations: J.L. = Janma Lagna; N.L. = Navamsa Lagna; D.L. = Drekkana Lagna; A.P. = Aspecting Planet; A.S. = Argala Sign; V.A.S. = Virodhargala Sign; P.A.S. = Primary Argala Sign; Sp.A.S. = Specific Argala Sign; S.A.S. = Secondary Argala Sign; S.A.Y = Subhargala Yoga; S.A.P. = Subhargala Potential.

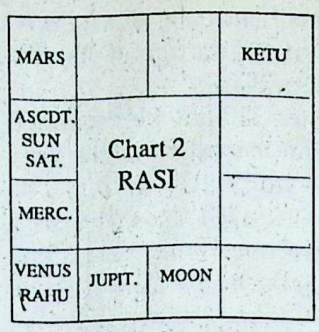
Illustrations:

Chart 1: D.B. =8-8-1912



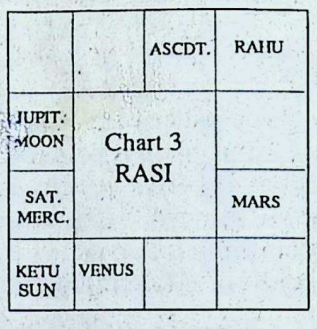
In Chart 1, J.L. is Kumbha. The Sun in Kataka aspects J.L. Kumbha. Hence the Sun is A.P.-1. Reckoned from the Sun, the 2nd P.A.S. is occupied by Mars, Mercury and Venus, the 5th S.A.S. is occupied by Jupiter, and the 11th P.A.S. is occupied by the Moon and Saturn. The V.A.S. of the above lie aboslutely vacant. Hence the S.A.Y. is formed. The involvement of 3 A.S. and 6 planets is a rare phenomenon in the formation of S.A.Y. Hence the S.A.P. rises far above the superior order as against the lowest order of the aspecting planet, Sun. That is why the native gradually rose to a high and a unique position in the field of Astrology, though he did not secure any high covetable post of power in the private or government concern. Jupiter in the 5th S.A.S. in the S.A.Y. of high S.A.P. is a key planet for his world-repute as a doyen of the 20th century astrologers and as a learned author of innumerable books on astrology, and as the renowned Editor of *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.*

Chart 2: D.B. 14-2-1936 at 7.25 a.m.



In Chart 2, J.L. is Kumbha. The Moon aspects both J.L. and its 7th house. Hence the Moon is the A.P.-2. From the Moon the 2nd P.A.S. is occupied by Jupiter and the 4th P.A.S. is occupied by Mercury. The corresponding V.A.S. lie vacant. Hence the S.A.Y. formed belongs to the above average S.A.P. The native is a professor in medicine and his financial position is sound. He has only two sons, one is a doctor and the other is an engineer. Both have married rich girls.

Chart 3: D.B. 31-12-1962 at 3.02 p.m.



In Chart 3, J.L. is Vrishabha. The lord of the sign occupied by the Moon is Saturn who is posited in his own house, Makara. Saturn aspects both J.L. and its 7th house. Hence Saturn becomes the *Kevala* belonging to the A.P.-3. From Saturn, the 2nd P.A.S. is occupied by the Moon and Jupiter and the 11th P.A.S. is occupied by Venus. So 2 A.S. and 3 benefics are involved in the formation of the S.A.Y. The S.A.P. may be considered of the superior order, in addition to the 3rd higher order of the aspecting planet. The native of Chart 3 is M.B.B.S., D.C.H. and shares the wealth earned by his father, the native of Chart 2. The native married a rich girl who is studying medicine. And she is the only daughter of a well-positioned and wealthy father. The native is likely to set up practice.

Chart 4: D.B. 21-5-1927 at 6.30 p.m.

In Chart 4, J.L. is Vrischika. The lord of the sign occupied by the Moon is Saturn who occupies J.L., aspecting the Moon. Hence Saturn becomes Yogada belonging to the A.P.-4. Reckoned from Saturn, the 5th S.A.S. is occupied by the benefic Jupiter. The S.A.P. is of the average order because one sign and one planet are involved, while the A.P. belongs to the 4th higher

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Reflections on Ramayana - VI*

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THE discussion covering Kaikeyi's character and role in the events leading to the exile of Sri Rama, Sita and Lakshmana from Ayodhya (*THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE*, January 1990) perhaps has raised more questions than providing the much needed answers. The ever-lingering, endless, and disturbing thought foremost of us, if not in all, is that the greedy, hasty, impetuous, impertinent, improper, and irresponsible move of Kaikeyi, perhaps primarily triggered by Manthara's ill-advice, was responsible for initiating nerve-shaking events in Sri Rama's life so that he could ultimately fulfil the principal event of destroying Ravana and other *Rakshasas*. In fact, there appears to be no real-serious disagreement on this critical and crucial role of Kaikeyi in the life of Sri Rama. However, years after the turmoil in Ayodhya, the attitudes of various personalities from Sri Rama and others towards Kaikeyi may be viewed in more than one way, from the perspectives of those times and of today.

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A never-changing timeless accepted characteristic or trait of a human is that he or she makes mistakes in life. Many mistakes are insignificant, some are critical, and a few others may be of serious nature. Some mistakes may be unintentional, and others may be very-intentional. However, the individual to individual reactions to the mistakes are varied. One often easily finds self-serving, self-convincing and even comforting reasons to justify his or her mistakes. On the other hand, one especially tends to look rather critically at even simple mistakes of others. We easily forgive ourselves for our mistakes very quickly, but often feel that the mistakes of others must be punished severely, and sometimes even unfairly. The human yardstick of attitude and simple-justice has been for centuries tilted to be rather critical of others' actions, while easily complimenting one's own actions. Simply put it, our attitudes are conditioned to tell us that we are more often right, while others are more often wrong. That is why we need to study carefully to evaluate and understand the attitudes of Sri Rama, Bharata and others towards Kaikeyi after the exile of Sri Rama from Ayodhya. The age-old saying that to err is human and to forgive is divine is based on higher principles paralleling *Dharmic* behaviour of *Vedic* times. There is both truth and reason in this ageless saying, and is applicable with minimum refinement even to the troubled modern times.

A person's sincere remorse coupled with conscious effort to redirect energies on a positive level is a reasonable response to one's past mistakes or failures. We are all agreed that Kaikeyi's mistake is colossal by any standards — then and now. A primary casualty of her action was the immediate death of Dasaratha. Many even feel comfortable to express that it was Kaikeyi who killed Dasaratha. It is not true, in the broadest physical or literal sense. However, in the strict sense of *Dharma*, one can say she killed Dasaratha. Many are angered that her dastardly action was not adequately punished. Some even go as far as saying that no punishment was adequate for her action. It is natural that we should be angry because our hero Sri Rama

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was unfairly treated and punished by the woman. Lakshmana, Bharata and others were also angry at what she did to Sri Rama. But where should one draw the line when anger trips one's *Dharma* to the extent that unjust punishment and even revenge become the main motive rather than the upholding of *Dharma*? This and other questions were also raised then and debated by such elders as Vasista. They may not have necessarily used identical terms or words, but in a way that expressed the troubled feelings that continue to exist even today. Our yardstick of today's somewhat confused *Dharma*, often explosively interfaced with anger, bitterness and even revenge, implies and implores us that any *Adharmic* action typical of Kaikeyi's deeds deserve nothing less than full condemnation and full punishment. Perhaps, in today's view even punishment by death would be acceptable.

A key word in our discussion should invariably include the term, reasonable. *Dharma*, whether in the times of Sri Rama or now, does imply reasonableness in one's understanding, actions, attitudes, responsibilities and duties. Time somewhat influences or intersperses *Dharma*. Here comes the real catch. Our attitudes on many matters today seem to swing towards a selfish mode. Selflessness was more the order of the day in the times of Sri Rama. There is a world of difference in any attitude when any event, idea, action or attitude is viewed purely from a point of selfishness, and not from one of selflessness. Therefore, it is not entirely impossible that our view of Kaikeyi's actions and her later repentance could be dramatically different from the views of Sri Rama and many others of those times on the same matter. On an extreme projection, the views may be even exactly opposite each other. There is no doubt at all that Kaikeyi did completely repent for her earlier *Adharmic* acts, and that Sri Rama was one of the few to not only recognize the transformation, but more importantly accept and acknowledge it. His noble character did not look for punishment or revenge. He forgave and forgot the past events. This is the classical situation that Divinity overruled the normal mortal attitude. Bharata, rarely second to none in upholding *Dharma*, does present a glaring and astonishing blur in his character by his continuing impolite, and improper, if not hostile, behaviour towards his very own mother. Bharata's attitudes towards his mother may earn the cheers of those modern mortals whose judgement values continue to be dictated by the ever-changing and convenient mores of modern society. When one views objectively and carefully Bharata's behaviour towards his mother, there can be little doubt that his behaviour towards his mother is improper and unacceptable, regardless of time. The concept of *Dharma* may fade with times and social changes, but certain values remain inherently absolute. We must accept with regret that Bharata let us down on one matter of importance. His love for Sri Rama was absolute to the extent that any one, including his mother, who hurt Sri Rama was never forgiven. He forsook a kingdom and the privileges of royalty to serve Sri Rama. He still remains a noble character, even when we understand that we need not accept his one flaw. Sri Rama who bore the major brunt of the attack from Kaikeyi withered it by displaying divine magnanimity. An action, perhaps unparalleled in the history of mankind since time immemorial. It is not our intention to malign Bharata so that we can justify Kaikeyi's actions or even redeem her. Her actions are neither justifiable nor pardonable from today's standards too. What one needs to remember though is that Sri Rama forgave Kaikeyi, even before she fully repented for her actions. It is important that we look at Kaikeyi and her actions as two separate things. The behaviour is to be rejected. But once we know that she regretted her actions, and there was a sincere change of heart, there is no reason to hate her any more as any individual. The problem in many cases is difficult for most to clearly demarcate the individual from the unacceptable acts.

This action of Sri Rama tells us that we must not continue to punish or penalize in any manner anyone forever, especially if that person has fully repented for the earlier shortcomings or mistakes, and never ever repeats them in the future. If God — Sri Rama — could forgive the gravest mistakes, than we humans must take a reasonable approach and attitude in dealing with shortcomings or failures of our fel-

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A Tale of Two Dogs

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I MUST relate two incidents, something inside compelling me to do it, with just that much of a touch of Astrology, as may someone do a bit of research in such of those of human existence from where may emerge, bout our knowing, a spark of divine ecstacy th a tinge of sadness.

Rahu was in Pisces then and Jupiter in Leo preparing to transit into Virgo. My Lagna Libra and Moon too being there, the Rahu-ter axis had covered the 6/12 axis. The year 1968-69.

My late *guruji*, Swami Paramananda Sar-ti, had asked me to stay in his *ashram*, Sri Jejoy Krishna Sadhan Ashram, 24-Paraga-s during that first spell of my posting in tta.

teric Significance of Transits

I have quietly done research on the esoteric ficance of transit of planets by collecting the oscope of many *sadhakas* of India and abroad have succeeded in pin-pointing the likeli-d of some non-worldly, spiritual events tak-place which is not what we, astrologers, d do generally, as mostly it is for the worldly rs that we make use of the transits. Here ead of elaborating it, let me only explain ly thus:

(a) Whichever house Jupiter happens to tran-into from the Lagna of the *sadhaka*, gets iated with divinity. Now the 12th house, ng the 4th from the 9th (*guru*) is the *ashram* the *guru*. Jupiter in the 12th from my Lagna k me into *guruji's ashram* from where I went of the everyday.

(b) Rahu is an extrovert and the 6th house represents *Dharana* in Patanjali's Astanga-Yoga scheme.

(c) The Dasa I was running was of the 5th lord which is significant from a spiritual angle.

The *Gita* and Kali

Before leaving for office every morning I recited the *Gita* before the small *ashram* temple hardly noticing the presence of a bitch, dark, lean-bodied in a half-slumbering posture. Ashramites, particularly Gopalda, addressed her as Kali and fed her sumptuously the *prasada* of the Ashram.

How many days passed that way I cannot say. But it seemed to have become a constant feature, even before I noticed it, my loud *Gita* recitation and Kali's presence. If I ever had any pretensions to being a singer my best, often only, audience, was Kali.

Now transit Rahu was in the 6th house which represents pets, aspected by Jupiter, from the 12th in my horoscope. This of course I noticed much later.

I am of course not discussing my horoscope but let me tell you that in my birth-horoscope too Rahu is in the 6th house and is aspected by Jupiter.

No more discussion about my horoscope. Let me revert to Kali. One day as I emerged out of the bathroom Kali stood close to me, looking intently at me and wagging her tail. I know nothing about pets, none in our family ever had one. But Kali could not be called a pet in the sense in which people keep pets. She had strayed into the Ashram and attended all *bhajans* with

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more regularity than any human being and was, in that sense, a better Ashramite than any of us.

But why was she wagging her tail? Showing affection? I had never even patted her!

"It must be 8.30 a.m.", Gopalda had said.

"How is that significant?" I had asked

"Waiting for your *Gita* recitation," Gopalda had answered. I had of course read about Pavlov's experiment. But what was this I wondered.

It was surprising to learn Kali's time-sense was better than mine or of anyone else's. At 8.30 a.m. she waited for me everyday near the *ashram* temple and if I was anywhere else she would come running to me and wag her tail. Cloud or sunshine, I knew, the time was 8.30 a.m. I could have corrected my watch with her unerring sense of timing.

It must have gone on like this for over one year — me the talentless singer and she, my perpetual audience. Other Ahsramites gave me other bits of information about Kali. She ate only the *prasada* of the *ashram*; she rarely barked and then I noticed that during Sunday evening *keertans* she sat ahead of us all, near *guruji* till the *keertan* was over and she had her share of *prasada*.

Who was She?

Who was she in her previous life? The explanation *guruji* had given to someone was more or less on the lines of the sixth chapter of the *Gita*. God, the Merciful, gives to his errant devotee a place, a surrounding, an atmosphere where his or her spiritual practice becomes possible even in the next birth even if such a re-birth is not in a human form, in this case, in a canine body.

As both Rahu and Jupiter were preparing to transit I was transferred to Rajkot. Four years after when I visited Calcutta and went to the *ashram* I did not see Kali. Where was she? Dead, they said. Dogs do not have more than twelve years' life, someone told me. I checked up the *Brihat Parasara Hora* and found the upper limit of longevity of dogs mentioned there as twelve years. Some dog-lovers told me that it was correct.

How and when did Kali die? Gopalda told me that his foolishness had caused her a lot of agony. One day when he was throwing a bucket-ful of hot water out of the kitchen window it fell on Kali who was reclining there. She got burnt, her skin was peeled off, she suffered. But she never gave up her habit of eating pure *Vaishnava* food, and died a few days after.

A vague melancholy, a sense of void and an unforgettable memory — Kali has become a luminous part of my life's many sacred memories.

As I have said I had never kept any pets and none in our family had any knowledge about pets. Among those who came to consult me astrologically, every V.V.I.P. had pets, not one but many but their pets were never a subject of conversation between us till one day Mrs. Maneka Gandhi came, sometime in 1985. She not merely talked about pets but also about writing a book on pets. A combination in her horoscope—well does it mean a professional, not amateurish interest, in pets, I wondered. That will have to await further astrological research.

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Our family tradition of not keeping pets was broken by my eldest niece, the wife of an army officer. Her dogs, a male and a female, give birth periodically to many pups which she distributes to her friends. When she came to Delhi, her husband having been transferred, her dogs became a big attraction for the two small sons of my youngest brother whose family stays with me.

These two nephews of mine talked about pets, a little too often which amused me, till one day the elder nephew asked me what would be my preference, a male or a female pup. An amusing situation it was. I was not being asked whether I would allow a pet in my house but was merely being asked to exercise a preference! If I had said that I would not allow pets in my house it would have caused anguish to both nephews. Well, the choice should also be theirs.

Then arrived in our house a pup which looked like a diminutive rabbit, whitish small creature, with musically halting barking, violating all rules of everyone's privacy, demanding love but giving more back.

My sister-in-law fed the pup milk every morning at about 6 a.m. and once or twice when she was late he grabbed her sari within his jaws and perhaps once even tore it off. I remembered Kali's unerring sense of timing and told them that perhaps dogs could improve man's sense of punctuality!

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Astrology and the Nature of Death — VA*

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Navamsa Charts

THE *Whole Group:* Ascendant in Capricorn, Aries, Taurus and Libra signs (mark two signs owned by Venus), the Sun in watery signs Scorpio and Cancer, the Moon in Aquarius and Pisces, Mars in Gemini, Aquarius and Scorpio, Mercury in the signs of Jupiter and Venus, Jupiter in Gemini and Libra, Venus very prominent in exaltation Navamsa Pisces, Saturn in Leo, Scorpio (both inimical) and in Gemini, Rahu very prominent in Pisces and Libra, total occupation maximum in Pisces and minimum in Sagittarius both Jupiterian signs, these are the prominent Rasi positions. Considering house occupations the Sun in 7th very prominent next to that being in Lagna and 4th (mark three *kendras*), the Moon in 10th, 8th, 6th and 8th (8th & 6th *trika* houses), Mars in 5th, Mercury in Lagna, 3rd and 9th, Jupiter in 6th and 8th, Venus in 5th axis and also in Lagna, Saturn in Lagna, 3rd and 5-11, Rahu in 3rd and Lagna, total occupation in Lagna maximum next to that in 3/5/7/9th houses, minimum occupation in 11th, 12th and in 2nd (*i.e.*, on both sides of Lagna), these are noteworthy positions. The planetary combinations repeating are those of Sun-Mars, Sun-Saturn, Moon -Mars, Moon-Jupiter, Moon-Venus, Mars-Jupiter, Mercury-Jupiter, Jupiter-Rahu, Jupiter-Ketu and Venus-Saturn.

Subgroup 1: Ascendant very prominent in Leo (25% cases) next to that in Capricorn, the Moon in Virgo, the Moon in Leo and Taurus, Mars in Cancer and in Virgo, Venus in own sign Taurus, Saturn very prominent in Scorpio (in 25% cases), next to that in Leo, Rahu in Gemini and Cancer, total occupation in Cancer, Libra and Taurus (mark two signs of Venus), these are prominent Rasi positions. Considering house occupations, the Sun in 7th in 25% cases, the Moon in 8th, Mars in 9th, Mercury in Lagna, 2nd and 9th covering nearly 50% cases, Jupiter in 9th and 12th, Venus in 11th and in Lagna, Saturn in 3-9 axis, Rahu in 3rd, total occupation in 9-3 axis and in 7th house, these are noteworthy positions. Sun-Saturn, Moon-Venus, Mars-Saturn, Mars-Rahu and Jupiter-Ketu combinations are found to repeat in these charts.

Subgroup 2: Important Rasi positions are Ascendant in Aries and Libra, the Moon in watery Pisces, Mars in Libra, Jupiter very prominent in Leo, Venus in Scorpio (a water planet in bad watery sign), Saturn and Rahu in Aries and total occupation in Aries, Leo, Libra and Scorpio. The Sun in Lagna-7 axis, the Moon very prominent in 11th, Jupiter in 5-11 axis, Saturn in Lagna and 5th, Rahu in 11th, total occupation in 5th, 11th and 7th houses are important house positions. The Moon-Venus, Moon-Ketu and Mercury-Rahu combinations are seen repeating.

Subgroup 3: The Sun in Leo and Scorpio, the Moon in common signs Sagittarius and Gemini, Mars in common signs Gemini and Pisces, Venus in Sagittarius, Saturn in Libra, Rahu in Libra and Pisces, total occupation in Gemini, Sagittarius and Pisces (all three common signs), these are noteworthy Rasi positions. Considering house occupations, the Sun in 5th and 6th, the Moon in Lagna and 6th, Mars in Lagna and 5th, Mercury in 7th, Jupiter very prominent in 6th

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(in 33% cases) next to that in 12th opposing 6th, Venus in 5th, Saturn very prominent in Lagna (in 33% cases) next to that in 12th, total occupation in Lagna and 5th to 7th houses, these are prominent positions. Moon-Jupiter and Jupiter-Venus combinations are seen repeating.

Subgroup 4: Ascendant in Leo, the Moon in Cancer and Pisces, Mars in Libra, Sagittarius and Aquarius, Mercury in Capricorn and Libra, Jupiter in Libra, Venus in Virgo, Saturn in Taurus, Rahu in Aries and Pisces, total occupation in Libra are prominent Rasi positions. The Sun in 7th, the Moon in 2nd, Mars in 9th, Jupiter in 2nd and 3rd, Venus in 2nd, Rahu in 1-7 axis and in 9th, total occupation in 2nd and 7th houses, these are important house positions. The combinations repeating are those of Sun-Rahu, Mars-Jupiter and Jupiter-Rahu.

Subgroup 5: Ascendant in Aries, Mars in Taurus and Capricorn, Mercury in Libra, Venus and Rahu in Pisces, total occupation in Pisces, Aries to Gemini and in Capricorn signs are noteworthy Rasi positions. The Sun in 4th, the Moon in Lagna and 9th, Mars in 10th (aspects Lagna), Venus in 6th, Saturn in Lagna - 7 axis, Rahu in Lagna, total occupation of Lagna and 6th houses are noteworthy house positions. Influence of malefics on Lagna is clear. Moon-Jupiter and Mars-Jupiter conjunctions are seen repeating.

Subgroup 6: The Moon in Aquarius, Mars in watery signs Scorpio and Pisces, Jupiter in Aquarius, Venus in Capricorn, total occupation in Aquarius, Capricorn, Virgo and Libra signs, these are prominent Rasi positions. The Moon in 9th, Jupiter in 2-8 axis, Venus in 4-10 axis, Saturn in 5th, total occupation in trinal houses 9th and 5th, these are important house positions. The repeating planetary conjunctions are Sun-Mars, Sun-Saturn, Moon-Jupiter, Mars-Rahu and Mercury-Jupiter.

Ashtamsa Charts

The Whole Group: Ascendant in Virgo and Capricorn, the Sun and Gemini, Leo and Scorpio, the Moon in Gemini, Scorpio and Aquarius, Mars in Aries, Taurus, Cancer and Capricorn, Mercury very prominent in Scorpio and its adjoining signs, Jupiter in Cancer to Virgo, Venus in Libra and Scorpio, Saturn in Aries, Gemini and Libra, Nodes very prominent in Taurus next to that in Aries, total occupation in Scorpio, Gemini and Aries (mark two signs of Mars), the least occupation in Taurus, these are important Rasi positions. Considering house occupations, the Sun in 3/10/1/4 (three *kendras*), the Moon in 3-9 axis and in 8th *trika* house, Mars in *trika* houses and in 11/10, Mercury in 12/1/4/7 (three *kendras*), Jupiter very prominent in 6th, next o that in 8th or 11th (6th & 8th *trika* houses), Venus very prominent in 9th and 10th, Saturn in 2/6/11th and Nodes in 10/1/3/11th houses, total maximum occupation in 10th and Lagna, minimum occupation being in 2nd and 7th houses are the noteworthy positions. The oft-repeating planetary combinations in these charts are those of Sun-Moon, Sun-Mars, Moon-Mars, Moon-Jupiter, Moon-Venus, Mars-Jupiter, Mars-Venus, Mercury-Nodes, Jupiter-Nodes and Saturn-Nodes.

Subgroup 1: Ascendant in Gemini and Capricorn, the Sun in Virgo and Pisces, the Moon in Gemini and Leo, Mars in Capricorn, Mercury in Scorpio, Venus in Saturnine signs, Saturn in Gemini, total maximum occupation in Gemini and Capricorn signs, the Sun in 10th and 12th houses, the Moon very prominent in 8th house (in 4 out of 9 cases), Jupiter in 4th, Nodes in 11th, total occupation in 11/10/8th houses, these are the important positions noticed. The repeating combinations are Sun-Jupiter, Sun-Nodes, Moon-Venus, Moon-Saturn, Mars-Nodes and Jupiter-Nodes.

Subgroup 2: The Moon in Cancer, Venus in Scorpio (watery planets in watery signs), Nodes in Aries, total maximum occupation in Scorpio, Cancer (watery signs) and in Aries, Jupiter and Venus in 6th house, Saturn in 11th, total maximum occupation in 6th and 11th houses, these are noteworthy positions.

Subgroup 3: Ascendant in Scorpio, the Sun in Sagittarius, the Moon in Cancer and Venus in Libra very prominent in 3 out of 7 cases each, Mars in Cancer, Mercury in Libra and Capricorn, Jupiter in Leo, Saturn in Sagittarius, Nodes in Taurus very prominent in 4 out of 7 cases, total maximum occupation in Scorpio and Cancer, the Sun in 4th and 7th houses, the Moon in 9th in 3 out of 7 cases, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter in 6th, Venus in 4th and 9th, Saturn in 2nd and 12th, Nodes in Lagna and 3rd, total occupation in 9th, 12th and 6th houses, these are noteworthy positions. Planetary conjunctions repeating are Moon-Mars, Moon-Jupiter, Moon-Venus and Mars-Jupiter.

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A TALE OF TWO DOGS

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TANGO

Then they named him Tango. Too late for me to give the pup another name. And Tango grew up fast as a *Vaishnava*, eating only *Vaishnava* food, attending all *pujas*, every recitation of the Vishnu Sahasranaama, particularly my sister-in-law's every morning, and ate *prasada*.

And Tango violated all laws. I had to get used to his pranks. One day a V.V.I.P. was consulting me and in came Tango running and jumped into my lap seeking protection from my younger nephew bent on teaching Tango a lesson in good manners. A paw of Tango was on a planet in the horoscope of the V.V.I.P. In mute language Tango communicated to me that he would not leave me till I assured him that my little nephew would not beat him! The fate-reading of the V.V.I.P. had to wait.

When in a crisis Tango would run into my room and sit in my lap; otherwise he needed me less in the beginning. Then he developed the habit of waiting for me every evening when I returned from the office and would jump up to my waist. Later Tango developed the trick of picking up a posture on a chair or a cot to jump higher so that I would be forced to take him up in my arms, as we do with human babies.

Then one day I saw the cat that stealthily enters our kitchen from the backyard enter the covered verandah without any fear of Tango who was standing there. I had then asked my elder nephew whether Tango would chase the cat away.

"No, They play together", my nephew told me.

I never saw them play together but it was clear that the cat was not afraid of Tango. But what I actually saw once was that when a mouse appeared on the scene Tango merely chased it away instead of killing it by putting his paw on it.

The food one eats, anyone who knows and can classify *sattwic*, *rajasic* and *tamasic* types, gives to his astral body its spiritual texture. The ferocity of a carnivore and the mild domesticable temper of a herbivore, the spirituality of a *sattwic sadhaka* eating *sattwic* food and the boast of a *tamasic sadhaka*, we know all that. Tango generally ate only once a day in the evening when we all fed him bit by bit. Milk in the morning and solid food in the evening. Mr. S. N. Kapoor's dog fasts on Tuesdays till sunset. But Tango's behaviour posed me a question which someone has to answer for me: Does a carnivore fed on herbivorous diet throughout develop a herbivore's reactions? That is what had endeared Tango to me, a feeling of love welling up, which deepened in weeks.

Medical Expenses

How much was spent on Tango to ensure that he did not get any attack of distemper or rabies was a substantial sum; the doctor who had injected Tango has roaring practice, it seems. But that is not relevant to my astrological story.

On January 8, 1988 my younger nephew came to my room and shed tears. Tango was not well. Gemini Lagna was rising.

In a horary horoscope, the 7th house so heavily afflicted showed the disease, whatever it might have been, as incurable.

JUPIT. RAHU			ASCDT.
VENUS MERC.			MOON
SAT. SUN	MARS		KETU

Ketu in the 4th aspected by Saturn, also Jupiter, could indicate medical treatment could reduce pain only. Mercury, the Lagna lord in the 8th house, was bad. Then Venus, the 5th lord, too was in the 8th house. From *pada* Lagna, Mars in the 4th looked ominous. What could it mean?

I saw Tango. He was not lively. I put my hands on his head and was reminded of the day when he, early in the morning, entered my room, and had licked me on the forehead. Startled, when I had woken up he stood there as though asking me if I had disapproved of his demonstration of love! And he knew that I only loved him and never even once frightened him.

Nothing abnormal except that he looked lacklustre, without that buoyancy with which he had scattered the sunshine of cheer all over the house, demanding love and giving it back in ample measure. We ran from one veterinary doctor to another. Some of them asked us where had we got him the distemper-injection from. The doctor who injected it in the body of Tango had it, we told them. Then they said something about the doctor. Yes, they that prosper so fast,

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ARGALA APPLICATION

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JUPIT.		SUN MERC.	MARS VENUS RAHU
	Chart 4 RASI		
MOON			
KETU	ASCDT. SAT.		

order. By the reverse reckoning from Saturn, two A.S. (11th & 5th) and two planets are involved in the formation of the S.A.Y. However the S.A.P. can be considered as just above average. In this case the role of Jupiter in the S.A.S. well placed in own house is more significant as a result of which the native is known for his knowledge in Jaimini Astrology and for his Sanskrit poetry.

Chart 5: D.B. 31-12-1915 at 7.44 p.m.

MOON MERC.	SUN	VENUS	RAHU SAT.
	Chart 5 RASI		ASCDT. MARS
KETU			JUPIT.

In Chart 5, J.L. is Karkataka. Venus aspects J.L. in Rasi chart and N.L. in Navamsa chart. Hence Venus is the *Yogada* of A.P.-5. From Venus the 5th S.A.S. is occupied by the benefic Jupiter and the 11th P.A.S. is occupied by Mercury and the Moon. 2. A.S. and 3 planets are involved in the formation of the S.A.Y. The S.A.P. is of above-average order, though the benefic Mercury is debilitated. The plus point is the occupancy of Jupiter in the 5th S.A.S. despite Jupiter's inimical placement. Besides sound financial position, the native is a veteran astrologer of long experience and is known to have special interest in the Ashtakavarga theory.

Chart 6: D.B. 19-1-1947 at 4.05 p.m.; Ascendant. 2ˢ 12° 08' and Moon 8ˢ 3° 39'.

		RAHU	ASCDT.
	Chart 6 RASI		SAT.
SUN MARS MERC.			
MOON	KETU JUPIT. VENUS		

In Chart 6, J.L. is Mithuna. The Moon aspects J.L. in Rasi chart, N.L. in Navamsa chart and D.L. in Drekkana chart. Hence the Moon becomes the *Yogada* belonging to the highest order of the aspecting planet (A.P. 6). Reckoned from the Moon, the 2nd P.A.S. is occupied by three malefics, while the 12th V.A.S. is occupied by three planets, causing the *aabhasargala*. However, since Mars is exalted in the 2nd P.A.S., S.A.Y. still exists. The S.A.P. is of average order since one planet (exalted Mars) and one sign are left in the formation of the S.A.Y. In total by the A.P.6 also, the S.A.P. can be considered as above average. The native is a professor in mathematics and is an all-rounder. He has exhibited his histrionic talents on several occasions, but an offer from cine-field was lost.

Chart 7: D.B.: 29-6-1946 at 8 p.m. Ascendant: 9ˢ 3° 42' Mars 4ˢ 12° 10'.

		RAHU	MOON SUN
	Chart 7 RASI		SAT. MERC. VENUS
ASCDT.			MARS
	KETU		JUPIT.

In Chart 7, J.L. is Makara. Mars aspects J.L. in Rasi chart, N.L. in Navamsa chart and D.L. in Drekkana chart. Hence Mars becomes the *Yogada* belonging to the highest order of the aspecting planet (A.P.6). From Mars, the 11th P.A.S. is occupied by the Sun and the Moon. One A.S. and two planets are involved in the formation of the S.A.Y. The S.A.P. is average. But by the order of A.P.6 also, the sum total of S.A.P. can be considered as superior. The native is now in a high post of a Senior Manager in a Central Public Sector undertaking under the Ministry of Steel and Mines. He has visited many foreign countries. There are clear prospects for his further elevation. He has great histrionic talents. He too missed an opportunity in the cine-field which can fetch one fabulous money. Note the 11th P.A.S. is occupied by two malefics *viz.*, the Sun and the Moon, not so indicative of fabulous wealth.

The next most interesting item of the *argala* exposition is the classification of the *argala rajayogas*.—12.90.

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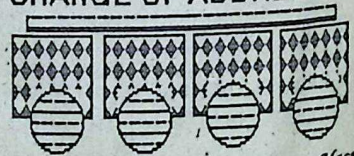

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REFLECTIONS ON RAMAYANA — VI*

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human beings, while not getting our own shortcomings. A harsh decision may ing instant satisfaction to e's ego, but we must recognize that it may be an unfair d unwise one. It may be *Adharma*. Our *Karma* follows e actions, whether they are *rma* or *Adharma*. God does reward or punish us for our s. He remains neutral. The w of Karma acts. Let us not e on the role of God!

In our discussion we have d the term "reasonable". One n ask what is reasonable or reasonable in twentieth ury and beyond? Sri Rama's ion towards Kaikeyi was ve and beyond reasonable ls. It was at divine levels. the other hand, Bharata's ude and actions towards keyi bordered on unreasonaess. The reality of reaableness for many of us ld lie somewhere between actions of the two heroes - Rama and Bharatha. Reaableness voids revenge. asonableness interfaces some giveness with punishment. asonableness emphasizes t our *Dharma* should not ll only on other's *Adharma*. asonableness requires that e adequately recognize repence and suitably reward it. ally, we all know during any cal time what is reasonble or unreasonable. Our inner nscience tells us. In such ters, one can short-change ers, but not one's conscience. may not be as noble as Sri Rama but let us also not end up being unreasonable in our attitudes and actions in all matters involving fellow human beings. In this and many other matters, let us try to be close to Sri Rama.

The story of Sri Rama is there to remind us of our duties and responsibilities, and not to merely voice our rights in all matters. The classical dictum *Matru Devo Bhava* and *Pitru Devo Bhava* provided by Rishis were words of importance to even Sri Rama. This dictum set the standards for behaviour towards parents and it holds valid even today. Sri Rama always saw Kaikeyi as a mother, even during the troubled times in Ayodhya. In the ever-changing society of today that seeks to shrink our responsibilities while only enlarging the demand for more freedom, we need to set our own standards. It needs courage to set one's own standards that are both rigid and challenging as compared to the flexible and "easy" social standards of a continually weakening society of today. This courage is provided primarily by Rama and to a lesser extent by other noble characters in the *Ramayana*. Sri Rama set himself certain values and high standards, regardless of others' acceptance or approval. The courage-of-conviction of Sri Rama is what we need today. The courage-of-conviction makes us nobler personalities. The lack of courage-of-conviction is a weak armour in every human. The choice is always upto an individual. But we have no choice on the accounting of our *Karma*. The *Karmic* addition, subtraction, multiplication and division is an endless phenomenon of our lives. There are no bargains. We pay full price for our *Karma*.

Let us not merely condemn Kaikeyi, but also remember how she was redeemed by Sri Rama. Our buzz words for action and attitudes from the understanding of this episode of Kaikeyi should be *Dharma*, and reasonableness. Finally, the word revenge should gradually disappear from our vocabulary of actions. Let us remember Kaikeyi more for her repentance and not merely for only her mistakes. We hope we have understood Kaikeyi, and not merely verbally punished her in our discussions. At least for now our discussion of Kaikeyi ends. One never knows when she will return in our discussion.

May Sri Rama's blessings be Upon All!

(to be continued)

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Ancient Classical Writers of Jyotisha

Anantha Daivagnya II

K. R. KRISHNAMURTHI

ANANTHA DAIVAGNYA II was the father of the well-known author Neelakanta (1557 A.D.) of *Tajika Paddhati* and Rama Daivagnya (1565 A.D.) author of the *karana* work *Ramavinoda*. He belonged to the Garga *gotra*, and was born at Dharmapuri in Vidarbha on the banks of the river Godavari. Later, he left for Varanasi and settled there permanently. His desendants as a result adopted this place.

Anantha of Garga *gotra* should not be identified with another author of the same name who compiled a *karana* work called *Anantasudharasa* in 1525 A.D. for calculation of a *panchanga*.

His Works

Anantha Daivagnya is the author of two works, one on Astrology named *Jatakapaddhati* and another in astronomy called *Kamadhenu Ganita Teeka*, a commentary. As this work was written in 1587 A.D. when he was 50 years old, the year of birth comes to 1537 A.D.

The popularity of this *teeka, Kamadhenu Ganita Teeka,* is quite evident from the appreciative references to it by Govinda Daivagnya (1579 A.D.) in the closing chapter of his work *Peeyushadara*, a commentary on *Muhurtha Chintamani* of Rama Daivagnya, his paternal uncle, written on the lines of *Ratnamala, a muhurtha* work of Sripathi.

Family History

From the last 3 *slokas* at the end of *Tajika Paddhati* of Neelakanta and the account of Govinda Daivagnya in his work *Peeyushadara* and that of Rama Daivagnya, in *Muhurtha Chintamani*, we find the genealogy as below.

Chintamani (Garga Gotra)
|
Anantha (wife, Padmamba)
|
Neelakanta (wife Chandrika) — Rama Daivagnya
|
Govinda Daivagnya (wife, Gomati)
|
Mahadeva

Neelakanta in his *Tajika* observes thus:

1. Aseeth Asimaguna Manditha Pandithabhyo
Vyaahyath Bhujangapavihi Sruthivith
Suvrithaha
Sahithyareethi Nipuno Ganitha Agamagnya
Chintamani Vipula Gargakulaavathamsaha
2. Thadathmajo Ananthaguno Asti Anantho
Yo Adokh Sadukhteehi Kila Kamadhenum
Sathushtaye Jatakapaddhathim cha Nyaroopa
Yat Dushtamatham Nirasya
3. Padmambaya Asaavi Thatho Vipaschith
Sri Neelakantaha Sruthi Sastra Nishtaha
Vidvath Siva Preethikaram Vyadhaaseeth
Samaavivekam Mrigayavathamsam

Rama Daivagnya, younger borther of Neelakanta, observes as follows, about his family in his work *Muhurtha Chintamani:*

1. Aseeth Dharmapure Shadanganigamadye
Rithvejyhimandithe Jyotirvid Tilakaha
Phanindra Rachithe Bhshye Kritha Visramaha
That Jataka Samhitha Ganitha Krinmanyo
Mahaboobujaam Tharkaalankrithi Veda
Vaakya vilasad Vipra Sa Chintamanihi
2. Jyotirvid-Ganavandithaanghri Kamalas
That Soonuhu Aseeth Krithi
Naamna Anantha Ethi Prathaamadhigatho
Bhoomandalaahaskaraha

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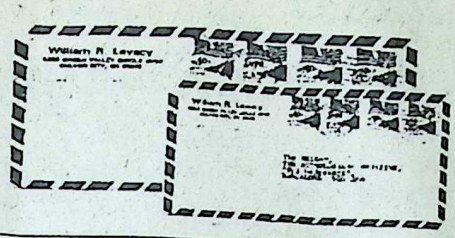

th-quake Prediction

r, - It is to be appreciated that Dr. A. N. , a scientist from Natural Waterways and Research Station, Khadakwasla, Pune, ulated Dr. B. V. Raman for his precise ion regarding the earthquake in U.S.A. larly in Los Angeles. It suggests that scien- have now turned to the science of Astrology dicting earthquakes in any country and t any instrument as advised by the scien- who have been studying this vexed question e last two centuries.

this connection I may invite your attention prediction made by Mr. S. K. Kelkar, in *Pratyaksha Panchang* of Ahmedabad for 1987-88 while discussing the prophesy of amus (who expected an earthquake in 68).

Kelkar refuted the statement of Nostrada- indicated that U.S.A. would be affected earthquake only in 1989.

do not wish to compare the relative merits of dictions made by Mr. S. K. Kelkar and Dr. . The scientists should take a note of this ould give due consideration to the special made by Mr. Kelkar in the earthquake

ly I submit that the scientists such as ith meteorologists, astro-physicists etc. d sit together and find out a system for ting earthquakes based on astrological prin-

D. N. Mehta.

Astrological Magazine — Then Now

r, - As a matter of curiosity and also in a c mood, I took up the 1962 Annual Number of The Astrological Magazine. There appeared to be some similarity in the transit of major planets with part of 1990. In 1962, for most of the year Saturn was in Capricorn and Jupiter also for the early part and Ketu for the entire year. In 1990 instead of conjunction or near conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter they would be in opposition and instead of Rahu as in 1990 it would be Ketu in 1962 in Capricorn. In "World Predictions for 1962" the Editor clearly and repeatedly foresaw the Chinese aggression and even warned of a possible conflict on pages 8 and 171. He even foresaw the cause, namely bungling by Pandit Nehru both in domestic and foreign affairs (page 8).

The predictions for 1990 appear colourless in comparison. Then again, "How is 1962 for You?" by Mihira beats the forecasts for 1990. The same applies to the monthly forecasts. All this leaves me with a feeling that we are now seeing the passing away of a glorious institution!

Calcutta. *D.K.De.*

Sir, - Being very interested in Astrology, I was longing to come across a magazine which could convince me on certain aspects of Astrology, like reading a horoscope and its effects on a human being by *grahas*' positions, Dasas etc.

I was fortunate enough to come across The Astrological Magazine which covers many topics in beautifully written articles.

Bombay. *Rajput Anil Kumar.*

Indications for Travel Disasters

Sir, - Mr. N. C. Trivedi's article (*A.M.*, February 1990) is highly interesting and a good guide to the layman.

Nagpur. *V. D. Deshpande.*

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: May 1957

Rationale of Astrological Principles

Sir, - Astrology is a branch of ancient Hindu science. If we analyse the basic principles and try to understand the subject, we find more light in it and this light is sure to be a torch of immense value in leading us through the dark future. If it had no truth in it, it could not have survived till now. The basis principles are not at all arbitrary. Though I am not a highly qualified student of either Astrology or astronomy, I shall try my best to put forth my ideas, so that the highly learned can throw more light on it. Astrological principles, I think, are based on astronomical truths. On page 18 of *Hindu Predictive Astrology* by the Editor, it has been stated that the sign rulership is not arbitrary. As we are concerned with the influence of other planets on earth, it has been replaced by the Sun who is the life force of all planets. Then the other rulerships are allotted to other planets in order of their nearness to the earth. The question is as to why the earth replaces the Sun in Leo, the 5th from Aries. Perhaps, it is because the earth is the 5th distant planet from the Sun; (1) Saturn; (2) Rahu or Ketu; (3) Jupiter; (4) Mars; and (5) Earth.

As we know, the 5th and the 9th houses, apart from the 1st, have a great bearing. They are called the trinal houses. it means that rays coming from an angle of 120° are good and favourable. Take Aries and its trinal houses, *viz.*, Leo and Sagittarius. Their lords are Mars, Sun and Jupiter. Astrology says that they are permanent friends because they own mutual *trikonas*. So also for Taurus and its trinal houses. Venus, Mercury and Saturn are also friends. Astrology says that Jupiter has a special aspect over the 5th and 9th houses. This may mean that the surface of Jupiter is such. So also the special aspects of Mars and Saturn. The 3rd, 6th and 11th houses are considered bad. For Aries ruled by Mars, Gemini and Virgo ruled by Mercury (the 3rd and 6th houses from Aries) are considered bad. So it is stated that their lords, Mars and Mercury are enemies. For Jupiter, Venus lord of 6th and 11th houses (from Sagittarius) becomes an enemy. The Moon is an enemy of Mercury, because he is lord of 11th from Virgo and so on. So it can be seen that all the major principles of Astrology are already involved in the very allocation of permanent relationship among the planets.

This appears to have a close relationship with the exaltation sign of a planet counted from its own house excepting of course its *moolatrikona* house. Exaltation and *moolatrikona* positions of a planet are the places where the planet has the highest brightness. The planets also shine brilliantly when they occupy favourable positions with other planets. Mars owns Scorpio and his exaltation sign is Capricorn, which is the 3rd from Scorpio. So Mars is said to rule over brothers, *i.e.*, third house indications. The only doubt is as to why the 3rd house indicates brothers. This, I think, has already been explained in many ways.

Jupiter is the planet which has its exaltation in Cancer, exactly in the 5th from Pisces, which is his own house and not his *moolatrikona*. So Jupiter rules over 5th house indications. Similarly, Saturn who is exalted in the 10th from his own house rules over Jeevanopaya, the 10th house indications. His exalted position falls in the 7th house of the zodiac and so he is also Ayushkaraka. The Sun who is exalted in the 9th house from his own sign rules over the 9th house indications. He exalted in the 1st house of the zodiac and so he is Atmakaraka. All the above mentioned planets are superior ones. The inferior planets (which are nearer to Sun than earth) are Venus, Mercury and Moon. Here the Karakatwa is based on the signs they rule counted from Aries. As Moon own Cancer, the 4th from the zodiac, he indicates the 4th house influence. Venus owning the 2nd and the 7th houses, indicates happiness, wealth and wife. Mercury, as he is a neutral, plays a double role. As lord of the 3rd and the 6th, he rules over journeys, cousins and fear. As he is exalted in the 4th from his own house he rules over education.

There are also other things which we have to consider and try to understand the basis. Venus is exalted in the 11th from his own sign and so also the Moon. There appears to be something in this arrangement and deeper study into these basic principles may reveal what it is and why it is so. It may also be noted that both planets are exalted in the houses of their enemies. There is really great scope for deep research in all these basic principles.

Hospet. *V. Raghavendra Rao*

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Pushkara Yoga

Sir, - Dr. P. S. Sastri writes (*A.M.*, April 1990) "There are many *yogas* in our astrological texts. Pushkara Yoga has no place there."

In this connection I have come across the following verse in a work on Muhurtha:

लाभादशे ग्रहास्सर्वे सौम्येचैव नभस्थले ।
सयोगः पुष्कसे नाम लोकानां प्रीतिवर्धनम् ॥

A benefic in the 10th and all (the rest) in the 11th constitutes *Pushkara* (masculine gender) Yoga. Such a Yoga is capable of making the entire world happy.

Of course Dwi-Pushkara and Tri-Pushkara are *yogas*, but formed by a different set of combinations. To distinguish an auspicious *yoga* from the inauspicious ones of a similar name, they call the latter as Dwi-Pushkara and Tri-Pushkara, although the names bear relation to the number of constituents in each too.

One of the meanings the dictionary gives to Pushkara is an inauspicious combination of planets!

V. A. K. Ayer.

Madras.

Sir, - Pushkara Yoga is not a yoga with any astrological basis. It is a *homam* or *santi* performed on the 12th day of death after all the religious rites are over in the evening at the place of death in the house praying to the *devata* of death "Sri Radha" through *homam, i.e.*, Agni to nullify the malefic effects of Tripushkara Dosha on the place and on the house (living) so that only the site of death and not the entire house is polluted *vide* texts *Kamalakaram, Santimayukha, Apara Pushkara* texts. hence it is better to call it Pushkara Homam or *santi* instead of Pushkara Yoga. If the death site is not deserted, it may prove bad to those with the same Nakshatra as that of the deceased during the specified period of 3, 4 or 6 months for Tripushkara Dosha.

Madurai. *B. Gopala Rao.*

Concept of Rahu and Ketu

Sir, - I came across an observation in one of your recent issues that the concept of Rahu and Ketu came into vogue only after *Ramayana*.

But in a work of the *Ramayana* period *(Yoga Vasishtha)*, I have found references to Rahu and Ketu. This is for your information.

K. Kailasa Eswaran.

Abhijin Muhurta

Sir, - Kindly refer to page 127 of *A.M.*, January 1990. In your answer to Question 1, you have clarified that Abhijit is a *dur-muhurta* on Wednesdays. Seers have proclaimed that Abhijit washes away the evils of even Utpatam, Vishti and Vyateepata. Kindly throw light on why Abhijin muhurta becomes *dur-muhurta* on Wednesdays.

Pudukada. *P. R. Santhanam Nair.*

Budha-Aditya Yoga

Mr. K. Mukherjee (*A.M.*, April 1990) is requested to go through *Three Hundred Important Combinations, Notable Horoscopes* and Varahamihira's *Brihat Jataka*. Budha Aditya Yoga is caused in any sign and in any house whenever Mercury combines with the Sun. Of course, it will give better results in signs owned by Mercury or the Sun in all houses other than the 6th, the 8th or the 12th. It is necessary that the Sun and Mercury should not be afflicted. The Sun in Aquarius and Mercury in Capricorn cannot constitute the Yoga. Mercury behind the Sun usually gives lack of presence of mind, if not a dull-witted mind.

Budha-Aditya Yoga gives intellect and job proficiency which is essential for success in life in most cases. It is a simple combination and yet in a sample survey, I have found its presence in unafflicted form in hardly 10 percent cases. As generally people overlook this important Yoga, I have highlighted various facts of it. Will Mr. A. N. Bhattacharji point out specifically if he has ever found a person with Budha-Aditya Yoga (unafflicted) to be lacking in intelligence and inefficient in his job?

Patna. *K. K. Pathak.*

There Lurks Fear

Sir, - Ms. Meenakshi Raut (*A.M.*, February 1990) had discussed the formulae of PAM for determining broadly the longevity. The formulae as enunciated seem to be inadequate and inapplicable to many horoscopes in view of the differences in the Ayanamsa used by most of us. In a nutshell the formula is PAM, where P stands for Purnayus, A stands for short life and M stands for middle life. The formulae can be applicable when P, A and M are in *chara, sthira* and *dwiswabhava* Rasis. This formula cannot be applied when two variables are the same, that is, in the same sign. Suppose in a horoscope Lagna lord and the 8th lord are in fixed signs, what is to be done? It appears that some such situations have not been explained by the author. The second question is the determination of the degree of the planets. The most popular Ayanamsas are of Lahiri and Raman. There is a

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difference of 1° 27' between the two. This difference changes the planetary positions especially in the case of planets in Rasi-sandhi. A planet may be in *chara or dwiswabhava* Rasi if we apply both the Ayanamsas. I would request the author to explain those situations to make it a viable formula to be used with accuracy and certainty.

Ranchi. *Dr. U. S. Prasad.*

"How Saturn's Transit in Capricorn Affects You"

Sir, - Mr. Pulippani (*A.M.*, April 1990) has referred to a quotation by Mantreswara in *Phaladeepika* that when Saturn goes through the Janma Rasi (presently Capricorn) "the person concerned will suffer from fatigue and loss of wealth. He will become afflicted with excess of anger for unwanted things, and will suffer from diseases". He will also lose much money (Chapter 26, *sloka* 9).

This is erroneous. Mantreswara refers to the transit of the Sun in the Moon-sign as above, in *sloka* 9, Chapter 26 and in *sloka* 22 in the same Adhyaya, Mantreswara refers to the transit of Saturn saying "the native will suffer from diseases and will perform funeral rites when Saturn transits the Janma Rasi of a native".

I am quoting this from *Phaladeepika* translated into English by the late Mr. V. Subramanya Sastry.

Instead of referring to *sloka* 22 in Adhyaya 26 in *Phaladeepika*, Mr. Pulippani has referred to *sloka* 9 in the same Adhyaya. Kindly elucidate.

Madras. *E. S. Balasubramanian.*

Scriptural Hymns and Cancer

Sir, - Many thanks for publishing the article "Can Scriptural Hymns Cure Cancer" (*A.M.*, April 1990).

Since you have published a summary of the paper presented at the First International Conference on Holistic Health and Medicine, I want that Dr. Aman spell out the numbers of the *hymns* he has selected from the *Bhagavadgita* for curing mental retardation, musculo-skeletal disorders and epilepsy?

Aurangabad. *T. R. Rao.*

Horoscope of Smt. Maneka Gandhi

Sir, - Mrs. Maneka Gandhi was born on *26-8-1956.

The lord of the Ascendant Moon is in the 9th house in Pisces *Vargottama*. The lord of the 5th (*trikona*) and the 10th (*kendra*) Mars (Yogakaraka for Cancer Ascendant) is in Aquarius retrograde the 8th house aspecting the 2nd house, its lord S and the 9th lord Jupiter. The mutual aspect Mars and Jupiter with Sun (Rajyakaraka) p duces Raja Yoga. There is an exchange of sig between Mars and Saturn which is not favourab

Mars in the 8th house in a female horoscope not good for the longevity of husband. It is a *Krureshtameca vidhava papakshetre visheshato* meaning that if there is a malefic in the 8th, esp cially a cruel planet, widowhood results. Me here, a cruel planet, is in inimical sign Aquari whose lord is Saturn. Besides Saturn is also Scorpio and Rahu is with Saturn. Saturn rep sents air, Rahu unexpected event and Mars cra Sanjay Gandhi died in an air-crash unnaturally

According to Vimshottari Dasa the death Sanjay Gandhi occurred in Venus major, Mercury sub and Venus inter. Here Venus represents ve hicle. In Navamsa, Venus is in the 8th house in Aries, Mars is in Gemini in the 10th house a pecting the lord of the 7th and Patikaraka Jupite

The Moon Dasa started in August 1989. As th Moon is the lord of the Ascendant, his Dasa brin fortune, fame, glory and influence to the pers Rahu as *karaka* for Cancer Ascendant aspects th Ascendant and its lord Moon.

The Dasa of Mars may produce difficulties a being the 5th and 10th lord and Yogakaraka f Cancer, he is in the 8th house in an inimical sig

Sironj. *Onkarlal Sharm*

**Rasi:* Cancer - Ascendant; Leo - Sun and Jupi Virgo - Mercury; Scorpio - Saturn and Rahu; Aquari Mars; Pisces - Moon; Taurus - Ketu; and Gemini - Ven *Navamsa:* Virgo - Ascendant and Jupiter; Libra - Rahu Sun; Aquarius - Mercury; Pisces - Moon; Aries - Venus Ketu; Gemini - Mars; and Cancer - Saturn.

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Books on Review

OUR LITERARY EDITOR

APPLIED ASTROLOGY

By K. N. Rao and Meenakshi Raut, [Hind Pocket Books, C-36, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110 001, Pp. 200, Rs. 40.00].

The present work is a collection of articles written by the author and published in different astrological journals. It is divided into three sections. The first consists of 9 articles dealing with the author's predictions. Among those that figure in the list are K. C. Pant, Morarji Desai and Mrs. Gandhi and includes one where the author had failed.

The second part consists of thirteen articles related to different aspects of monsoon forecasting. One learns about Saptanadi Chakra and the uses of a Yoga which yields sumptuous rains along with other techniques of weather forecasting. This is an unexplored area well worth further investigating in national interest.

Section 3 consists of the author's "research" into new techniques of prediction besides study notes. There is an essay on Saturn's Sade Sathe and another on mass tragedies, both thought-provoking.

The book is well printed and produced, and makes interesting reading but for an overdose of the personal and subjective elements which are out of place in a scientific effort.

THE SIVA SAMHITA

By Rai Bahadur Srisa Chandra Vasu, [Satguru Publications, Ist Floor, 40.5, Shakti Nagar, Delhi 110 007, 1984, Pp. 87, Rs.30.00].

This is an accredited text on Advaita-*cum*-yogic philosophy and contains an authoritative exposition of the various factors involved in Indian philosophy. The opening chapter explains *gnanakanda*, *karmakanda*, their divisions, functions of Yoga—yama, niyama and what constitutes a paramahamsa. It further expounds the Indian concept of emanation and evolution.

Chapter 2 describes the microcosm, pelvic region, abdominal region, jivatma, etc. Chapter 3 explains yoga practice, with the vayus — prana, apana etc., role of guru, adhikari and the yogic angas like pranayama, and finally siddhis. It then dwells on the different asanas or postures wich number 84 and specially siddha and padma. Chapter 4 deals with the mudras, drink of the *kaulas* and bandhas. In the subsequent chapter you read about Mantra-yoga, Laya yoga, Hata Yoga, Raja Yoga, Nada Yoga and finally you run into the (six) chakras-mooladhara, swadhistana, visuddhi etc., and read about the three main *nadis*, and the mantra for the Yoga practice. The English translation is excellent. Students of Yoga will be richly benefited by a study of this authoritative text, which is well printed and produced.

THE MESSAGE OF ASTROLOGY

By Peter Roberts [The Aquarian Press, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 2RQ, England 1990, Pp. 171, UK Pounds 6.99].

Among the books that have been written about Astrology in the west, there is a clear dichotomy — those for and those against. The present book belongs to the first category.

The book under review provides an introduction to Astrology with particular emphasis on recent findings and how they qualify old beliefs. It sets out the evidence on its scientific content, relating it to the theories of biologist Sheldrake and physicist Bohm.

Commenting on the veto voiced sometime back

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by nearly 200 eminent scientists of whom 18 were Nobel Laureates, Brian Inglis in the Foreword pricks the bubble. "It is a fairly safe rule-of-thumb that when orthodox scientists join a campaign of this kind, it is because they feel threatened; and if they feel threatened, it is usually because some evidence has been emerging which upsets orthodox assumptions. So it turned out to be in this case; research conducted by Michel Gauquelin and his wife in Europe along impeccably scientific lines, appeared to have established that there is some basis for the link between the time of birth and the state of the heavens — where the planets are, in relation to the newly born."

Continuing, he writes: "There followed one of the more discreditable episodes in the history of science.....The American Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal 'CSICOP' set up what purported to be a scientific inquiry, but was in reality a hatchet job."

Our author makes out a strong case for the pursuit of Astrology, but argues for its improvement in techniques. He wants to root out all superstitions, and devise means other than empiricism to increase credibility. He propounds a theory "new vitalism". He explains in great detail the Gauquelin technique.

He however grants the role of insight or hunch and illustrates it with the case of Michael Faraday who sought connection between magnetism and light, despite the lack of any hint of it at the time. Believing that the various physical fluxes are part of an integrated structure, he discovered a link between magnetic field and polarised light! The author adds: "This ability to glimpse the whole is a remarkable human faculty and one to be cherished. It seems unlikely that any forays into the field of so-called artificial intelligence will get anywhere near it."

In the course of five chapters beginning with traditional Astrology, Gauquelin research, wave patterns and other theories, he expounds a new vitalism and concludes with the message Astrology has in its social, personal and astrological aspects.

The list of references and index are valuable additions. A book worth perusing by doubting Thomases.

THE HATHA YOGA PRADEEPIKA

By Pancham Sinh [Sri Satguru Publications, Ist Floor, 40/5, Shakti Nagar, Delhi 110 007, 1984, Pp. 63, Rs.30.00]

There appear to be as many versions of *Hatha Yoga Pradeepika* as there are languages, as the reviewer has come across different editions with differing number of verses. The present work consists of 4 chapters, with text in Devanagari and translation in English, in which asnas, pranayama, mudras and samadhi are treated. There is no note on the authorship. However, serious students of Hatha Yoga will immediately recognize that most of the verses have been lifted from *Sandilyopanishad*. Possibly an early practitioner could have compiled the present text using the Upanishadic verses and added a few of his own or from other texts.

Hailing Siva as the original propounder of this Sastra, the present work mentions a number of Siddhas like Matsyendra, Goraknatha and others who had been practising this Yoga. Starting with yama and niyama, the text plunges into the description of the different asanas. It is here that the help of *Sandilyopanishad* should have been pressed into service because, the latter gives an authoritative interpretation of the various constituents of Yoga-angas like niyama, pranayama. Without such explanation the text looks like coffee without its flavour! Yet the translator has managed to give a faithful translation of the text as it is. To that extent students of Hatha Yoga will find it useful. The book is well printed and produced.

GOD ALONE

By Sri Gyanamata [Yogada Satsanga Society of India, 21, U.N. Mukherjee Road, Dakshineshwar, Calcutta 700 076, Pp. 314, Rs.40.00.]

Sri Gyanamata was one of the most outstanding yet humble disciples of Paramahamsa Yogananda who founded the Self-Realization Fellowship in California in obedience to his master Sri Yukteshwar's wish. Even as a child she was of a saintly disposition and had always been interested in Hindu spirituality. When she first met Yogananda in 1925 she was ready to be his disciple and had graduated sufficiently spiritually to feel the need for a Guru which is one of the first hints, we are on the path to God. She was a quiet type and her husband and son were also devotees of the master.

Gyanamata was an earnest disciple and though weighed down by onerous filial duties, kept up her spiritual practices. Later, she moved into the ashram at Mt. Washington, living each moment for God Alone, which became her motto.

This neat little volume is an inspiration to all spiritual seekers and carries about a hundred letters she wrote to various people seeking spiritual

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...ence. The account of her life, her long suffer... from physical illness and her near monastic ...ciation are truly a reflection of the deep ...ual evolution in her.

The birth-date which this book furnishes of ...namata is a revelation to the astrological stu... also. The Moon in Aries is with 9th lord ...ter which is an indication of her constant ...mation of her total dedication to the Divine in ...ry word she uttered or every act she did. The ...-sign lord Mars in the 6th and 7th lord Venus ...h Rahu show that ther health (digestion and ...eys) was constantly a source of suffering. ...cury unafflicted in the 3rd with the Atmakar... Sun endowed her with rare spiritual insight ...wisdom.

A deeply inspiring book, an earnest spiritual ...ent will find many practical tips in it. A

...RETS OF ASTROLOGY

...L. R. Chawdhri [Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd., ...L10, Green Park Extension, New Delhi 110 ...06, 1989, Pp. 177, Rs. 125.00.]

...this well-printed and produced book consist... ...f seven chapters, the author covers the wide ...t of a person's life. Starting with a general ...-up on Astrology and its uses, he outlines the ...mental rules, basic nature of persons, spouses ...rried life, love and nature of sex, finance, ...rty, children, travels, buying and selling and ...up with ways to control problems in life, ...h remedial measures, which include gems, ...s and tantras — a table of Ascendants clos... the rear.

...learn that retrograde Mars makes a woman ...her husband, retrograde Venus makes her ...sex, while retrograde Saturn in the case of ...makes him shun public life and fumble for ...pression. There is a lovers' catalogue based ...-signs. Here is a revolutionary rule: Jupiter ...7th house and lord of the 7th in the 7th give ...isfactory results in married life! You are told ...er you will marry or not: if marry, whether it ...e trouble-free and also formulae for the spe... ...s of marriage! Constellational effects of ...re often pressed into service in this book. ...price appears to be on the high side.

...LITERATURE QUIZ

...Sujata Ray, [Rupa & Co., 15, Bankim Chatter... ...jee St., Calcutta 700 073, 1990, Pp. 229, Rs. 20.00.]

...these days when quiz programmes inundate ...TV screen both at the national and regional levels, one more book on the literary scene is not unwelcome. Sometimes one feels that the knowledge required for this exercise is of pretty little utility in professional or practical service as it can always be found from opening the pages of a reference or other books. Yet, as an exercise in memory building and goading one to read more books or seek more avenues of gaining such knowledge, it is helpful. The present book is a companion to the other quiz books released by the publishers on science, mathematics and sports. The diversity of the material is indeed commendable as it covers biography, drama, poetry, fiction, Indian, Greek, Latin literature etc., besides odd but interesting quotes. There is little doubt that the reader will be better equipped in his general knowledge by reading this book.

ADVANCED PALMISTRY

By Harishankar Laxmishankar Pandya [Victo Publications, Gograsswadi, Mahajan Chawl, Patherli Road, Dombivli (East), Dist. Thane, Maharashtra, 1989, Pp.116, Rs. 25.00.]

This book is a mixed bag consisting as it does of Astrology, numerology and palmistry, narration of the author's successful predictions and some notes on palmistry besides illustrative hands — treated mostly at personal level. The usual features like types of hands, mounts, signs on it, lines are covered. Illustrative palms include those of Swami Vivekananda, Jawaharlal Nehru, K. M. Munshi, Morarji Desai, Indira Gandhi, Charan Singh, Amarsinh Chaudhari, Kishore Kumar etc. We are told that plane-crashes take place when Venus passes through airy signs and conjunct malefics, and earthquakes take place when Neptune faces bad aspects with Mars, Rahu along-with Saturn, Herschel or Pluto. It was news to learn from this book that Dr. B. V. Raman has written a book *Your Hand Reveals* (p.71) from which the author got the print of Jawaharlal Nehru!

THE SEARCH FOR A GURU

By H. P. Shastri [Shanti Sadan, 29, Chepstow Villas, London W11 3DR, Pp. 112, Pounds 3.00/ or Dollars 3.75].

Prakasha Swarup is our hero and his journey to Truth could be anyone's pilgrimage to the Ultimate in Godhead. The story begins with Prakasha rejecting advice from different kinds of peddlars of spiritual ware and setting out alone on the path to Truth which he thinks is the right. His experiences along the route to Master Indragiri, a Siddha Purusha, take him through the breath-taking beauty

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of the Holy Himalayas along the path which Sri Adi Sankaracharya and after him countless seekers must have trod before him. His search for his Guru is long and arduous but always sustained by his burning desire for Liberation and softened by his eternal companion, the *Thousand Names of Vishnu*. Many a time he faces temptation — women, riches, status, honour but each time he crosses the hurdle unscathed. This is a touching, quick and beautiful account of the metamorphosis of the cocoon of a *jiva* to the beautiful butterfly of the Indwelling Presence. Now in its second edition after the first in 1948, this fact is a sad reflection on the deteriorating tastes of readers and of the pleasure-incentive-life of today.

We do not know if the central character of this powerful narrative is Dadaji Maharaj of Aligarh to whom the book is dedicated but it would not be a surprise if he were, indeed. A

INNER YOGA (ANTARAYOGA)

By Anirvan (Translated from Bengali by Simanta Narayan Chaterjee) [Voice of India, 2/18, Ansari Road, New Delhi 110 002, Pp. 79, Rs. 25.00].

Anirvan is one of those not so well known saints of India. He has authored about 20 books, most of them being commentaries on Vedanta.

In this volume, the path of spiritual life is dealt with in simple stage by stage guiding chapters. Starting with Ashtanga Yoga of Patanjali, the inner practices in it, how to do Japa, then on to Dharana and Dhyana the author explains in some detail how the Mantra works gradually shifting the centre of our consciousness from the gross to the sublime. In the chapter on Samadhi, a very good clue we get is to learn to overcome the opposites. Simply written with no pretensions to high-sounding Upanishadic jargon, the author succeeds in striking a familiar note in the reader. A

I AM ALL

By Sudhakar S. Dikshit [Chetan Pvt. Ltd., 34, Rampart Row, Bombay 400 023, Pp. 157, Rs. 100.00].

The end of the author's personal odyssey into the realm of thought is the realization of the truth of the oneness of life. No idea, no thought is original. Thoughts we think are original have been thought of before thousands of years ago by countless thinkers and expressed many times more lucidly in written word. But thoughts we think can to some extent be original if we have, starting at the base of the thought, cogitated and reflected on it from various angles, one of which and the most important being our own experience in life, and then sometimes logically, at other times intuitively come to the same realization of the ancients of the world that all is but the expansion of The One. Simply put this is the sum and substance of the volume under review. Publishers and those who run publishing houses have to be experts in the economics of publishing but rarely are they experts in the content of what they publish. Sudhakar Dikshit is one such unique personality. He gives a blue-print for realization and this again is a repeat of what has already been said before — desirelessness, egolessness and renunciation. It is the essence of the simple Bhagavad Gita. It is also the essence of the intricate, intellect-boggling discussions that abound in the Upanishads. There are numerous quotations from the world's, especially India's, philosophic literature and a rosary of quotations complete the volume. A book that truly uplifts one's spirits and enthuses inspiration both in the materialist and the spiritual seeker. A

PANCHANG FOR PRAMODA FORECAST 1990

By V. V. Rao & Dr. Bijumalla [Roofer's Publications, 11-4-650, Lakdikapul, Niloufer Hospital Road, Hyderabad 4, Pp. 322, Rs.30.00].

This Panchanga for the lunar year Pramoda is packed with a wealth of useful information like the Nirayana longitudes of planets in 356 daily charts, beginning time of Ascendant, forecast for 1990 based on Sun signs for all the 12 signs, auspicious dates for different occasions, calendar of festivals etc. A very useful book for astrologers and laymen alike.

PRACTICLAL MUNDANE ASTROLOGY (BASIC PRINCIPLES)

By J. C. Luthra [Sagar Publications, 72, Janpath Ved Mansion, New Delhi 110 001, Pp. 16[illegible] Rs.70.00].

The book under review details the basic principles in an exhaustive manner. Chapter 1 provides the elements of astrology, and Chapter 2 lists the countries ruled by the different signs. Chapters 3, 4 and 6 provide detailed significations of planets, including extra-Saturnine planets, the 12 houses and 12 signs of the zodiac in Mundane astrology. Chapter 7 provides similar details about the constellations. Chapter 5 lists the significations of Houses in an organisation or company chart.

Other chapters offer guidance for the erection of the different types of Mundane charts and the

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are put pertaining to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some of your doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at a time. This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE—Ed., A.M.)***

Q. 1. Rasi: Libra - Ascendant and the Moon; Scorpio - Mars; Sagittarius - Venus and Ketu; Capricorn - the Sun and Mercury; Pisces - Saturn; Aquari - Rahu; and Leo - Jupiter (R). Navamsa: Capricorn - Ascendant, the Sun and Ketu; Taurus - Venus and Mercury; and Libra - Jupiter, Saturn, Rahu, Mars and the Moon. (a) Do the Sun and Mercury as lords of the 11th and the 9th combined with 4th (Indu-Lagna) constitute a Dhana Yoga in Rahu Dasa? (b) Since Venus is also the lord of the 3rd will his Dasa become innocuous?

K. Kuppu Rao, Kumbakonam.

Ans: (a) The Sun in Dhana Lagna is a malefic Badhaka lord. Mercury is benefic and a Kendra. Their dispositor Jupiter also aspects Venus. Lagna lord. Dhana lord occupies own house. Its dispositor Jupiter also aspects Venus. Mercury occupies 2nd from Dasa lord. Hence Rahu-Mercury could be expected to yield Dhana. (b) Venus will exercise his option as Lagna and his 3rd house occupation will characterise nature of Venus Dasa — such as constant talking about, communication etc.

Q. 2. Rasi: Scorpio - Ascendant and Saturn; Capricorn - Ketu; Gemini - the Moon; Cancer - Mars and Sun; Leo - Mercury and Venus; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra - Rahu. Though the native's academic performance was always good, he has not been able to get satisfactory employment. Is it due to the Sun being in the 12th from the 10th? Or, will Mercury and Venus in the 10th help?

B. C. Modi, Bijapur.

Ans: The 4th house is well aspected by two planets of whom one is *karaka* himself. That accounts for good academic performance. The Lagna lord Mars fortunately is Neecha-bhanga. Saturn's aspect to the 10th house and 10th lord in the 12th contribute to unsatisfactory conditions of service. Venus, a *maraka*, in the 10th and enemy's house cannot be expected to be of much help. Mercury can help, being 2nd and 11th lord with reference to 10th house and 2nd-*cum*-5th lord with reference to the 7th which is the 10th from the 10th.

Q. 3. Rasi: *Scorpio - Ascendant; Capricorn - Ketu; Aquarius - Mars; Aries - the Sun and the Moon; Taurus - Mercury, Venus and Saturn; Gemini - Jupiter; and Cancer - Rahu. The Dasa of Jupiter started in December 1989. Rahu Dasa has been full of financial problems. Will Jupiter Dasa help or will his presence in the 8th again create financial difficulties?*

B. C. Jat, Bombay.

Ans: With regard to the 2nd house — treat it as Lagna — Jupiter will occupy its 7th. He is 2nd lord too aspecting the 2nd and hence, he can be expected to help financially. If Rahu has caused financial problems, he occupies the 8th from the 2nd.

Q. 4. Rasi: *Aquarius - Ascendant and Mars; Saturn in the 2nd; the Moon in the 3rd; Jupiter in the 7th; Venus in the 10th; the Sun in the 11th; and Mercury in the 12th. What is the significance of the Sun-Jupiter exchange of signs?*

S. C. Shrotriya, Jhansi.

Ans: Technically it is a Maha Yoga. It has the effect of combining the 7th with the 11th. One of

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the interpretations is that the native will benefit through partner, business or job.

Q. 5. Rasi: *Aquarius - Ascendant, Saturn and Mandi; Taurus - Jupiter and Rahu; Gemini - the Sun; Cancer - Mercury and Venus; Virgo - the Moon and Mars; and Scorpio - Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Pisces - Ascendant, Mandi, the Sun and Mars; Taurus - Saturn; Gemini - Rahu; Leo - Jupiter; Libra - Mercury and Venus; Sagittarius - Ketu; and Aquarius - the Moon. The native's marriage appears to be on the point of breaking up. Is it because Mars is in the 8th? Or, is it due to Rahu in the 4th and Rahu Dasa running?*

S. No. 12721.

Ans: Rahu occupies the 4th in the Rasi chart as well as Navamsa chart. In the latter Mars aspects the 4th, the 7th and the 8th. It is reasonable to expect family happiness to be disturbed in Mars Dasa. The 7th lord in the 5th and the 5th lord in the 6th are further contra-indications. But I am not sure whether it will go to the extent of breaking up the marriage.

Q. 6. *Lahiri's Ephemeris gives the longitude of Rahu as "True" and "Mean". (a) To what uses are we to put the two values? (b) Which one is to be adopted for horoscopes?*

S. No. 9796.

Ans: Only mean Rahu is taken for predictive purposes. You may be surprised to learn that real Rahu has retrogression too! The other is for astronomical purposes only.

Q. 7. Rasi: *Leo - Ascendant; Virgo - Rahu; Libra - Venus; Scorpio - Jupiter, Mercury and Mars; Sagittarius - Saturn (C) and the Sun; Pisces - Ketu; and Gemini - the Moon. The 7th house from Lagna is aspected by Mars (Vargottama) and Saturn. The 7th house from the Moon Lagna contains the Sun and Saturn. Venus is hemmed between malefics. Lords of the 1st and 7th from Ascendant are in 5th. (a) Will the native's wife be always ill and short-lived as 2nd house from Lagna has Rahu? Also from Moon Lagna 7th lord is in the 6th and the 8th in the 7th. (b) Does the chart indicate an inter-caste marriage?*

Ms. A. Shrivastava, Bombay.

Ans: (a) The 7th lord Saturn is combust and occupies the 5th; Venus, of course, is hemmed between two malefics. The 7th house relates to married partner and the 8th from it is occupied by Rahu. All these indicate slender health. As Jupiter aspects the 8th and Venus occupies the 3rd, longevity appears to be sound. (b) Rahu-Ketu axis in the 2nd and affliction to Venus indicate some unusual marriage.

Q. 8. *It has been quoted from Parasara:* ***Svagehe svamsage svochhe sukhasthanadhipoyadi Sukhavahanavriddih syat samkhabherayadivadyayuk*** *XIV-73 meaning, a native gets happiness and vehicles and is endowed with conch and other musical instruments if the 4th lord is in his own or exaltation house or own Navamsa. In the horoscope given below, Mercury is lord of the 4th exalted in the 7th in a kendra. Is the above rule applicable as Mercury Dasa will start from December 1991?* ***Rasi:*** *Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Rahu; Gemini - Jupiter and Mars; Leo - the Sun; Virgo - Mercury; Libra - Venus and Ketu; Sagittarius - Saturn; and Capricorn - the Moon. Navamsa: Libra - Ascendant and Ketu; Scorpio - Venus; Capricorn - Mars; Aries - Rahu and Jupiter; Taurus - Mercury; Cancer - the Moon and Venus; and Virgo - the Sun. Additionally, are there Parvata Yoga and Kahala Yoga present as the dispositor of Lagna lord Jupiter, Mercury, is in exaltation in a* ***kendra*** *therefrom? (I have read this in the Malayalam translation of* ***Brihat Jataka*** *Padhhati published from Kunnakulam, near Trichur, on page 107) and BhadraYoga due to Mercury exaltation?*

A. N. Iyer, New Delhi.

Ans: The 4th lord Mercury exalted in a kendra gives rise to Bhadra Yoga. This is only one of the conditions for Vahana and other Yogas mentioned by you. The other significators are 4th house and Venus which are afflicted; hence the Yoga referred to by you is imperfect. Both Kahala and Parvata are present, but the same are subject to the aspect of Saturn to Virgo which detracts from the merits of the Yogas. Mercury Dasa will only be lukewarm.

Q. 9. Rasi: *Taurus - Ascendant 5-27, the Moon 14-9 and Jupiter 2-32; Cancer - Mars 13-36 and Venus 26-23; Leo - Mercury 25-34; Virgo - the Sun 10-11; Sagittarius - Ketu 3-46; and Aquarius - Saturn 6-2. (a) Will Saturn as 10th lord in the 10th delay career prospects or will he as 9th lord then promote the* ***bhava?***

Roshan Lal, New Delhi.

Ans: Saturn in the 10th, in own house things is known to lift a man up and also pull him down. At all events, profession will not be a bed of roses; it may be delayed, appreciation may not be forthcoming and earnings not commensurate with input. He is more powerful as 10th lord, being in Moolatrikona house. And the rule is when a planet owning two houses occupies one of them, he gives the effect of the house occupied and forgets the other.

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Q. 10. Rasi: The Sun 341; the Moon 258; Ascen- 124-4; Mars 70.-0; Mercury 332; Venus 318; 7; Saturn 93-58; Rahu 202-47; and Ketu 22- What line of education will Mars in the 11th now that Sun Dasa has just started in the e's 14th year?

Kalyan Datta, Calcutta.

Ans: The 4th house governs academic educa- Its lord is Mars who occupies the 8th from it. Lagna lord occupies the 8th, the 2nd-*cum*-11th occupies the 8th. I feel, as a result, he should e science, ultimately leading to medical/chemi- job.

Q. 11. Rasi: Gemini - Ascendant; Cancer - rn; Libra - Rahu; Sagittarius - the Moon; icorn - Mars and Mercury; Aquarius - the Sun; s - Venus; Aries - Jupiter and Ketu; and us - Mandi. Mars Dasa begins in 1991. How it be regarding education and health?

N. Balasubramanian, Bombay.

Ans: Mars being 6th-*cum*-11th lord in the 8th Dasa may not be good for health. The 4th is the e of education. Treating it as Lagna, Mars pies its 5th in the company of *karaka* and Mars e 8th from Lagna is not too good for Virgo. e, education too is likely to be disturbed. s needs to be propitiated — even though joined agna lord. In fact *karaka* Mercury in 8th is o indicated for education.

Q. 12. Rasi: Libra - Ascendant; Aquarius - the and Rahu; Pisces - the Sun and Jupiter; Aries rs, Venus and Mercury; Leo - Ketu; and Virgo urn. Navamsa: Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Taurus - Rahu; Gemini - the Moon and ury; Cancer - Jupiter; Scorpio - Venus; and Capricorn - the Sun; and Aquarius - Saturn. started construction of a house in April 1989 ter in Mercury). Problem started in February and construction was suspended. Please whether he can complete the construction fully due to operating Dasa being that of 2 arakas for Libra viz., Mercury-Saturn or give rise to litigation and other problems loss/blocking of funds due to 6/8 position Dasa and Bhukti lords and Dasachidra and 6th Jupiter aspecting Bhukti lord Saturn, the Sun kadhipati for Libra) aspecting Bhukti lord Mars, bhoomikaraka going to the 6th in

P. Anantharamakrishnan, Madras.

Ans: For this issue the 4th house, its lord and are the significators. The 4th house lord es the 12th indicating avoidable expendi- He receives the aspect of Badhakadhipa Sun which underscores the above tendency. The 8th house denotes constructing a new house by selling old property. Its lord Venus occupies the 12th from it again indicating expenses. Mercury-Jupiter being 12/2 is hardly a helpful period. When Jupiter transits Cancer, housing project can get some lease of life and, when he transits Leo, construction may be realised. No litigation need be feared because the 7th house is occupied by Lagna and 7th lords.

***Q. 13. Rasi:** Libra - Ascendant; Scorpio - Rahu, the Moon and Saturn (R); Aquarius - Mars; Taurus - Mercury and Ketu; Gemini - the Sun and Venus (R); and Leo - Jupiter. **Navamsa:** Aquarius - Ascendant and Mars; Taurus - Ketu, Mercury and Jupiter; Leo - Saturn (R); Scorpio - the Moon and Rahu; and Sagittarius - the Sun and Venus (R). Is this a case of delay or denial of marriage? If just delay, when will it take place? Venus Dasa, Rahu Bhukti is running.*

Ms. S. B. Rao, Matunga.

Ans: Mars and Saturn exchange signs. *Karaka* Venus is combust. However, the 7th receives the aspect of Jupiter and Mars is also aspected by Jupiter. Hence marriage is delayed and not denied. Rahu-Ketu axis hurts the Lagna, the Moon as well as Venus. This indicates threat to happy married life. Let Rahu's sub-period be over. Jupiter may give it.

***Q. 14. Rasi:** Scorpio - Ascendant 6-21, Saturn 9-28 and Rahu 19-43; Sagittarius - Mars 6-43; Capricorn - Mercury 20-21; Aquarius - the Sun 15-53; Pisces - Venus 17-27; Taurus - Ketu 19-42; Leo - Jupiter 1-28; and Virgo - the Moon 21-20 (Jupiter retrograde). Are there any chances of promotion in the near future (working as a medical representative in a Government company for the last 12 years and have not been granted any promotion). When should the native expect to be in a comfortable financial position?*

P. K. Tripathi, Lucknow.

Ans: He can expect promotion soon after Jupiter enters Cancer in July. He suffers from Sakata Yoga and hence must propitiate Jupiter appropriately.

Aspirants after liberation seeking the knowledge of the self must always perform, for purposes of self-purification, actions obligatory everyday on special occasions. 'For, one who wants to ascend to yoga, action is said to be the means'. (Gita V-3). Such is the *smriti* passage.

— **Naishkarmasiddhi**

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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE	Day of the Wk	Sjd. Time*	☉ Sun *Ravi*	☽ Moon *Chandra*	♂ Mars *Kuja*	☿ Merc. *Budha*	♃ Jupiter *Guru*	♀ Venus *Sukra*	♄ Saturn *Sani*	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
		h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1.	Fri.	4 38 00	47 58 59	145 38 02	338 14	23 34	80 32	9 33	272 29	288 13	256 25	261 47	203 27
2.	Sat.	4 41 56	48 56 29	157 58 12	338 58	24 35	80 45	10 43	272 27	288 10	256 23	261 45	203 26
3.	Sun.	4 45 53	49 53 57	170 05 49	339 42	25 40	80 57	11 52	272 24	288 06	256 21	261 21	203 24
4.	Mon.	4 49 49	50 51 24	182 04 55	340 26	26 49	81 10	13 02	272 21	288 03	256 19	261 43	203 23
5.	Tues.	4 53 46	51 48 51	193 59 05	341 09	28 00	81 22	14 12	272 19	288 00	256 17	261 41	203 21
6.	Wed.	4 57 42	52 46 16	205 51 12	241 53	29 14	81 35	15 22	272 16	287 57	256 15	261 40	203 20
7.	Thurs.	5 01 39	53 43 40	217 43 37	342 37	30 31	81 48	16 32	272 13	287 54	256 12	261 39	203 18
8.	Fri.	5 05 35	54 41 03	229 38 10	343 21	31 52	82 00	17 42	272 10	287 50	256 10	261 37	203 17
9.	Sat.	5 09 32	55 38 25	241 36 27	344 04	33 15	82 13	18 53	272 07	287 47	256 08	261 36	203 16
10.	Sun.	5 13 29	56 35 47	253 39 59	344 48	34 41	82 26	20 03	272 04	287 44	256 06	261 34	203 14
11.	Mon.	5 17 25	57 33 07	265 50 23	345 31	36 10	82 39	21 13	272 00	287 41	256 04	261 33	203 13
12.	Tues.	5 21 21	58 30 27	278 09 39	346 14	37 14	82 51	22 23	271 57	287 38	256 01	261 31	203 12
13.	Wed.	5 25 18	59 27 47	290 40 12	346 58	39 16	83 04	23 34	271 54	287 35	255 59	261 30	203 10
14.	Thurs.	5 29 15	60 25 06	303 24 49	347 41	40 53	83 17	24 44	271 50	287 31	255 57	261 29	203 09
15.	Fri.	5 33 11	61 22 25	316 26 33	348 24	42 34	83 30	25 55	271 47	287 28	255 54	261 27	203 08
16.	Sat.	5 37 08	62 19 43	329 48 21	349 07	44 17	83 43	27 05	271 43	287 25	255 52	261 26	203 07
17.	Sun.	5 41 04	63 17 01	343 32 30	349 50	46 02	83 56	28 16	271 40	287 22	255 50	261 24	203 06
18.	Mon.	5 45 01	64 14 19	357 39 57	350 33	47 51	84 09	29 27	271 36	287 19	255 47	261 23	203 04
19.	Tue.	5 48 58	65 11 36	12 09 33	351 16	49 42	84 22	30 37	271 33	287 16	255 45	261 21	203 03
20.	Wed.	5 52 54	66 08 53	26 57 31	351 59	51 35	84 35	31 48	271 29	287 12	255 43	261 19	203 02
21.	Thurs.	5 56 51	67 06 10	41 57 26	352 42	53 31	84 49	32 59	271 25	287 09	255 40	261 18	203 01
22.	Fri.	6 00 47	68 03 27	57 00 41	353 25	55 30	85 02	34 10	271 21	287 06	255 38	261 16	203 00
23.	Sat.	6 04 44	69 00 43	71 57 54	354 07	57 30	85 15	35 21	271 17	287 03	255 35	261 15	202 59
24.	Sun.	6 08 40	69 57 59	86 40 25	354 50	59 33	85 28	36 32	271 13	287 33	255 33	261 13	202 58
25.	Mon.	6 12 37	70 55 14	101 01 32	355 32	61 38	85 41	37 43	271 09	286 56	255 30	261 12	202 57
26.	Tues.	6 16 33	71 52 29	114 57 18	356 14	63 44	85 55	38 54	271 05	286 53	255 28	261 10	202 56
27.	Wed.	6 20 30	72 49 44	128 26 31	356 57	65 52	86 08	40 05	271 01	286 50	255 26	261 08	203 55
28.	Thurs.	6 24 27	73 46 58	141 30 21	357 39	68 01	86 21	41 16	270 57	286 47	255 23	261 07	202 54
29.	Fri.	6 28 23	74 44 11	154 11 41	358 21	70 11	86 35	42 27	270 53	286 44	255 21	261 05	202 53
30.	Sat.	6 32 20	75 41 24	166 34 24	359 03	72 21	86 48	43 38	270 49	286 41	255 18	261 04	202 52

*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-6-1990 is 22° 16' 40".

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Astronomical Notes for June 1990

AGASTYA

...yana positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-6-1990

...lanets (...rahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
...vi	70 16	68 39	0 00	21 N 59
...ndra	167 54	167 38	3 S 11	1 N 51
...ya	0 31	1 14	1 S 53	1 S 31
...tha	45 51	44 25	3 S 30	13 N 14
...u	102 49	103 57	0 N 10	22 N 59
...ra	31 50	30 23	2 S 04	10 N 10
...	294 46	296 40	0 N 08	21 S 03
...	310 28			

THE SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward from Taurus to 16°. Gemini entering Gemini on 13th. The north declination of the Sun increases from 21° till it becomes a maximum at 23° 27' on 21st. Then the north declination decreases to 23° 09' at the end.

THE MOON

Starting from 26° Leo the Moon makes one complete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 29° Virgo. The north declination of the Moon decreases from 1° till the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 1st. Then the south declination of the Moon increases till it becomes a maximum at 26° 53' on 8th. Afterwards the south declination decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the north on 15th. Thereafter the north declination increases till it becomes a maximum at 26° 54' on 22nd. Then the north declination decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 28th. Afterwards the south declination increases to 12° 49' at the end.

MARS

Mars continues to move forward in Pisces from 8° to 30° at the end. The south declination of Mars decreases from 1° 31' till it crosses the equator to the north on 6th. The north declination then increases to 6° 41' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury moves ahead from 24° Aries, enters Taurus on 6th, enters Gemini on 24th and ends at 15° Gemini. The north declination of Mercury increases from 13° 13' to 24° 21' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues to move forward in Gemini from 21° to 27° at the end. The north declination of Jupiter decreases from 22° 59' to 22° 15' at the end.

VENUS

Venus moves forward from 10° Aries to 15° Taurus entering it on 18th. The north declination of Venus increases from 10° 10' to 19° 59'.

SATURN

Saturn continues to move with retrograde motion in Capricorn from 2° to 1° at the end. The south declination of Saturn increases from 21° 03' to 21° 23' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 288° 13' to 286° 37' at the end.

Description of planetary movements is given on ...n basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-6-1990 is 22° 16' 40".

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Uranus also retrogrades from 256° 25' to 255° 16' at the end.

Neptune too retrogrades from 261° 47' to 261° 02' at the end.

Pluto also retrogrades from 203° 27' to 202° 52' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the times, in I.S.T., noted: Pluto at 24h.25m. on 5th; Uranus at 10h.27m on 10th; Neptune at 21h.04m. on 10th; Saturn at 17h.30m. on 11th; Mars at 16h.51m. on 17th; Venus at 13h.55m. on 20th; Mercury at 26h.44m. on 21st; the Sun at 24h.24m. on 22nd; Jupiter at 27h.29m. on 23rd.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Trine the Moon 2nd, 13th; opposition the Moon 8th; square the Moon 16th, 29th; parallel the Moon 20th, 24th; opposition Uranus 29th.

Mars: Opposition the Moon 2nd; trine the Moon 7th, 26th; square the Moon 10th, 23rd; square Uranus 11th; conjunction the Moon 17th; square Neptune 19th; square Jupiter 25th.

Mercury: Opposition the Moon 6th; trine Saturn 8th; trine the Moon 11th; square the Moon 14th, 29th; conjunction the Moon 21st; parallel Jupiter 22nd; parallel the Sun 24th.

Jupiter: Square the Moon 3rd, 17th, 30th; trine the Moon 5th, 15th; opposition Neptune 6th; parallel the Sun 8th; opposition the Moon 10th; trine Pluto 13th; parallel the Moon 20th, 24th; parallel Mercury 22nd; conjunction the Moon 23rd; square Mars 25th.

Venus: Opposition the Moon 5th; trine Uranus 6th; trine the Moon 10th, 29th; trine Neptune 11th; opposition Pluto 12th; square the Moon 13th, 27th; trine Saturn 19th; conjunction the Moon 20th.

Saturn: Trine the Moon 1st, 20th, 28th; square the Moon 4th, 18th; trine Mercury 8th; conjunction the Moon 11th; trine Venus 19th.

Uranus: Square the Moon 2nd, 17th, 29th; trine Venus 6th; conjunction the Moon 10th; square Mars 11th; trine the Moon 19th, 27th; opposition the Moon 23rd; opposition the Sun 29th.

Neptune: Square the Moon 3rd, 17th, 30th; opposition Jupiter 6th; conjunction the Moon 10th; trine Venus 11th; square Mars 19th; trine the Moon 19th, 27th; opposition the Moon 23rd.

Pluto: Conjunction the Moon 5th; opposition Venus 12th; square the Moon 13th, 25th; trine Jupiter 13th; trine the Moon 15th, 23rd; opposition the Moon 19th.

I. Full Moon: Dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 16h.13m. on 8th on all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 55° 07'; the Moon 235° 07'; Mars 343° 41'; Mercury 32° 30'; Jupiter 82° 06'; Venus 18° 15'; Saturn 272° 05'; Rahu 287° 49'; Uranus 256° 09'; Neptune 261° 37'; Pluto 203° 17'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 200° 28'; the 2nd 231° 45'; the 3rd 263° 02'; the 4th 294° 19'; the 5th 323° 02'; the 6th 351° 45'; the 7th 20° 28'; the 8th 51° 45'; the 9th 83° 02'; the 10th 114° 19'; the 11th 143° 02'; the 12th 171° 45'.

II. New Moon: Bright fortnight (Sukla Paksha) commences at 24h.25m. on 22nd for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 68° 49'; the Moon 68° 49'; Mars 354° 46'; Mercury 57° 07'; Jupiter 85° 26'; Venus 35° 06'; Saturn 271° 18'; Rahu 287° 04'; Uranus 255° 36'; Neptune 261° 15'; Pluto 202° 59'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 339° 58'; the 2nd 9° 42'; the 3rd 39° 26'; the 4th 69° 10'; the 5th 99° 26'; the 6th 129° 42'; the 7th 159° 58'; the 8th 189° 42'; the 9th 219° 26'; the 10th 249° 10'; the 11th 279° 26'; the 12th 309° 42'.

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Subgroup 4: Ascendant in Capricorn, Mercury in Libra, Saturn and Nodes in Aquarius, total occupation in Libra, Scorpio and Capricorn signs, the Sun in 3rd house, Mars in Lagna, Jupiter in 11th, Venus in 10th, Nodes in 11th, total occupation in 8th, Lagna and 11th houses, these are important positions. Moon-Jupiter and Saturn-Nodes are repeating combinations.

Subgroup 5: Mars in Pisces, Mercury in Sagittarius, Nodes in Sagittarius, total occupation in Sagittarius, Mercury in 12th house, total occupation in 12th and 10th houses, these are noteworthy points.

Subgroup 6: The Sun and Jupiter in common signs 3/6/12, Nodes in Virgo, total occupation in Aries to Gemini and in Virgo, Venus in Lagna, Nodes in 4th to 6th houses, total occupation in 3rd house next to that in Lagna, 5th and 10th houses, these are important positions. Moon-Saturn combination is seen to repeat.

(Tables 1 to 11B presented in chapter VIII.)

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[The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to railway time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Fri.*- Navami (9th tithi) till 27h.19m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Poorvaphalguni upto 7h.30m., then Uttaraphalguni. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

2. *Sat.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 29h.04m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Uttaraphalguni till 7h.31m., then Hasta. Whole day Marana Yoga. This day also only routine work.

3. *Sun.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) whole day. Hasta upto 11h.58m., then Chitta. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for purchasing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

4. *Mon.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) till 7h.12m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Chitta and Prabalarishta Yoga upto 14h.45m., then Swati and Amrita Yoga. After 14h.45m. good for buying cows or dogs, for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for wearing new garments, for fixing pumpsets, for appointing staff, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

5. *Tues.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 9h.31m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Swati and Siddha Yoga upto 17h.40m., then Visakha and Marana Yoga. After 17h.40m. good for fixing pumpsets, for taking medicines.

6. *Wed.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) till 11h.55m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Visakha till 20h.39m., then Anuradha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Upto 11h.55m. good for buying cows or dogs, for borrowing, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for purchasing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

7. *Thurs.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 14h.17m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Anuradha and Siddha Yoge till 23h.33m., then Jyeshta and Prabalarishta Yoga. After 14h.17m. good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

8. *Fri.*- Poornima (Full Moon) till 16h.31m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Jyeshta and Marana Yoga upto 24h.19m., then Moola and Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

9. *Sat.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 18h.34m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Moola till 28h.52m., then Poorvashadha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for testing instruments.

10. *Sun.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 20h.22m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Poorvashadha and Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

11. *Mon.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) till 21h.50m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Poorvashadha upto 7h.08m., then Uttarashadha. Whole day Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

12. *Tues.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 22h.53m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Uttarashadha and prabalarishta Yoga till 9h.04m., then Sravana and Siddha Yoga. After 9h.04m. good for driving new vehicles.

13. *Wed.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 23h.27m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Sravana and Siddha Yoga

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3.	Sun.	Whit Sunday	14.	Thur.	Corpus Christi Thursday
4.	Mon.	Nirjala Ekadasi, Champaka Dwadasi	15.	Fri.	Rajas Sankranthi
7.	Thur.	Vata Savitri Vrata	19.	Tues.	Yogini Ekadasi
8.	Fri.	Devasnana Poornima	21.	Thur.	Dakshinayana
9.	Sat.	Guru Hargovind Singh's birthday	24.	Sun.	Rathayatra
10.	Sun.	Trinity Sunday	28.	Thur.	Kumara Shashti, Vaivaswata Saptami
			30.	Sat.	Karchi Puja (Tripura)

upto 10h.35m., then Dhanishta and Prabalarishta Yoga. Upto 10h.35m. good for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for travel, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

14. *Thurs.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 23h.28m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga till 11h.34m., then Satabhisha and Marana Yoga. Upto 11h.34m. good for travel, for taking medicines, for driving new vehicles, for erecting sheds, for buying wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

15. *Fri.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 22h.51m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Satabhisha upto 11h.58m., then Poorvabhadrapada. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 11h.58m. good for travel. after 11h.58m. good for borrowing.

16. *Sat.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 21h.35m., then Navami (9th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga till 11h.45m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

17. *Sun.*- Navami (9th tithi) till 19h.42m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada upto 10h.53m., then Revati. Whole day Amrita Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for repaying debts.

18. *Mon.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 17h.14m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Revati till 9h.25m., then Aswini. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for taking medicines, for appointing staff, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

19. *Tues.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) till 14h.17m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Aswini till 7h.26m., then Bharani upto 29h.03m., afterwards Krittika. Whole day Siddha Yoga. After 7h.26m. good for borrowing, for testing istruments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness.

20. *Wed.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 10h.58m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi) Krittika and Amrita Yoga till 26h.23m., then Rohini and Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for borrowing, for repaying debts.

21. *Thurs.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 7h.27m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi) till 27h.52m., afterwards Amavasya (New Moon). Rohini upto 23h.39m., then Mrigasira. Whole day Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

22. *Fri.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 24h.25m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Mrigasira till 20h.58m., then Aridra. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for driving new vehicles.

23. *Sat.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 21h.14m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Aridra upto 18h.34m., then Punarvasu. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments.

24. *Sun.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 18h.29m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Punarvasu upto 16h.34m., then Pushya. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for dirving new vehicles, for wearing new garments, for testing instruments, for purchasing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

25. *Mon.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) till 16h.18m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Pushya upto 15h.08m., then Aslesha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Till 15h.08m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for gardening, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for purchasing corn, dhall, wheat, paddy etc.

26. *Tues.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 14h.49m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Aslesha upto 14h.24m., then Makha. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Till 14h.24m. good for surgical operation; after 14h.49m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

27. *Wed.*- Panchami (5th tithi) till 14h.06m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Makha and Siddha Yoga till 14h.25m., then Poorvaphalguni and Amrita Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for borrowing for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

28. *Thurs.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 14h.10m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Poorvaphalguni and Marana Yoga till 15h.12m., then Uttaraphalguni and Siddha Yoga. After 15h.12m. good for taking

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel).

Aswini, Makha, Moola

3rd till 11h.58m.; 13th upto 10h.35m.; 15th till 11h.58m.; 17th after 19h.42m.; 18th upto 9h.25m.; 20th after 26h.23m.; 24th after 16h.34m.; 25th till 15h.08m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

1st after 27h.19m.; 9th 18h.34m. to 28h.52m.; 14th upto 11h.34m.; 17th after 19h.42m.; 18th whole day; 19th till 7h.26m.; 22nd upto 20h.58m.; 23rd after 21h.14m.; 24th till 16h.34m.; 28th after 15h.12m.; 29th upto 14h.58m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

3rd till 11h.58m.; 9th 18h.34m. to 28h.52m.; 13th upto 10h.35m.; 15th till 11h.58m.; 18th after 9h.25m.; 19th upto 7h.26m.; 20th after 26h.23m.; 24th after 16h.34m.; 25th till 15h.08m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

1st after 27h.19m.; 14th till 11h.34m.; 17th after 19h.42m.; 18th upto 9h.25m.; 22nd till 20h.58m.; 23rd after 21h.14m.; 24th upto 16h.34m.; 28th after 15h.12m.; 29th till 14h.58m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

1st after 27h.19m.; 3rd till 11h.58m.; 9th 18h.34m. to 28h.52m.; 13th upto 10h.35m.; 15th till 11h.58m.; 18th after 9h.25m.; 19th upto 7h.26m.; 20th after 26h.23m.; 24th after 16h.34m.; 25th till 15h.08m.; 28th after 15h.12m.; 29th till 14h.58m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

3rd till 11h.58m.; 13th upto 10h.55m.; 14th till 11h.34m.; 17th after 19h.42m.; 18th till 9h.25m.; 20th after 26h.23m.; 22nd till 20h.58m.; 23rd after 21h.41m.; 24th till 16h.34m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

1st after 27h.19m.; 9th 18h.34m. to 28h.52m.; 14th till 11h.34m.; 15th upto 11h.58m.; 18th after 9h.25m.; 19th till 7h.26m.; 22nd upto 20h.58m.; 24th after 16h.34m.; 25th till 15h.08m.; 28th after 15h.12m.; 29th upto 14h.58m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

3rd upto 11h.58m.; 13th till 10h.55m.; 15th upto 11h.58m.; 17th after 19h.42m.; 18th till 9h.25m.; 20th after 26h.23m.; 23rd after 21h.14m.; 24th till 16h.34m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st after 27h.19m.; 9th 18h.34m. to 28h.52m.; 14th upto 11h.34m.; 18th after 9h.25m.; 19th till 7h.26m.; 22nd upto 20h.58m.; 23rd after 21h.14m.; 24th till 16h.34m.; 24th after 16h.34m.; 25th till 18h.08m.; 28th after 15h.12m.; 29th upto 14h.58m.

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medicines, for buying cows or dogs, for driving new vehicles, for gardening, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing paddy, dhall, corn, wheat etc.

29. *Fri.*- Saptami (7th tithi) till 14h.58m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Uttaraphalguni and Siddha Yoga utp 16h.42m., then Hasta and Amrita Yoga. Till 14h.58m. good for buying cows or dogs, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds.

30. *Sat.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 16h.25m., then Navamî (9th tithi). Hasta till 18h.50m., then Chitta. Whole day Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

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Farmers' Guide for June 1990

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(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed.,A.M.)

1. Routine work only.
2. This day also only routine work.
3. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for harvesting, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.
4. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing paddy, dhall, wheat, corn etc.
5. Good for fixing pumpsets.
6. Upto 11h.55m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing, for borrowing, for harvesting, for purchasing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.
7. After 14h.17m. good for repaying debts, for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for sowing, for testing instruments, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.
8. Routine work only.
9. Good for testing instruments, for borrowing.
10. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.
11. Routine work only.
12. Good for disposing off agricultural products.
13. Upto 10h.35m. good for sowing, for harvesting, for testing instruments.
14. Upto 11h.34m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing, for erecting sheds.
15. After 11h.58m. good for borrowing.
16. Routine work only.
17. Good for repaying debts, for testing instruments.
18. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing, for fixing pumpsets, for buying paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.
19. After 7h.26m. good for testing instruments, for borrowing.
20. Good for borrowing, for repaying debts, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.
21. Routine work only.
22. Good for testing instruments.
23. Good for testing instruments.
24. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for manuring, for ploughing, for fixing pumpsets, for testing instruments, for purchasing paddy, wheat, corn, dhall etc.
25. Upto 15h.08m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for purchasing paddy, dhall, corn, wheat etc.
26. After 14h.49m. good for sowing, for testing instruments, for borrowing.
27. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.
28. After 15h.12m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.
29. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds.
30. Routine work only.

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How Is This Month (June 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed. A.M.)*

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Taurus till 13th and then enters Gemini. Mars, Jupiter and Saturn continue their sojourn in Pisces, Gemini and Capricorn respectively. Saturn's motion in Capricorn is retrograde. Mercury in Aries moves into Taurus on 6th and then transits to Gemini on 20th. Venus transits Aries till 18th and then enters Taurus. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

1 MESHA (Aries)

General: Mars in the 12th, Jupiter in the 3rd and Saturn in the 10th are all inimical; Jupiter and Saturn are under check. Venus in the 1st and the 8th is fully favourable. Mercury in the adverse 1st with check till 6th transits afterwards the favourable 2nd till 20th when he moves into the unfavourable 3rd. The Sun in the unfavourable 2nd till 13th with check from 6th transits thereafter the favourable 3rd. The result is that the evil effects will be more in evidence. You should maintain even tenor in all your activities without resorting to shortcut and unorthodox methods for achieving success. Bharani is better than Aswini and Krittika.

Health and Domestic: Health troubles in some form or the other will be present throughout. Chronic patients should take necessary steps to avoid an aggravation in their ailments. Children's health may cause mild concern. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: While the income may go down the expenses will increase sharply. Friends will, however, come to your rescue and assist you to meet your financial obligations. Speculative transactions may yield moderate dividends during the second half.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is not a good month for real property transactions. Yield and rentals are likely to go down. The month may prove trying for services. Prudence is necessary in the activities of business and profession.

Women: The month may not be unsatisfactory for the fair sex. You are, however, advised to go slow on club and social activities. You should curb your tendency to be extravagant in your expenses. The month will be, more or less, satisfactory for the working girl.

Students: Progress is possible in studies as a result of Vidyakaraka's favourable disposition for most days in the month provided you make serious efforts to shed your disinclination to studies. You are advised to go slow on games.

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	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	2-10-17	6-15-26
Money dealings and enterprises	3-11-18	1-9-16
Journeys	4-13-29	5-12-20
Real property matters and educational activities	10-17-22	7-14-21
Children and speculation	11-18-24	8-15-23
Services	11-18-25	9-16-26
Partnership	13-19-27	12-20-28
Insurance	13-19-29	14-20-30
Profession and business	4-17-29	14-21-30

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 6th to early hours of the 9th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: Mars in the 11th, Jupiter in the 2nd and Venus in the 12th and 1st are all favourable making allowance for yielding to *vedha* by Jupiter till 18th. Saturn in the 9th and Sun in the 1st are both adverse; the Sun yields to *vedha* except between the 6th and 13th. Mercury in the unfavourable 12th and 1st till 20th with check transits afterwards the favourable 2nd. The good influences are in predominance. Business and professional advancement, good speech, auspicious celebrations in the family, destruction of enemies and general prosperity are indicated. Rohini is better than Krittika and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health throughout. Chronic sufferers should take advantage of favourable planetary vibrations and try to get a permanent cure of their ailments. Your eldest son will secure a good job in a reputed industry. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be favourable for money dealings. Amount due will be realised and loans repaid. Speculative activities should be avoided altogether.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is an excellent month for all real property transactions. Acquisition of properties is most likely. Services may be promoted out-of-turn. This is a very profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: A very good month for the fair sex. Romances will blossom into happy wedding. Social climbers will realise their ambition. Employed girls may be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: Commissions in the country's defence forces are likely to be offered to you. Medical students are particularly favoured. You will be successful in tests and interviews. The month is favourable to you from several points of view.

	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	2-13-18	1-10-20
Money dealings and enterprises	2-17-19	1-11-2[illegible]
Journeys	2-17-22	5-12-2[illegible]
Real property matters and educational activities	2-17-26	5-14-2[illegible]
Children and speculation	2-18-29	7-15-2[illegible]
Services	3-13-19	7-14-3[illegible]
Partnership	3-13-22	7-15-3[illegible]
Insurance	4-18-28	8-20-3[illegible]
Profession and business	6-19-29	7-20-3[illegible]

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 9th to afternoon of 11th.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: The Sun in the 1st and the 12th, Jupiter in *janma* and Saturn in the 8th are all inimical; the Sun is under check throughout. Mars in the 10th and Venus in the 11th and the 12th are fully favourable. Mercury in the favourable 11th till 6th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 12th and 1st with check till 18th. In a month of mixed results the bad side will be more in evidence. As criminal proceedings are likely to be moved against you, you should be careful in all your activities. Punarvasu may fare better than Mrigasira and Aridra.

Health and Domestic: Stomach and rectal complaints are denoted by the adverse transits. Those suffering from chronic diseases pertaining to stomach should take extra care. Although relations outside close family circle may prove troublesome you will be blessed with domestic bliss of a high order.

Finance and Speculation: You will have problems in the financial field. You will be hardpressed to meet your legitimate expenses. You will get some relief through assistance from friends. Speculative transactions are, however, likely to yield good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All real property transactions will prove quite smooth and profitable. Yield and rentals will be quite good. Services may have to face penal transfers. This is not a satisfactory month for professions and businesses.

Women: You should be careful about your health. You are advised to go slow in your love affairs, romances and courtships. Social climbers should reduce the tempo of their activities. Employed girls should steer clear of politics in office.

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Students: Unhappy home life, financial worries and restless mind may hinder your progress in studies. Social contacts with the opposite sex should be reduced to the minimum. Those interested in fine arts will find the month fruitful.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	17-22-29	13-20-30
Money dealings and enterprises	10-19-27	11-20-30
Journeys	6-18-25	9-16-28
Real property matters and educational activities	4-17-24	8-15-26
Children and speculation	3-10-22	7-14-23
Services	2-10-19	5-12-21
Partnership	2-10-18	8-14-23
Insurance	3-10-17	9-15-28
Profession and business	3-17-25	5-12-26

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 11th to night of 13th.

4. KATAKA (Cancer)

General: Mars in the 9th, Jupiter in the 12th and Saturn in the 7th are all inimical; Jupiter is, however, under check. Venus is in the adverse 10th till 18th. The Sun in the favourable 11th till 13th transits afterwards the 12th. Mercury in the favourable 10th and 11th till 20th with *vedha* transits thereafter the unfavourable 12th. The month cannot be said to be satisfactory. You will be engaged in fruitless travels. You are likely to suffer humiliation and bodily injury. Avoid quarrels. Aslesha is better than Punarvasu and Pushyami.

Health and Domestic: Persistent headache indicative of a tumour is likely to be caused by the adverse planetary influences. The illness should receive prompt medical attention. Chronic patients should be extremely careful. You will have a disturbed domestic life till 18th when there is likely to be an improvement.

Finance and Speculation: There are no indications for a satisfactory financial position. Income will shrink and expenditure will increase. You must scrutinise every item of expenditure if you do not want to be swept off your feet in the financial field. This is not a month for speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Damages to property and crops is likely through unforeseen causes. You may also experience difficulties in dealing with tenants, Government authorities, workers and adjacent property owners. Conditions of work and remuneration are not likely to be encouraging for the services. Businesses and professions will have a lean month.

Women: You should be very careful about your functional health. Romance is likely to lead you astray. This is not a satisfactory month for employed girls.

Students: The month is not favourable to students. Monetary difficulties may worry you. Extra-curricular activities should be cut down ruthlessly.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-11-17	6-13-21
Money dealings and enterprises	4-11-18	8-14-26
Journeys	2-10-22	8-13-28
Real property matters and educational activities	2-17-24	8-13-30
Children and speculation	2-17-25	1-12-20
Services	3-18-27	1-12-21
Partnership	3-18-29	5-14-23
Insurance	6-19-29	5-14-26
Profession and business	6-18-29	5-14-30

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 13th to early morning of 16th.

5. Simha (Leo)

General: The Sun in the 10th and the 11th, Jupiter in the 11th and Saturn in the 6th are all favourable; Jupiter yields to *vedha* throughout and Saturn till 18th. Mars in the 8th is unsatisfactory. Mercury in the adverse 9th till 6th transits afterwards the favourable 10th and 11th with *vedha* from 6th to 13th and from 18th till the end. Venus in the favourable 9th till 18th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 10th. The month has an accumulation of favourable influences. You will be successful in all your undertakings. You will acquire considerable power and influence.

Health and Domestic: You will be in enjoyment of good health throughout. Chronic patients could look forward to having a trouble-free month. Your eldest son will land a good job in a reputed business house. With some effort you could preserve peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will be, more or less, satisfactory. You will be able to settle your past financial commitments on favourable terms. Speculative transactions will yield good dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month does not show much promise for real property transactions which are better postponed. Services could look forward to having a very helpful month. The month will be quite satisfactory for businesses and professions.

Women: There is a distinct possibility of romance blossoming into happy wedding during the

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first half. You will be very popular in social gatherings. The working girls may be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will shine very well in both studies and sports. The chances of your inclusion in the national or state level teams are quite rosy. Medical students are particularly favoured.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-10-13	8-17-26
Money dealings and enterprises	3-11-19	9-18-28
Journeys	4-13-22	9-18-30
Real property matters and educational activities	6-19-24	1-12-20
Children and speculation	10-22-25	5-14-21
Services	11-24-27	7-15-23
Partnership	11-24-29	8-16-28
Insurance	2-11-22	9-20-28
Profession and business	6-19-29	7-20-30

Chandrashtama occurs from early morning of 16th to morning of 18th.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Saturn in the 5th, Jupiter in the 10th and Mars in the 7th are all unfavourable; Jupiter is under check. Venus in the favourable 8th and 9th yields to *vedha* throughout. Mercury in the favourable 8th till 6th transits thereafter the adverse 9th till 20th with check. He moves thereafter into the favourable 10th. The Sun in the adverse 9th till 13th with check transits afterwards the favourable 10th. The planets are quite unfavourable during the month. There is likely to be a setback in your undertakings. As you are prone to accidents during the month you should be careful in your movements. Chitta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Hasta.

Health and Domestic: Liver and kidney troubles of a serious nature are indicated by the adverse transits. The month is likely to be extremely trying for the chronic patients. You may have problems in the domestic field if you do not exercise tact and patience.

Finance and Speculation: Losses are likely in enterprises through misplaced confidence in persons whom you considered competitive but who are really not good for the job. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Damage to crops is likely during the month. Litigation will cause considerable expenditure. If compromise is possible you are advised to resort to it. Services are likely to incur the displeasures of their superiors. Professions and businesses may not find the month satisfactory.

Women: You should be careful about your functional health. All romances should be stopped during the month. Social activities should be cut down totally if possible. The month will prove quite difficult for the working girls.

Students: Listlessness and general depression are denoted by the adverse transits. You should resort to light reading. Extra-curricular activities should be stopped. You should make a determined effort to concentrate on studies.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-10-17	8-18-25
Money dealings and enterprises	2-11-22	9-19-30
Journeys	2-13-24	1-14-20
Real property matters and educational activities	2-17-25	1-15-26
Children and speculation	3-13-27	1-15-28
Services	3-13-29	1-15-30
Partnership	4-11-27	9-20-28
Insurance	4-11-29	9-20-30
Profession and business	10-22-29	7-15-23

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 18th to morning of 20th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: Jupiter in the 9th and Mars in the 6th are not favourable making an allowance for their yielding to *vedha*. Saturn in the 4th is unfavourable. Venus in the adverse 7th till 18th transits thereafter the favourable 8th. Mercury in the adverse 7th till 6th with check transits thereafter the favourable 8th till 20th when he moves into the adverse 9th with check. The Sun in the adverse 8th and 9th is under check from 6th till the end. The favourable influences have an upper hand during the month. Your fame and reputation will rule high. Your enemies will be defeated. Mercury will generate in you an eager desire to make money. This desire will be fulfilled due to the posture of the Dhanakaraka. The evil will be in the form of a tendency to undertake long journeys without specific plan or purpose. Swati is better than Chitta and Visakha.

Health and Domestic: Minor ailments are likely to upset you a little during the first half. Chronic patients could expect some relief during the second half. Children's performance in schools and colleges will make you happy. The domestic life will be difficult till 18th when conditions will improve.

Finance and Speculation: The financial positions will be, more or less, satisfactory. You are likely to start a new financing company which will be successful. Speculative transactions are not recommended.

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Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: With some effort you could make good profits in real property transactions. Acquisition of new property is most likely. Labour problems will be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. Services, businesses and professions are likely to find the month fruitful.

Women: The second half is favourable to film artistes. They may secure very good contracts from reputed and leading banners. You are advised to go slow on romances during the first half. The month will be, more or less, satisfactory for the working girls.

Students: Those pursuing medical courses are particularly favoured. Fellowships with travel grants are likely to be offered to you by foreign universities. Social contacts with the opposite sex may be reduced and this will be to your advantage.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	11-24-29	8-15-22
Money dealings and enterprises	10-22-27	12-21-30
Journeys	6-19-25	9-20-28
Real property matters and educational activities	4-18-24	8-16-26
Children and speculation	3-17-29	7-15-23
Services	2-13-19	5-14-21
Partnership	2-17-29	1-12-20
Insurance	2-18-27	1-14-21
Profession and business	6-19-29	1-14-30

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 20th to morning of 22nd.

8. VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General The Sun in the 7th and the 8th, Mars in the 5th, Jupiter in the 8th and Venus in the 6th and the 7th are all inimical; the Sun is under check from 6th till the end and Jupiter under check throughout. Saturn in the 3rd is fully favourable. Mercury in the favourable 6th till 6th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 7th till 20th with check till 18th. He then moves into the favourable 8th. In a month of mixed results the evil influences will be predominant. You should resist temptations which are likely to make you fall from ideals and right conduct. Jyeshta is better than Visakha and Anuradha.

Health and Domestic: Bilious and windy complaints are indicated by the adverse transits. As the planetary influences indicate an aggravation of your present ailments the chronic patients should resort to prophylactic measures. You may have to keep your fingers crossed as far as peace and harmony in he modestic field are concerned.

Finance and Speculation: While there is likely to be a cut in the income, the expenditure will increase considerably. The speculative transactions should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Damage to property and crops due to unforeseen causes is likely. There may also be difficulties in dealing with the Government authorities. This is not an encouraging month for the services, businesses and professions.

Women: The emphasis is on expenditure which, if not controlled in time, is likely to land you in financial mess. The women should be particularly careful about their functional health. This is not a good month for the working girls.

Students: The month cannot be said to be favourable to students. Monetary difficulties may worry you. The extra-curricular activities should be cut down as much as possible. You should watch your speech, manners and conduct more carefully.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-11-18	8-14-22
Money dealings and enterprises	11-19-29	1-12-24
Journeys	11-19-27	9-16-30
Real property matters and educational activities	2-17-27	9-16-28
Children and speculation	3-18-25	5-20-30
Services	11-19-29	5-20-28
Partnership	11-19-27	7-15-23
Insurance	6-17-24	7-15-26
Profession and business	6-17-25	12-20-30

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 22nd to morning of 24th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The Sun in the favourable 6th till 13th transits afterwards the adverse 7th with check. Mars in the 4th and Saturn in the 2nd are both unfavourable but the latter is under check. Mercury in the unfavourable 5th till 6th with check transits afterwards the favourable 6th till 20th when he moves into the adverse 7th with check. Jupiter in the 7th is fully favourable. Venus in the favourable 5th till 18th transits afterwards the adverse 6th. The month has more favourable influences. You should, however, guard against a tendency to fall from ideals. Poorvashadha is better than Moola and Uttarashada.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor complaints you will be generally free from health troubles during the month. Chronic patients having stomach trouble should take particular care. Your son is likely to launch a successful business. You will

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have a happy domestic life during the first three weeks.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be completely satisfactory. Some of the old dues which you have practically written off will be paid back to you. Speculative transactions are not recommended during the month.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real Property transactions will be profitable. Acquisition of new property is most likely. You will carry out improvement in your buildings. This is a good month for the services, professions and businesses.

Women: The month will be enjoyable. Long awaited luxuries will be acquired by you. Outside activities will bring in success and happiness. This is a good month for employed girls.

Students: You will be successful in tests and interviews. Those who had appeared for the superior services competitive examinations held by the Central Government will come out successful with flying colours. Vidyakaraka will assist you greatly in clearing your backlog in studies.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-10-17	8-15-24
Money dealings and enterprises	3-11-18	1-14-25
Journeys	4-13-19	5-15-23
Real property matters and educational activities	6-17-22	7-16-26
Children and speculation	10-18-27	8-20-28
Services	11-19-29	9-21-30
Partnership	6-18-29	5-15-26
Insurance	6-17-27	8-14-23
Profession and business	3-13-22	7-16-28

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 24th to afternoon of 25th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The Sun in the adverse 5th till 13th transits afterwards the favourable 6th. Mars in the 3rd is fully favourable. Mercury in the favourable 4th till 6th with *vedha* transits afterwards the adverse 5th till 20th with check. He then moves into the favourable 6th. Jupiter in the 6th and Saturn in *janma* are both unfavourable but the latter is under check. Venus in the 4th and the 5th is fully favourable. General results are of a mixed nature with good effects having an edge over the evil ones. The latter half of the month will be more satisfactory than the first half. Jupiter may cause in you a sense of stoicism and resignation and this is not undesirable. Sravana is better than Uttarashadha and Dhanista.

Health and Domestic: Though this is not a bad month for health, weakness and general debility may be present during the first fortnight. The period may give some relief to chronic patients. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs require careful watching. Skilful manipulation of financial affairs is necessary to offset the adverse influence of the Dhanakaraka. Speculative transactions are likely, however, to yield dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: All real property transactions will be successful. Income from land will increase. The services are not likely to find the month smooth. The second half of the month will be fruitful for businesses and professions.

Women: The month will be satisfactory. New contacts will enliven social life. Social workers may be invited to accept greater responsibilities in recognition of their good work. Working girls are advised to keep away from office politics.

Students: Those who had appeared for the competitive examinations held by the services selection boards are likely to receive the happy news that they have been selected as officer cadets. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-6-13	8-15-27
Money dealings and enterprises	2-10-17	1-12-29
Journeys	2-11-18	1-9-15
Real property matters and educational activities	3-11-18	5-12-16
Children and speculation	3-11-19	5-14-20
Services	4-13-19	5-14-21
Partnership	4-13-22	7-15-23
Insurance	6-18-24	7-23-30
Profession and business	6-18-25	7-15-26

Chandrashtama occurs from beginning to afternoon of 1st and from afternoon of 26th to early hours of 29th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: The Sun in the 4th and the 5th, Mars in the 2nd and Saturn in the 12th are all unfavourable; the Sun and Saturn are under check throughout. Jupiter in the 5th and Venus in the 3rd and the 4th are both favourable making allowance for the yielding to *vedha* by Jupiter. Mercury in the adverse 3rd till 6th with check transits afterwards the favourable 4th till 20th with *vedha* till 18th; he

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moves into the adverse 5th. In a month of mixed results the general trend is under favourable circumstances. You will be successful in your enterprises. You are likely to go on a pilgrimage to holy places. You should curb a tendency to aimless travels without specific purpose. Dhanista is better than Satabhisha and Poorvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Liver troubles may appear but will be amenable to ordinary medical treatment. Some care is necessary on the part of chronic patients to avoid an aggravation of their ailments. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs will be, more or less, satisfactory. Venus is likely to cause an unexpected financial windfall in your favour. Speculative deals may yield moderate dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The nature of *karaka* for properties is not good. Even so you will be able to carry out the property transactions with profit. There may be an improvement in the conditions of service for the employed persons. The month will be satisfactory for professions and businesses.

Women: There is a distinct possibility of love affairs blossoming into happy wedding. Outside activities will bring you much happiness. Employed girls may be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: Medical students are particularly favoured. You will be successful in tests and interviews. You will get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and such contacts will help you in your career later.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-11-17	2-9-15
Money dealings and enterprises	6-13-18	3-14-20
Journeys	6-13-19	4-15-26
Real property matters and educational activities	10-17-22	8-15-29
Children and speculation	10-17-24	5-12-16
Services	10-17-25	9-20-30
Partnership	11-17-24	5-12-20
Insurance	11-17-25	9-16-29
Profession and business	6-18-27	9-16-30

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 1st to early hours of 4th and again from early hours of 26th till the end.

12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: Mars in the 1st and Jupiter in the 4th both unsatisfactory; the latter is under check. Venus in the favourable 11th has yielded to *vedha*. Venus in the favourable 2nd and 3rd yields to *vedha* from 18th. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 13th transits afterwards the adverse 4th with check. Mercury in the favourable 2nd with *vedha* till 6th transits thereafter the adverse 3rd till 20th with check before moving into the favourable 4th with *vedha*. In a month of mixed results the good effects have a slight edge over the bad ones. You are likely to be benefitted through association with faithful friends whom you had treated well during your more affluent circumstances. You will have general happiness especially during the first half. Uttarabhadra is better than Poorvabhadra and Revati.

Health and Domestic: Although you may have minor health problems, there will not be any serious consequences. Chronic patients are advised to resort to prohylactic measures. You will have domestic bliss in full measure during the first half; with some effort you could have peace in the second half.

Finance and Speculation: Although you may have difficulties in the financial field, friends will assist you with necessary funds to meet all your needs. You will discharge your obligations to them in full measure later. Moderate dividends are likely in speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You are advised to postpone all important property transactions to more favourable periods. Litigation should be avoided. The services may not find the month unsatisfactory. The month will yield moderate profits to businesses and professions.

Women: You will be popular in social gathering. You are likely to be elected president of your club. Social climbers will find the month helpful. Employed girls will derive great satisfaction in discharging their duties in the office.

Students: You will be very successful in sports, games and athletics. The chances of your inclusion in the national or state level teams are quite bright. Those interested in fine arts will have a field day especially during the first half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	3-10-19	4-14-20
Money dealings and enterprises	3-10-18	4-16-28
Journeys	2-22-29	6-20-30
Real property matters and educational activities	2-18-27	1-9-16
Children and speculation	2-19-27	1-9-20
Services	2-19-25	1-9-21
Partnership	6-17-24	7-20-26
Insurance	6-17-25	7-20-28
Profession and business	10-19-27	7-20-30

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 4th to midday of 6th.

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The Patwa Ministry in Madhya Pradesh

MR. S. L. SHARMA of B.J.P. was sworn in as the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh on 5-3-1990 at 4.30 p.m. in Bhopal*

The Sun, the lord of the Ascendant, though in an inimical sign with Mercury, the lord of 2nd and 11th houses, is in exaltation in Navamsa with the aspect of Jupiter. Saturn is in the 5th aspecting the lord of the Ascendant Sun. The influence of Saturn and Jupiter on the Moon and on the lord of the Ascendant is not desirable as Saturn is the lord of the 6th and 7th houses and Jupiter is the lord of the 8th house.

In Navamsa too, Saturn, as lord of the 10th house, is in the 8th in Scorpio aspecting the 10th house. Venus, the 10th lord, in Rasi is in Capricorn (the house of enemy) with two malefics Mars and Rahu and in Navamsa in Aquarius without any benefic aspect. Thus there is no benefic in *kendra* either in Rasi or in Navamsa charts. There is Gajakesari Yoga in both Rasi and Navamsa charts.

Though the Ascendant of the swearing-in time is *sthira* or an immovable sign, the Navamsa Ascendant is *chara* or movable.

Therefore, it looks like Mars and Rahu will defeat enemies but will also create problems which may produce a critical situation in July 1990 when Jupiter will transit into Cancer into the 12th house with the Sun and Ketu and earlier in April 1990 when Mars will transit Aquarius aspecting the 10th house. Saturn's retrogression will create difficulties in the way of Mr. Patwa. Hence there is fear of the ministry changing in July 1990. Mr Patwa may not complete his term.

**Rasi:* Leo - Ascendant; Sun and Mercury in Aquarius; the Moon in Aridra and Jupiter in Gemini; Mars, Venus and Rahu in Capricorn; Saturn in Sagittarius; and Ketu in Cancer. *Navamsa;* Aries - Ascendant with Sun; Jupiter and the Moon in Sagittarius; Saturn in Scorpio; Mars, Ketu and Mercury in Capricorn; Venus in Aquarius; and Rahu in Cancer.

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Coalition Ministry in Gujarat

AT 12.39 p.m. on Sunday the 4th of March 1990 coinciding with the 8th lunar date of the month Phalguna, Mr. Chimanbhai Patel of the Janata Dal and Mr. Keshubhai Patil of B.J.P. were sworn in respectively as the chief minister and deputy chief minister of Gujarat. In Gujarat the period of eight days prior to the Holi day (Full Moon of Phalguna) is considered very inauspicious. Mid-day when the Sun reaches local zenith was elected to ward off the evil. The longitude of Ahmedabad being 72° 35' East and local time being 39h.40m. behind Indian Standard Time and due to a wrong belief that local Noon occurs at 12.00 L.M.T., 39 minutes past 12.00 p.m. was elected. In fact, the mid-day is at 12.51 p.m. (IST). This much digression is necessary because the rising sign at 12.39 p.m. is Taurus, while at 12.51 p.m. Gemini's first degree would be the Ascendant. However, we have to erect the chart for 12.39 p.m.*

Saturn and Mars are *vargottama*, but Mars is in the first degree and Saturn in the 29th degree. Mars has just entered exaltation Rasi. Mars and Venus, lord of 7th (partnership) and Lagna are both strange bed-fellows in conjunction (indicators of B.J.P. and the Janata Dal) seemingly in the house of luck, but have shifted to the 8th house of longevity where their dispositor Saturn stays (along with stormy and mischievous Uranus and Neptune). The Moon is exalted in Lagna and is lord of the 3rd house. Jupiter, lord of 8th (and 11th), has moved into Lagna. The Moon in Lagna with Lagna lord Venus, Mars and Saturn in the 8th bhava indicates severe Balarishta. Afflicted Saturn (only 2° away from Mars) aspects the Sun in the 10th house, Aquarius, his own house. Exalted Moon and Jupiter, a natural benefic, may avert Balarishta, but Alpayu (short life) is certain. In case of Assembly and Parliament having each a life of five years short life means, 1 year 4 months only (proportionate to 120 years). Hence the partnership (coalition here) and ministry may face a crisis for existence (about April 1991) during Mars-Rahu when Mars is stationary in Taurus.—58.90.

**Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant and the Moon; Gemini - Jupiter; Cancer - Ketu; Sagittarius - Saturn; Capricorn - Mars and Venus; and Aquarius - Sun and Mercury with a balance of 0 years, 7 months and 29 days of Moon Dasa. *Navamsa:* Virgo - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter; Capricorn - Mars and Ketu; Aquarius - Venus; Pisces - Sun; and Cancer - Moon and Rahu. *Dasamsa:* Libra - Ascendant, Venus and Ketu; Aries - Rahu and Mercury; Leo - Sun, Moon and Jupiter; and Virgo - Mars and Saturn.

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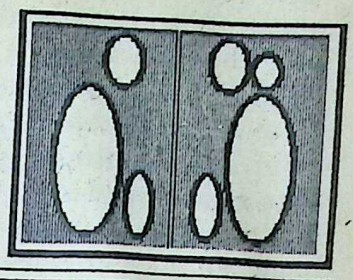

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Wife RASI			ASCDT. SUN MERC. VENUS	RAHU	Husband RASI		MANDI / ASCDT. KETU
	SAT.	JUPIT. RAHU				MARS	SAT.

Ans: In the wife's chart, the Dasa and the Bhukti of Saturn is running. Saturn, a malefic, is in the 4th house. The 5th lord Jupiter is in the 4th with Rahu. The 5th house has the aspect of the Moon which has already given two daughters. Saturn, the Dasa lord, has nothing to do with the 5th house and he is in the 12th from the 5th. Such a disposition is said to lead to misery on account of excessive child-bearing. In this particular case, it may cause post or pre-delivery complications but not give a son or even a healthy female child.

In the husband's chart, Rahu Dasa, Jupiter Bhukti is running. The Dasa lord Rahu is not well disposed towards the 5th house from the Moon. Further, he occupies a Saturnine sign and Saturn is no benefic from Lagna or Chandra Lagna and is in the 2nd from Ascendant. This would imply family tension and unwanted expenditure vis-a-vis domestic health. All these would caution against any more conceptions. There may be no chances for a healthy child (boy or girl) although the affliction can suggest mentally or physically retarded/problemmatic issues if pregnancy is not avoided.

Q. My wife had the first epileptic fit on 23-8-1989 when Mars was aspecting Lagna. She has been under medication since then. I suspect she had an attack earlier between 24th to 27th October 1988 when she had a bruise on her head and was unaware how it appeared. Both times, it was in Rahu Bhukti of Venus Dasa. There is no family history of epilepsy. I feel the case is hopeless. Please tell me frankly what next.

Born 3-9-1966 at 12.05 noon (IST)
S. No. 16989

MOON SAT.	RAHU				VENUS		KETU
	RASI		MARS JUPIT.	MOON	NAVAMSA		MERC.
			VENUS SUN MERC.				JUPIT. SAT.
	ASCDT.	KETU		RAHU ASCDT.	MARS		SUN

Ans: There is no affliction as such on the Ascendant or Mercury to warrant a chronic or hopeless case of the malady. Further, a powerful Jupiter (a functional benefic) influences both

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Lagna and Lagna-lord Mars. The clue lies in the fit occurring in Rahu Bhukti. Rahu is in Aries ruling the head while its ruler Mars is quite well-placed. This would suggest that this is only a temporary phase and can be remedied through prayer and indigenous systems of medicine. Further, Lagna lord in the 9th, Moon (waxing) in the 5th and Sun, Mercury and Venus in the 10th should put all your fears regarding her health and longevity to rest.

Q. My relatives have cheated me of all my property. Can any of it be recovered? Is it because of the Moon's debilitation that I have no mental peace?

Born 16-2-1936

V.L.

MARS		ASCDT.	KETU	ASCDT. JUPIT. KETU	MERC.		
SUN SAT.	RASI		MANDI	SAT.	NAVAMSA		MARS
MERC.							
RAHU VENUS	MOON JUPIT.			VENUS	SUN	MOON MANDI	RAHU

Ans: The 4th lord from Lagna is well-placed but from Chandra Lagna, the 4th lord is combust. The Dasa now running is of the Sun who aspects the 4th house. Therefore, during this Dasa, there are indications for recovery of part of the property.

Regarding mental peace, the Moon is debilitated but joins Jupiter. So effort made through prayer and right attitudes should help a great deal. Venus, the Lagna lord, is with Rahu. This is also partly responsible for your mental vagaries.

Q. Given below are the charts of a couple who were married on 30-6-1988. A daughter was born on 22-8-1989. From the very first day of marriage, due to some mischief by the boy's mother, the marriage went out of gear. The daughter's arrival added fuel to fire. The girl is with her parents. Her in-laws keep writing threatening letters implying divorce. The boy also seems to support them. Kindly advise what the future has in store for them.

Wife: Born 17-7-1964

Husband: Born 13-09-1958

	JUPIT.	MARS VENUS	RAHU		KETU	MARS	
SAT.	Wife RASI		SUN MERC.		Husband RASI		
				ASCDT.			SUN MERC. VENUS MOON
ASCDT KETU		MOON			SAT.	JUPIT. RAHU	

S.No. 156/9

Ans: The husband is running Rahu Dasa with the Rahu-Ketu axis influencing the 4th house. Therefore, the boy will not be able to effectively shake off his mother's influence during Rahu Dasa. Both charts have similarity of *dosha*. Therefore, the solution seems to lie in setting up a separate establishment in Mercury Bhukti of Saturn Dasa which could reduce the tensions a great deal.

Q. Although now 31 years old, my sister is still unmarried inspite of our best efforts. Does her chart show marriage or not?

Born 16-2-1959 at 11.00 p.m. (IST)

S.No. 167/9

KETU		MOON MARS			MARS	MOON	VENUS
MERC. SUN VENUS	RASI			KETU	NAVAMSA		SAT.
							RAHU
SAT.	JUPIT.	ASCDT.	RAHU	MERC. ASCDT.	SUN		JUPIT.

Ans: Jupiter Dasa has just begun and Jupiter is in the 7th from Chandra Lagna and in the 2nd (Kutumbasthana) from Lagna. Therefore, marriage is not ruled out now, especially that other factors relating to marriage do not deny it. Jupiter Bhukti, especially after transit Saturn leaves Sagittarius finally in November 1990 may be fruitful in this regard.

The 7th house has a Papakartari Yoga and the 7th lord Mars is with exalted Moon in a venusian sign which may give a pleasure-loving husband. However, Jupiter's aspect has a tempering effect and can generally make for a fairly happy marriage.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

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Astrological Activities

Astrological Conference at Calcutta

The thirteenth Indian and Western Astrological Conference, under the auspices of Astrological Research Project, convened by Pandit Ramkrishna Sastri, was inaugurated on the 17th February 1990 by DR. B. V. RAMAN, Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

In his welcome address, Pt. Ramkrishna Sastri said the object of holding such a conference was that "ancient knowledge might be spread amongst the community at large and cultivated by interested persons, the results of which might very well be that this discipline would be modernised and adopted to the present-day requirements."

Extending a warm welcome to DR. RAMAN and Mrs. Rajeswari Raman, Pandit Sastri said: DR. RAMAN was scheduled to be present amongst us on the last occasion. But owing to his illness he could not come. Today he is with us to share the experience of this august audience and to give us his mind and thinking on the subject — a culture and tradition that he has been nurturing and developing all through his life. His contribution to the cause of Astrology is immense. It is the proudest pleasure and achievement on the part of the Project to have DR. RAMAN in the celebration of its 13th annual conference".

L to R: Pt. Ramakrishna Sastry, Dr. B. V. Raman and Pandit Murari Mohan Vedantathirtha

Inaugurating the Conference by lighting thirteen oil lamps DR. RAMAN said that he and Mrs. Rajeswari Raman were happy to participate in this Conference organised so well by Pt. Ramkrishna Sastri. After surveying the ancient achievements in *Jyotisha*, DR. RAMAN dealt briefly with the question of determinism and freedom and differences in almanacs.

The so-called free-will, averred DR. RAMAN, was the least understood of words fanned by the Anglo-saxon races. Ancient India had no such problem. The question became debatable and loaded against the balance of our tradition due to the political subjugation of India by Europeans, with some Indian sycophants aiding them. DR. RAMAN observed that modern science was wholly deterministic in its philosophic base. Astrology's rejection of total fatalism or determinism was based on the assumption that with respect to events in life — marriage, death, disease etc., — Astrology merely indicated periods of vulnerability and conceded that by following the dictates of the Sastras, the indications could not be taken as final.

Dealing with differences in the Panchangas with special reference to the plea made at the Conference by Pandit Murari Mohan Vedantathirtha Sastri who said that Siddhanta Panchangas alone merited acceptance, DR. RAMAN explained briefly the Siddhanta, Drigganita and Vakya concepts. *Surya Siddhanta* was universally held in respect all over the country. As suggested in the Siddhanta itself orbital changes occurred due to efflux of time. Because of this, planetary velocities also changed. Therefore, in deference to ancient tradition, observational rectification could be incorporated and constants given in the Surya Siddhanta now in vogue revised.

Dealing with Ayanamsa; DR. RAMAN said the position of Chitta given by Lahiri was polar and not celestial. Hence the Ayanamsa given by him needed correction. DR. RAMAN felt astrological practitioners could adopt that value which in their experience was found to be correct.

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DR. RAMAN stressed the need for a code of ethics for astrological practitioners. He felt that state aid might well be canvassed for research into astro-meteorology, astro-psyhcology, medical Astrology etc. DR. RAMAN highlighted the problems faced by the astrological practitioners and how it was necessary to counter the mischief created by quacks. He said "the interests of general astrologers must be safeguarded and promotion of their economic needs are absolutely necessary".

Complimenting Pt. Ramkrishna Sastri DR. RAMAN said that Pandit Sastri had been devoted to the cause of Astrology for a long time and that by holding such conferences periodically, he had been kindling the interests of the public in Astrology. To organise such a conference sincerity, effort, forethought, dedication and resources were needed all of which Pt. Sastri had displayed in a commendable manner.

Pandit Murari Mohan Sastri's speech in flawless Sanskrit made a lasting impression on the gathering. He extended a hearty welcome to DR. RAMAN on behalf of the local Sanskrit Association. His exposition of Siddhanta astronomy was exhilarating and he made a strong plea to adopt an almanac based on Siddhanta.

Mrs. Rajeswari Raman's speech on "Yoga as an Astrological Remedy" was much appreciated. It will be published in the next issue.

Among those who attended the conference were: Justice Paritosh Kumar Mukherjee and Bhagavati Prasad Bannerjee, Drs. Pratap Chandra Chunder, Roma Choudhury, Manindra Mohan Chakravarty, Mr. H. R. Shankar, Mr. S. S. Gopalan, Drs. Deepak Chandra, Heramba Chatterji, Narayana Ch. Bhattacharya, Bimalendu Narayan Roy, Pt. Nalinikanta Tarkethirtha, Pt. Harinarayan Vedathirtha, Prof. K. R. Howlader, Mr. Moqbul Hussain, Swami Samawananda, Mr. K. V. R. Anjaneyulu, Mr. A.P. Singh and Dr. Sandipan Chowdhury.

Mrs. Rajeswari Raman being presented with an award by Pt. Sastry.

Titles and gold medals were awarded to eminent astrologers and qualifying astrologers by DR. B. V. RAMAN and Mrs. Rajeswari Raman respectively. Diplomas and medals to successful students of the Institute were given away by DR. RAMAN.

The big auditorium was packed to capacity on both days.

On 16th February the Ramans were received at the airport by Pt. Ramkrishna Sastri, Prof. Nirmalendu Bhattacharya, Mr. Bhargava Bhattacharya, Mr. H. R. Shankar, Mr. S. S. Gopalan and Mr. Agarwal of J.K. Industries and driven to the J.K. Guest House.

During their stay at Calcutta, the Ramans visited the Kali temple, Belur Mutt and Dakshineswar. Mr. H. R. Shankar and Mr. S. S. Gopalan took special care of the Ramans. —S.K.R.

Indian Council of Astrological Sciences

Elections to the new Managing Committee

At the General Body meeting of the Indian Council of Astrological Sciences held at Accounts Test Institute, Police Commissioner Road, Madras on 14th April 1990, the results of the election to the new Managing Committee announced by the Returning officer Mr. T. Viswanathan are *President* - DR. B. V. RAMAN, *Vice-Presidents* - Messrs. K. N. Rao (Delhi), S. K. Kelkar (Pune) and K. V. R Anjaneyulu (Vizag); *Secretary* - Mr. Pulippani; *Joint-Secretary* - Mr. A. V. Sundaram; *Treasurer* - Mr. Novratan Mall; *Members of the Managing Committee* - Messrs. Dongre , Shah , Tulasi , Parasmani Shah, M. N. Kedar , N. P. Thareja , R. V. Gopal , K. Nagaraja Rao, M. Somasundaram, K. V. R. Anjaneyulu, A. Srinivas, Ramachandra Rao, Brahmananda Panda and Narayana Namboodir . The remaining vacancies in the Managing Committee are expected to be filled up at the new Managing Committee meeting to be held at Bangalore in June 1990. Mr. Anjenyulu has been given one month to withdraw either from the Vice-presidentship or from the membership of the Managing Committee as a candidate cannot hold both the offices.

Earlier, the outgoing secretary Mr. K. A. Aswathappa presented the annual report and statement of accounts of the ICAS for the year ending 31-3-1990.

He said that the membership position as on 31-3-1990 was: Patrons 20, Life Fellows 11, Life Members 112, Fellows 56, Members 364 and Associate Members 86 — total 649.

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In a brief speech the President said that the role of Mr. K. A. Aswathappa in building the Council ever since its inception was praiseworthy. But for his work and co-operation the Council would not have attained its present position and importance. He hoped that Mr. Aswathappa's experience would be available to the new Secretary in future also.

Congratulating the new Secretary DR. RAMAN said that Mr. Pulippani was a well-known scholar in Astrology, just retired from service and eager to serve the ICAS. DR. RAMAN hoped that under Mr. Pulippani's secretaryship, the Council would grow from strength to strength.

DR. RAMAN made appreciative references to Mr. A. V. Sundaram, for the active work done by him as Joint Secretary and for the dignified and constructive manner in which the meetings had been conducted by him and for doing the work of the Council behind the scene despite his pressing official work.

DR. RAMAN appreciated the gesture of Mr. Vidwan Lakshmanan Editor, *Bala-Jyotidam* and a well-known astrologer and film producer in offering to place his office premises for housing the Council. The President also thanked Mr. Novaratan Mall for his interest in building up the ICAS and for having readily come forward to take up responsibility as honorary treasurer.

In his speech the outgoing Secretary Mr. Aswathappa said that he would always be interested in the progress of ICAS and that he would assure co-operation in future also.

Proposing a vote of thanks, Mr. Pulippani said that he would spare no pains to build up the Council and make its impact felt so the ICAS could justify its claim to be an important instrument in defending and promoting the cause of Astrology and Astrology practitioners.

The registered office will hence-forth be at Agraharam Street, Chintadripet, Madras.

Delhi Chapter I

On March 18th, 1990 the Delhi Chapter I held the third Astrological Convocation for students (of both Chapters I and II) who had passed successfully the *Jyotish Praveena* examination held in December, 1989.

Mr. Krishna Kant, Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Dinesh Singh, former Commerce Minister, Mr. K. Choka Rao, Member of the Lok Sabha and two veteran astrologers - Pandit Hardeo Sharma Trivedi and Mr. M.S. Sitaramaiah were - present on the occasion.

Welcoming the guests Mr. K. N. Rao spoke of the long association of Mr. Krishna Kant, Mr. Dinesh Singh and Mr. Choka Rao with the non-professional astrologers in Delhi pursuing Astrology in a scientific spirit.

Mr. Krishna Kant released Mr. K. N. Rao's book "Applied Astrology".

Addressing the gathering on the occasion Mr. Krishna Kant said that it was man's search for truth and his relationship with the universe which had inspired and guided him from the beginning on this earth. But some professional astrologers and others had given a bad name to it. Astrology was indeed a science.

Mr. Dinesh Singh said there were many misconceptions about Astrology which was truly a science. Astronomy by itself was merely the movement of stars and from these movements Astrology had developed. What happened far beyond in the heavenly bodies also affected weather, eclipses, ordinary men and collective welfare as well. He mentioned many of Mr. Rao's predictions such as Mrs. Gandhi's death etc., which had proved correct.

Mr. Choka Rao, reiterating the appreciative references of Mr. Krishna Kant and Mr. Dinesh Singh to the team of astrologers associated with Chapter I of ICAS in Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for over a decade, said he had personally witnessed many of their successful predictions.

33 students who passed the *Jyotisha Praveena* Examination were awarded certificates. Messrs. Mangotra and Raghuvansha Swami were given gold medals. Miss. Sudha Wadhwa was given a silver medal and also a prize for securing distinction in both the papers. The bronze medal was awarded to Mr. Yogesh Batra.

Proposing a vote of thanks Mr. Kedar said Messrs. Krishna Kant, Dinesh Singh and Choka Rao had always been a source of inspiration to the Delhi Chapter I and were witness to the progress made by it in the propogation of Astrology. Mr. Kedar also thanked Mr. S. N. Kapoor for his work as Secretary and as a senior teacher as also Messrs. R. N. Vashistha, Z. Ansari, J. N. Sharma, Kuldip Singh Jain, Y. K. Bansal, K.R. Gauri, R. K. Dwivedi and Ms. Kusum Sharma, Dr. Lalita Gupta and Dr. R. K. Wishwakarma for their dedicated work as teachers under the guidance of Mr. K. N. Rao and Mr. M. S. Seetharamaiah. Mr. Kamal Gupta of Suprabhat Electric Co. hosted lunch to all the participants.

—*M.N.K.*

Delhi Chapter II

Under the dynamic leadership of its Chairman Mr. L. D. Madan, Chapter II of the I.C.A.S. hasbeen

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MY EARLY EXPERIENCES IN ASTROLOGY

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according to my understanding the case against him would not stand.

At Bangalore I discussed the matter with the I.G. of Police and the Chief secretary to the Government of Mysore. The I.G. while cautioning me not to make any "sensational forecasts" was of the opinion that the case against the Bombay astrologer would not stand. When the case was taken up in the Magistrate's Court at Bombay, I was present. The Magistrate dismissed the case and let the astrologer at liberty with the remark, "Astrological predictions are based on the science of Astrology and they cannot be tailored to please the authorities". This episode increased the popularity of the astrologer and added in a sense a feather to the cap of Astrology.

By this time, the whole of Malaya, Hongkong, Siam, Dutch East Indies and Burma were all under Japanese control. But Astrology did give the hope that Japan's ambitious policy would be thwarted and that she was bound to lose the war.

MOON		KETU				VENUS	MARS MERC.
VENUS	RASI			RAHU	NAVAMSA		SAT. MOON
SUN MARS MERC.							KETU
SAT. ASCDT.	JUPIT. RAHU				JUPIT.		ASCDT.

During a subsequent visit of mine to Bombay, about the end of 1942 and beginning of 1943 I chanced to meet one Mr. Majumdar, a Bengali gentleman, quite influential and deeply interested in Astrology and philosophy. Our discussions covered several subjects including, of course, the war, its outcome and the future of Subhas Chandra Bose, who by then had left India and was perhaps organising the Indian National Army. The chronology of events in my life during these years is largely drawn from my memory. Therefore it is likely there could be some jumbling of dates mentioned in these "Experiences".

Mr. Majumdar's only ambition was to become the General Manager of the Hindustan Insurance Company he was then heading at Bombay. The time of birth mentioned in the so-called horoscope given to me was vague. Applying some snap-shot methods I found that it would be about 4.03 a.m. which meant the Lagna would be Sagittarius. He said: "I know your reputation and I am not interested in my past but you have to tell me if at all I would head this organisation as Chairman and if so when?" But I had to first convince myself that my finding of his birth time was at least approximately correct.

I glanced through the chart and said, "You are born in Dhanur Lagna and Kanya Navamsa. Lord of the 9th, the Sun, who is also the Pitrukaraka, is in the 2nd (with Mars and Mercury). The Moon is in the 4th. Under such a planetary set-up*, the native is said to lose his father in the 2nd Dasa own Bhukti, which in this case, is Saturn in Saturn. This means the father might have died before you were three years old."

In giving this interpretation I took cover under a *stanza* said to be from Jaimini Nadi. I had developed the practice of jotting down such *slokas* from astrological scholars whenever I chanced to meet them. In 1954-55 I saw what was claimed to be *Jaimini Nadi* with one Gupta, a Nadi reader, then living in Madras. The Nadi was in Telugu script, the language being Sanskrit. But this particular stanza could not be traced.

Majumdar exclaimed, "Yes, yes, my father died before I completed my 3rd year!" This gave me the confidence to answer his question. I went on "You are now at the fag end of Ketu. Saturn has entered Taurus where Ketu is placed, depriving him of the power to confer any real elevation. The sub-period of the Moon in Venus Dasa lasting from June 1947 to February 1949 may elevate you to the position you are aspiring for. Venus is a functional malefic because of his ownership of malefic places both

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* भाग्येशे कुज संयुक्तश्चन्द्रमा हिबुकेतथा ।
संपद्गाये पितृनष्ठस्य स्वभुक्तौ न संशयः ॥

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the Ascendant and the Moon. But he is Atmakaraka, and in Navamsa as lord of the from Lagna he occupies the 9th and the from the Moon." Majumdar appeared to e felt satisfied.

As I was about to depart, Majumdar said ou know the country is facing a crisis with pan knocking at our doors in the East. hash Bose may attack the British in India, time and make India free. His elder ther Sarat Bose on parole from his deten- in Ooty is now in Bombay. He has heard of and wishes to meet you."

The next day I was taken to Majumdar's e when I had the honour of meeting Sarat . After exchange of greetings, Sarat Bose "Japanese are planning to invade India Subhas is in the vanguard. Here is his oscope. Can you tell me whether he will be ccessful in his patriotic mission of liberating with the aid of Japanese army? I am sure know that every true Indian wants him to ccessed."

The next day I met Sarat Bose again with chart of Subhas Bose recast, rectifying the e of birth on the basis of some of the past nts in his life. My analysis was largely ined to the 8th and 10th houses. I ex- ned: "The Lagna Aries is a fiery and posi- sign aspected by Jupiter and the lord Mars, aggressive planet in the 2nd aspected by urn, denotes a frank, open, outspoken and -handed disposition, qualities which to a e extent shaped the life of Subhas Bose. The Moon in a benefic sign devoid of malefic aspects gives the native a fertile mind and makes him just and precise. The situation of Jupiter and the fact that the Karakamsa is aspected by Saturn are indications that whilst he is moved by the highest impulses of patriotism, there will also be a sense of frustration. Enormous suffering is indicated by the conjunction of the Sun, Rahu and Mercury. Rahu's presence in the 10th is unfortunate as it does not indicate the native becoming a ruler. The 8th lord Mars (happening also to be lord of Lagna) is in the 2nd while the 8th is occupied by the Ayushkaraka Saturn. The latter combination can indicate good longevity; but because lord of Lagna and lord of the 8th are in fixed signs and because Lagna and Chandra Lagna are in moveable and common signs respectively only *madhyayu* is indicated which according to Jaimini would vary from 33 to 66 years.

"Jupiter could be construed as a *maraka* as he is not only the lord of the 12th but also owns a *maraka* place from the Moon. Though Mars is lord of Lagna he can be considered as a *maraka* as he occupies the 2nd and is aspected by Saturn. This could be a critical period for his life."

Summing up, I said "The Sun-Rahu combination in the 10th afflicts the political career and his mission might not succeed."

He thanked me for my forecast and I took leave of him.

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uses, aspects in Indian and Western astrology, and the concluding chapter furnishes basic principles of judgement of a Mundane chart with example charts.

The author promises a second book on Practical Mundane Astrology: *How to Judge a Mundane Chart* which will be awaited by the students of Mundane astrology. Appendix 1 to 4 are very useful. The book is recommended for all students of Mundane Astrology.

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SRI ARYABHATTA PANCHANGAM

Edited by Pandit Lakshminarayan Sharma [Aryabhatta Anusandhan Kendra, 2/45A, Panjabi Bag, New Delhi 110 026, Pp. 16 + 12, Rs.10.00].

This compedious ephemeris for 1990 priced reasonably is of much practical utility for all Panchanga users. It carries a whole lot of information, the most interesting being the forecast for the new year, eclipse details, sunrise, sunset time for Nnew Delhi, table of muhurtams for marriages, travel (yatra) etc., marriage compatibility details, details of several maha and tantric mantras and yantras, of mantras for counteracting planetary and other afflictions, forecast for the 12 signs. Avakhada and Sarvashtakavarga details, commercial forecast etc., make up the rest of the Panchang. A

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ANCIENT CLASSICAL WRITERS OF JYOTISHA

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Yo Ramyaam Jatakapaddhathim Samakaroth
Dushtaasaya Dwamsinm Teekam Cha
Uttama Kamadhenum Ganithe Akaarshith
Satham Preeyathe

These *slokas* of Neelakanta and his younger brother Rama illustrate their family history well.

The work *Kamadhenu* was compiled in Saka 1279 (1357 A.D.) by Mahadeva, son of Bopadeva of Kowndinya Gotra, a resident of Tryambaka on the bank of the river Godavari. It is a *karana* work containing tables for calculating *tithis*, etc., according to Brahma Paksha and Arya Paksha.

During the time when Anantha Daivagnya wrote his commentary this *karana* work *Kamadhenu* must have been followed in the region, as it contains tables for *tithis* with the constants drawn from *Aryabatiyam* and *Brahma Sphuta Siddhanta*. The words of the author 'Siddhipaksha Dwayaasyaatra etc. prove the two different schools adopted by him in this work.— 24.90.

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aking much progress in promoting the cause of trology and Palmistry. The first batch of the raveen classes conducted last year by the Chapter as come out with flying colours with 86% results. he second session of Praveen and Visharad asses had commenced from January 1990 and a ood number of students are studying Astrology nd Palmistry.

Mr. Madan, the Chairman of the Chapter, has een giving free consultations on every Saturday nd doing research work also in colloboration with Mr. Sudhir Buddharaja, Vice-Chairman of the hapter. During the Chapter's meeting held on the th February 1990 the name of Mr. L. R. howdhuri was proposed for the Chairmanship of his Chapter for the time being, till the matter as decided by the Managing Committee of ICAS.

Delhi Chapter II has been doing its utmost for he propogation of Astrology and allied subjects. n the "Seminar on Astrology & Occult Sciences" held at New Delhi in December 1989, titles were conferred by Mr. Giani Zail Singh, former President of India on Messrs. L. D. Madan (Jyotish Samrat,) L. K. Chowdhury (Tantrik Samrat), and M. P. Dhreja (Sankhya Sastra Praveena), Messrs. Sudhir Siddhi Raja, S. S. Gola, V. K. Chowdhury, G. B. Rawat and S. K. Das were awarded certificates. Mr. Zail Singh applauded the role of Astrology and said that the predictions made by Mr. Madan had come true with some minor variations in the timings. The Ex-president hoped that Astrology would be extended official status. —*N.P.T.*

Dr. Sandipan Chaudhuri writes that he will be attending the 51st International Conference at Orlando, U.S.A., to be held during July 1990.

A TALE OF TWO DOGS

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Those rags-to-riches stories—do we not know the ends of those stories?

But doctor Caroli, the heart specialist, had had dogs himself once and the last one he had, a gift from king Chogyal of Sikkim, had died of distemper. Dr. Caroli told us that it was a classical case of distemper and he would wish, not being a veterinary doctor, to go wrong.

Well, Dr. Caroli did not go wrong. We had been cheated.

On the night of January 10th both the legs of Tango had become immobile but he never expressed his agony through groans. Late in the night he was in agony and he started groaning which stopped in the morning. On the morning of the 11th he was quiet and heard Vishnu Sahasranama sitting in the lap of my sister-in-law. Then he was taken to NDMC hospital where the doctor did what he thought was his duty—he injected something lethal into Tango's body.

Venus had by then transited into Aquarius and Moon had joined Ketu in Virgo. Tango, the flame of ecstacy in my life, was a lyric. Lyrics are always brief.

I remembered Kali. Then Rahu-Jupiter had covered the 6/12 axis of my horoscope. Now Rahu-Jupiter both in Pisces, about to transit out, showed me the divinity of a mute creature, my Tango, from the 6th house, the house of pets. And Moon from Virgo was aspecting my 6th house.

Tango exited from our lives in Aquarius Lagna with Jupiter aspecting the 8th house where Ketu and Moon were posited. From Pada Lagna, I have already said, Mars was in the 4th house and the doctor did what he thought was best, the fatal lethal injection.

To have loved purely, my *guruji* used to say, one has to be pure but to have received love from so many one has to be exalted. In my life some such human beings figure but now two canine beings too.—18.88

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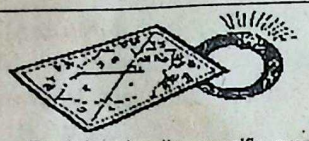

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Question Time: 7.00 a.m. on 11-9-1989 at 13° N, 77° E 35'.

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RAHU	RASI		
			KETU SUN
SAT. MOON		VENUS	MARS ASCDT. MERC.

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THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE

फलानि ग्रहचारेण सूचयन्ति मनीषिणः।
को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकम् वेधसम् विना॥

Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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FUTURE OF KASHMIR

THANKS to the movements of Saturn and Rahu and the bunglings of the rulers, today India is facing a period of great stress and strain. Indian democracy appears to be slipping into a critical phase. The National Front Government has yet to grapple with the grave issues facing the country. The Opposition is perpetually engaged in attacking the government, forgetting the fact that many of today's problems were created when it was the ruling party. Linguistic fanaticism, inflationary pressures on the economy, violent agitations, labour unrest, near break-down of law and order in some states, general indiscipline — not to speak of the stories of corruption in high places and vulgar display of rowdyism and indecorum in legislatures — conjure up in the minds of thinking people an image of chaos which, if not met boldly with drastic remedial measures, may affect the future of the country adversely.

Added to the unfortunate developments listed above, at the moment Kashmir poses the gravest threat to India's integrity and security. The state has been experiencing an unending series of violent agitations engineered by pro-Pakistani elements. Every effort is being made by anti-national elements to destabilise the state. Saboteurs have been exploding bombs and setting fire to public buildings. It is said that Farooq Abdulla's administration allowed the anti-Indian sentiments to grow over a long period.

The majority of Muslims opted for accession to India in 1947 because of realism and not out of love for India. At this time Sheikh Abdulla swore by integration with India. But to the dismay of even the 'great democrat `Nehru, Abdulla started talking of "an independent Kashmir" from 1951. The sacrifices of the Indian security forces for the past 43 years, the enormous subsidies (to the tune of nearly 70000 crores) given to the state and the special status which in a way encouraged treasonable activity due mainly to Article 370 made most of the Kashmir people "committed to militancy". According to informed circles, the contribution of the Rajiv Gandhi government to the present situation, because it thought that the pro-Pakistani trend was supported by a minority, and the propping up of corrupt and inefficient politicians, is not inconsiderable.

Commenting on the Instrument of Accession of Kashmir in the September 1949 issue of

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THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE we said: "In the absence of the time of signing the Accession Instrument, we are obliged to base our deductions on Chandra Lagna. The ruling constellation (on 26-10-1947) was Purvabhadra and Saturn was in Aslesha transitting *Vipat Tara* or a star of destruction. This disposition plus the conjunction of Mars and Saturn, the latter at the fag end of Cancer, denoted the bitter fighting and destruction of the soil and the bullying and bludgeoning of the Kashmiri people by Pakistan. The fact that Mars, ruler of Pakistan's horoscope (Chart 2), is in Cancer, the 6th from the Janma Rasi in Chart 1 in association with Saturn (Cancer happens to be the Janma Rasi of Pakistan) is suggestive of the creation throughout Pakistan of war psychology for the invasion and destruction of Kashmir.

		RAHU	
MOON	Chart 1 RASI		SAT. MARS
	JUPIT. KETU	MERC. SUN VENUS	

"In the June 1949 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, we have attempted a comparison of Pakistan and the Third Reich horoscopes and have pointed out certain common combinations indicative of more or less common objectives. Mesha Lagna is a common factor. The Moon being subject to the influence of Saturn (by way of aspect or association) is another common factor. Mars occupying the third house is another common factor. Saturn-Sun conjunction in the 10th in one case, and aspecting the 10th in the other, is a common factor. What do all these common factors indicate except treachery, bullying tactics and want of straightforwardness, all of which, our neighbour has been displaying with commendable (?) persistence. Statesmen who sit at the helms of Governments brought into existence under such destructive aspects always conceal their real feelings.

In Chart 1, "the Sun indicating political power is Neecha or debilitated in the 9th or house of fortune and has not obtained Neechabhanga, as a result of which the Maharaja had to abdicate in favour of his son, of course for health (?) reasons. The disposition of the 9th lord in the 9th has however slightly tempered the evil but the powerful aspect of Mars on the 9th is again disquieting. It does not indicate permanence to the object in view, which in this case, may be interpreted to mean that the nature of Kashmir's relation with India would undergo a lot of transformation. Lord of Chandra Lagna, Saturn is in the 6th associated with Mars (lord of the 10th) but aspected by Jupiter. The association of the 10th lord with Saturn always denotes surprises, unexpected happenings and disillusionment. It is for Indian leaders to be watchful about the intentions of Kashmir statesmen. Planetary dispositions are like symbols. They show which way the wind is blowing."

How far have these astrological warnings proved right since then? Or, how close we have come to factual reality is for the esteemed readers to judge.

As we said in the earlier issues of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, "the future of Kashmir and the future of Pakistan are intimately interrelated". Pakistan, "the world's largest Muslim state", was born of hatred and violence. Under the fostering (festering?) care of Jinnah, the baby convalesced well but before it opened its eyes it became an orphan. Nevertheless suffering from powerful strokes of Balarishta, it has survived though it was stripped off an important organ in 1975, resulting in the birth of Bangla Desh.

And now, Pakistan and Benazir Bhotto are in a mood to strike. Warring instincts have taken near complete control of Pakistan and it is rearing to press the trigger on the Indo-Pak borders.

Aries, the Ascendant in the chart of Pakistan (Chart 2), is a born-fighter. Aggressive and impulsive, Aries is the type "who when he sees something wrong directly bustles about to fight it. He will not rest content unless he reaches his aim". This characteristic has been typical of Pakistan with the simple difference wrought by an afflicted Ascendant lord Mars. Mars is in the 3rd house in a mercurial sign in Aridra ruled by the incendiary Rahu. This makes Pakistan suffer from a persection complex overpowered by illusory fears and delu-

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ions. It views neighbours (3rd house) with deep distrust and suspicion. It has taken upon itself the task of supporting the Kahsmiris on the principle of so-called "self-determination" and according to its prime minister Mrs. Benazir Bhutto, "We are not giving military assistance. But political support, diplomatic support and publicity. These are areas in which we would certainly feel morally bound to help". This ill-conceived sense of moral duty in Mrs. Bhutto can only be the result of an eclipsed Lagna lord Mars.

The 4th house ruling the *mind* is occupied by the Moon who is also *karaka* of the mind. This situation of the Moon in the 4th is not welcome. Deluded by a misplaced sense of righteous indignation at the Kashmir valley

ASCDT.	RAHU	MARS	SUN		SAT.	JUPIT.
Chart 2 RASI		MOON MERC. VENUS SUN SAT.	RAHU VENUS	NAVAMSA		MOON KETU
KETU	JUPIT.		MARS	ASCDT. MERC.		

problem, Pakistan has consistently and systematically worked to generate a high tension line across the region bordering the valley. In fact, war clouds are already gathering in this region.

Pakistan has been working overtime, thanks to its Ascendant lord Mars joining the Moon-sign lord Saturn in Chart 1 in the 6th house in inciting the passions of both Pakistanis and Kashmiris against India. The Moon in Chart 1 is in Aquarius which transit Saturn has already begun to afflict. Rahu in transit in combination with Saturn is capable of producing dangerous and far-reaching results. Mars too is in Aquarius afflicting the Moon and violence in the valley has escalated to an all-time high. Not a day passes without brutal killings and shootings.

Pakistan is now having Venus Dasa, Venus Bhukti. Venus in the 4th house ruling home and the 2nd and 7th lord, a maraka, is no benefic. All this signifies that Pakistan's internal conditions will continue to be disturbed. There is no indication of the dangerous two-nation theory being abjured. The Saturn-Rahu movements and their forthcoming conjunction in January 1991 are a definite warning to the rulers of Pakistan that they should be prepared for further troubles, misfortunes, death of a prominent political leader and a drubbing at the hands of India, if she gets involved in an armed conflict with India. In fact, Pakistan's hectic military activity along our borders may boomerang and even prove suicidal in the long run to her own well being. The day is not far off when Pakistan's existence may itself become doubtful.

The Saturn-Rahu movements have reference to the 12th from the Moon in Chart 1. Kashmir will continue to be a pain in the neck of India requiring on the part of Indian leaders firmness, tact and diplomacy.

The two malefics, Rahu and Saturn, moving towards a conjunction in the 10th house in Chart 2 indicate repressive action, sabotage, clandestine moves and an inclination to perpetuate acts of *adharma*. In the context of the Kashmir valley, the two years until Rahu moves into Sagittarius and Saturn moves out of Capricorn will see Pakistan at its belligerent worst. The conjunction will drive Pakistan to perpetuate a war-psychosis with India (whose 4-planet combination opposite the sign of this conjunction overlaps an identical combination in Pakistan's chart).

Mars in transit moves into Pisces on May 20th and out of it on July 1st. During this period, the Moon in Chart 1 will be caught in a powerful Papakartari Yoga when the valley will reel under reinforced militant brutalities and isurgency. The reigns of terror in the hands of the separatists will further tighten and bring home to the Indian Government the enormity of the gravity of the Kashmir valley conflagaration. This is a likely period for Pakistan to strike at us. But the transit of Jupiter favours Pakistan biding its time for a more opportune hour.

According to Varahamihira who has divided India into geographically identifiable astrological segments, Kashmir is said to be ruled by Rohini constellation which means Taurus. This fits in with the description of this natu-

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rally beautiful flower-ladden valley. Saturn's movements through Sagittarius brought Kashmiri's Janma Rasi under *ashtama* Sani influences, making it vulnerable to Pakistan's insidious designs to create a situation there which could gradually lead to its detaching itself from India. This is what Pakistan would in the first instance prefer, thanks to a Rahu-afflicted Mars indicating manipulatiive tendencies, to a war which can be a costly affair.

		ASCDT. RAHU	MARS MANDI	ASCDT. RAHU SUN			JUPIT.
	Chart 3 RASI		MOON SAT. VENUS MERC. SUN	VENUS MERC.	NAVAMSA		
				SAT.			MOON
	KETU	JUPIT.		MARS			KETU

In the Indian Independence horoscope (Chart 3) Venus Dasa is ruling. Venus is the Ascendant lord and a first-rate benefic. His occupation of the 3rd house with the new Moon is no guarantee against trouble-shooting neighbours. But whether the deprecatory efforts of such neighbours will succeed is an altogether different matter. Venus Bhukti will continue until the end of this year. As a well placed Ascendant lord, he can hardly support or even buckle under inimical attacks and hostile forces. Being in an *Upachaya*, all of Pakistan's efforts and inflamed righteous indignation in support of the "self-determination right of the Kashmiris" will, in the long run, only work to add to India's glory.

Ketu now transitting Cancer with Saturn and Rahu in Capricorn influencing the Dasa and Bhukti lord Venus will give India a heavy share of problems along her borders. Read against the chart of Pakistan (Chart 2), ties between the two countries may further deteriorate.

In July/August 1991, Mars will be transitting Cancer opposing Saturn and Rahu. This will lead again to heavy war clouds gathering momentum on the Indo-Pak borders but exalted Jupiter will manage to diffuse the tensions at the last minute. Since Capricorn will be influenced by these major planetary movements, India may *shoo* away Pakistan by instilling in her the fear of bombing her to save Kashmir.

Kashmir will continue to boil over. There will be a solar eclipse on July 22, 1990. The lunar month being Ashadha the following results are ascribed: "...will destroy the banks of wells, tanks, rivers etc., those who live on roots and fruits. The people of Gandhara, Kashmira, Pulinda and China will become afflicted. The rains too will be unevenly distributed". Peace may not yet return to the valley in the immediate future. Since a reference to Gandhara is also made, Pakistan's attention and energy may forcibly shift to the Afghan problem.

What is distressing is, when the Government has to deal with a determined band of terrorists, some organisations have come forward with the ludicrous report that the minority Hindus face no threat. And this, when according to press reports nearly 150,000 Hindus and Sikhs have left their hearths and homes and taken shelter in refugee homes. And that the Government must be humane and democratic with the militants! Unfortunately such organisations are dominated by Hindus and advocate "peaceful approach" towards terrorists and fundamentalists whose threat to the integrity of India is real and not imaginary. Human Rights cannot be viewed in isolation when national security is under threat. Nor is it necessary for our Government to seek from the Islamic countries certificates that we are a secular nation and that Kashmir is an integral part of India. It will be in the fitness of things if Article 370 is scrapped and Kashmir brought within the frame-work of the Indian Constitution as applicable to all other states. Its further retention can only produce dangerous consequences.

Venus Dasa as the Dasa of the Lagna lord will resist Pakistan from taking away Kashmir from India.

The Sun's debility (Chart 1) and occupation of Swati ruled by Rahu and his association with Venus indicate on the part of the Indian Government, lack of purposeful direction and a dithering attitude in its response to the valley problem. But luckily, the Dasa as well as Bhukti being of Venus, it is quite likely once

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News and Views

EKALAVYA

Last-post to Apartheid?

SOUTH Africa had been a paradox for a long time. While God's bounty to it is the highest in the shape of gold (47% of world's produc- and diamond, its natural heirs, the majority ks had been held in inhuman bondage in the ttoes by the handful of white rulers.

The unconditional release of the ANC leader lson Mandela last year after 26 years of political ncreration, raised high hopes of peace in that ife-torn land.

And the May Cape Town parleys between presi- t P.W. De Klerk and Nelson Mandela strength- d it and appeared to sound the last-post to *rtheid!*

As a result of this development the wages of sin rted visiting the South African whites. Botha s committed political *hara-kari* and a million th African whites are in jitters seeking emigra- n visas to U.K. and other Commonwealth coun- s that are already ballooning with prior commit- nts.

Is South Africa anywhere near attaining self- m from the white minority? How soon?

An unexpected fall-out from the Cape Town leys does not appear to be reassuring; for, the n power for the white minority waggled by Presi- t De Klerk can well become the Achilles' Heels of e negotiations.

Will Mandela compromise on this issue?

One sees in it all a parallel to the Indo-British leys for Indian Independence.

It was Mahatma Gandhi, it is noteworthy, that ted the spark of struggle for independence in th Africa in the early years of this century.

Dominion status was the forerunner of our ural.

The only difference between our struggle and e South African black struggle is that, while nce had no place in ours, it does in ANC's tegy.

And Gandhi was a firm believer in the moral law of right means fetching right ends.

Would that Mandela take a leaf out of Gandhi's life and pave the way for the early dawn of independence in South Africa.

Here is a work-out for astrological savants and the basic material for the problem is given below. They are free to chart them out and make known their views to the Editor who will gladly publish them, provided they are reasoned and not wishful.

Data: (1) The Union of South Africa was born at 00.00 LT (not LMT) on 30-5-1910 Cape Town (33 S 55, 18 E 22) (2) It became Republic of South Africa at 00.00 LT (not LMT) on 30.5.1961 at Pretoria (25 S 44, 28 E 12). (3) President De Klerk took office on August 15, 1989—our Independence Day. (4) Nelson Mandela was released on October 11, 1989.

Go ahead:

Clarifications

A reader wants me to clarify the full import of the statement in *Brihatjataka*, Anishta Chapter; Verse 6 starting चंशच्छेत्ता । with the point at issue being the correct meaning of

शिल्पीत्र्यंशे शशिसुतयुते केन्द्रसंस्थार्किं दृष्टं ।

He refers to Prof. Suryanarain Rao's and others' translations too.

In this context I can't do better than quote Rudra's commentary on this part of the verse. Says he:

बुधाधिष्ठितद्रेक्काणे लग्नकेंद्रगतेन सौरेण दृष्टे सति शिल्पी भवति ।

When Saturn who occupies Lagna-kendra aspects Mercury in his Drekkana position, the person becomes a sculptor (artiste).*

It means he loses all his wealth and lives solely by sculpting.

त्र्यंशग्रहणे पूर्णदृष्टिरेवात्र ग्राह्या ।

*नष्टसर्वस्वः शिल्पमात्रेण जीवतीत्यर्थः ।

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Mention of Drekkana implies, only full aspect (7th) has to be taken.

मेषप्रथम द्रेक्काणस्थे बुधे तुलाप्रथमद्रेक्काणस्थे

शनैश्चरेण दृश्यमाने पूर्णदृष्टिर्भवति

The aspect of Saturn from the first Drekkana of Libra to Mercury occupying the first Drekkana of Aries becomes full aspect.

तुलान्त्यस्थेन दृश्यमाने मेषादिस्थे बुधे ।

" षष्ठं द्वितीय भवनं द्वादशमेकादशं न पशयति "

इत्युक्तस्य दृष्ट्यभावस्थानस्य आसन्नगतत्वेन

दृश्यस्य बुधस्य द्रष्टुर्मन्दस्य दृष्टिरल्पैव भवति

When Saturn occupying the 3rd Navamsa in Libra aspects Mercury in the first Drekkana, following the rule that houses 6, 2, 12, 11, are houses of no aspect, Saturn's aspect to Mercury becomes negligible.

तत. पूर्णदृष्टिरत्र ग्राह्येति त्रिमंशग्रहणं कृतम् ।

Therefore Drekkana is specified for the sake of full aspect.

The idea appears to be an opposition aspect between the two within an orb of 10° with the *proviso* that Saturn be Lagna-kendra.

Further simplifying it, we can say that both in the Lagna and Drekkana charts of a native the two planets should occupy opposite houses and be in a Kendra to the Rasi Lagna.

What should not be forgotten is the unsavory part of the Yoga in dispossessing the native of all earlier wealth and making him live on his earnings as an artiste alone.

This formula can legitimately be tried on the lunar Lagna too.

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A subscriber wants to know (a) how to know the dominant partner while matching horoscopes for marriage and (b) the *mantras* that enable one obtain God's blessings for correct analysis and prediction for astrological novices like him.

As for question (a) it can be generally stated the stronger of the two will indicate it, particularly in terms of Lagna, Moon and Venus — which are really the physical, mental and emotional planes — and lastly the Sun, indicating the soul force.

In the south there is a technique of collecting *dosha* points which are reckoned by the relative positions of malefics with reference to the above three significators and trying for an equal count to avail peace, the idea being that one with a higher count of it is the more dominant.

The third is to judge by the *gana koota* count, the Rakshasa being deemed the more dominant.

Rather than spend time on this exercise the individual charts themselves can be examined. The 7th house and the significators will give the clue to it. Should they contain, join or receive the aspect of the Sun or Mars it may be taken as the domineering party.

Re: (b) *mantras*; one has not merely to study the subject but also get practical experience and obtain Guru's blessings when, *mantras* will automatically come to him by Divine Will through competent persons if herderserves it and which can't be learnt through newspaper columns.

Winking and Virago

A reader wants to know if there are any specific formulae for the ailment which makes the eyelids wink involuntarily and constantly. I believe there are, and at least one I know of that works.

In the Indian system the 2nd and 12th houses, the Sun and Venus are deemed significators for the eyes and therefore affliction to them can cause it; but it may be any ailment of the eye, not necessarily winking of the eyelids.

But in the western system there are specific ones. For instance, all spasmodic, convulsive and erratic movements are governed by the planet Uranus, the sign Aquarius said to be ruled by it, and the opposite from it *viz.*, Leo. Of course the Sun is the centrepiece.

Both Uranus and Neptune when afflicted are known to cause spasmodic action too.

Hence affliction to these significators could mean constant winking of the eyelids.

I have come across such a case with that specific ailment which answers to this formula. The sidereal chart using Chitra Paksha Ayanamsa is given alongside. The Lagna is Aquarius which is prone. The 7th from it is Leo ruled by the Sun. Its ruler Sun occupies the 6th, the house of affliction, in conjunction with Uranus. It also receives a square from Neptune as well as Mars; in other words afflicted. Again, the Sun is *karaka* for eyes in our system to, and the Sun-Uranus compact aspects the 12th house, and, 12th lord Jupiter is sandwiched between or conjunct with the malefics Rahu and Neptune. Thus both the Indian and Western formulae apply to this case.

	KETU MARS	MANDI	
ASCDT.	RASI		SUN URA.
			MERC. PLUTO
	SAT. MOON	NEP. JUPIT. RAHU	

Incidentally Pluto in the 7th house (*Vargottama* here) is a writing on the wall according to the western system, that the married partner will be a virago which is also true in the present case!

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Nakshatras

The word "Nakshatra" is derived thus: न क्षरति । meaning, that which does not decay; in other words that which does not decay; in other words that which is constant. Hence our sidereal zodiac.

Now, lexicographer Amara states:

नक्षत्रमृक्षं भं तारा

Nakshatra, *ruksha, bha, taara* are synonyms. We have also seen classical texts using the word ऋक्ष for Nakshatra and zodiacal house or sign. This phenomenon arose thus: The word ऋक्ष तमो नश्यति that by which darkness is destroyed by using the word ऋक्ष in the sense of ऋक्ष हिंसायां It can also be derived as ऋक्षति इति *i.e.*, that which moves, ऋक्ष in the sense गतौ.

Let us now come to the word Rasi. It is derived as अश्नुत इति अशू व्याप्तौ । that which pervades for a certain interval. It can now be seen that in these senses use of the word ऋक्ष is justified as connoting both Nakshatra and Rasi.

We start reckoning Vimshottari Dasa from birth Nakshatra, which is really the position of the Moon at birth and progress it for peering into the future. In reality what we mean by Nakshatra in this context is only a certain pocket in the celestial path of the Moon in the zodiac. There are thus 27 such pockets. Any other celestial body can walk along them. In other words, the zodiac for us stands calibrated into 27 equal divisions known as Nakshatras. They start from the First Point of Aries and end with the last point of Pisces. All the planets stay in one or more of the above divisions at a given time.

It has sometimes been asked why Vimshottari should commence from Krittika, and why the duration and the order of rulers of Dasas are not amenable to reason or logic.

It is well-known that at Vedic times the Vernal Equinox lay at Krittika star. Perhaps at the commencement of the epoch when this science was evolved it was coincident with that star. And the order of the Dasas follows the order of Nakshatra or pockets of longitudinal path along the zodiac. In effect it means that the 27 zodiacal divisions — whatever you may call them — have been assigned permanent lordship to the 9 planets in an unchanged and cyclic order with fixed tenures for purposes of Vimshottari. As of today, we operate this mechanism only in respect of the Moon — the father being the seed of life. Brahma once placed the Moon on one pan and all other planets on the other and found that the balance tilted in favour of the Moon: so says a famous verse.

The question now arises whether for the above reason we can take it that the Moon or other planets occupying those pockets at birth or in transit partake of, even as a stain, the character of their nominated lords?. Remember, any planet can occupy any of the divisions or Nakshatras.

Also, Satyacharya has gone on record stating that the Lagna point too can be subjected to Vimshottari operation, should the former be more powerful. And, attempts have been made to so progress other planets too in their respective areas although there are no guidelines on their interpretation.

Again, when classical texts describe the qualities of persons born in lunar mansions, meaning the Moon's longitudes at birth, these descriptions hardly conform to the planets said to be ruling those Nakshatras or pockets, unlike in the case of the Rasi whose lord has much to contribute to the description of a person and in fact, those descriptions conform in theory and practice.

In sum, the effect of the Moon's position or any planet, in Aswini for instance, appears to have no relation to its position in Aries or its lord Mars, in the basic chart, except mathematically and for progression or Dasa Bhukti calculation by Vimshottari.

It may be asked whether the Vimshottari order following the order of Nakshatras or divisions and their duration, has any relation to their rulership. Judged by known physical parameters, there is none whatsoever but we have to take them as axiomatic.

Foot Note to Indu Lagna

Indu Lagna, properly interpreted will prove to be a reliable guide to judge one's financial prosperity. The same is called Koteeswara Yoga by Kalidasa in his *Uttara Kalamrita*.

Indu Lagna as we call it is caused by adding the Kalas[1] of the lords of 9th house from the Lagna and the Moon, removing multiplies of twelve from the total and keeping the remainder which when counted from the Moon Lagna gives Indu Lagna. In this operation remainder should be kept at 12. This operation can be saved by using the Ready Reckoner given below:

Here are some guidelines in interpreting the Indu Lagna which is different from Tara, Hora, Ghatika and other Lagnas.

The question arising now is whether the Kalas awarded to the planets remain intact when they, as

[1] Sun 30, Moon 16, Mars 6, Mercury 8, Jupiter 10, Venus 12, Saturn 1.

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INDU LAGNA READY RECKONER

Chandra Lagna	*Janma Lagna*					
	Ar. Ca.	Ta. Ge.	Leo Su. Pi.	Vi. Aq.	Li. Cap.	Sc.
Aries	Sc.	Aq.	Ca.	Cap.	Vi.	Ta.
Taurus	Pi.	Ge.	Sc.	Ta.	Cap.	Vi.
Gemini	Ar.	Ca.	Sa.	Ge.	Aq.	Li.
Cancer	Aq.	Ta.	Li.	Ar.	Sa.	Leo
Leo	Sc.	Aq.	Ca.	Cap.	Vi.	Ta.
Virgo	Ge.	Vi.	Aq.	Leo	Ar.	Sa.
Libra	Pi.	Ge.	Sc.	Ta.	Cap.	Vi.
Scorpio	Sa.	Pi.	Leo	Aq.	Li.	Ge.
Sagittarius	Pi.	Ge.	Sc.	Ta.	Cap.	Vi.
Capricorn	Ge.	Vi.	Aq.	Leo	Ar.	Sa.
Aquarius	Sc.	Aq.	Ca.	Cap.	Vi.	Ta.
Pisces	Ge.	Vi.	Aq.	Leo	Ar.	Sa.

Ar.- Aries; Ta.- Taurus; Ge.- Gemini; Ca.- Cancer; Leo.- Leo; Vi.- Virgo; Li.- Libra; Sc.- Scoprio; Sa. Sagittarius; Cap.- Capricorn; Aq. Aquarius and Pi.- Pisces.

9th lords, are weak by debilitation, combustion etc. Apparently they do because it merely points to the placement of Indu Lagna irrespective of its nature or qualification. Just like an auto-rickshaw, new or ramshackle, takes you to the destination. And the effect is dependent upon the Indu Lagna proper which may be owned by or aspected by a benefic or malefic and if tenanted, by a benefic or malefic etc.

Says a text:

Uchchargrahe lakshadhikari raja subhe
papage atidushtaha
Khagairviheene satichet daridraha
subhaih ananthaih prabhurindu lagne

i.e., Should the planet tenanting Indu Lagna be exalted, it makes one a *lakhpati* (today's crorepati); a ruler when it is a benefic; wicked when a malefic occupies it. Devoid of tenanting planet it makes one impecunious and, *prabhu* when many benefics occupy it.

Other texts add: The financial luck which it gifts under the above condition will be sudden and be received during the rule of the promising planet. Should the concerned house/sign be benefic and the planet be Jupiter, Venus or the full-Moon, the native will become a high state official (*Mudradhikari*). Even malefics, not ruling evil houses, will yield financial luck but not perhaps in the normal or acceptable way.

There may be cases where when the Indu Lagna is untenanted, some other planets will aspect it. One should predict luck corresponding to that planet during its Dasa-Bhukti periods.

When the Indu Lagna is tenanted by benefics and malefics, barring Rahu, the former too will endow financial luck. In our discussion of benefics and malefics, we mean the functional ones alone.

As in the normal course, the operating planets should be screened for *bhava-sandhi*, evil *drekkana*, debilitated Navamsa, combustion etc. In other words the gift of the concerned planets should be measured commensurate with their *varga*, Ashtakavarga and other strengths, so that we can arrive at a fairly correct picture.

And the horoscope as a whole should warrant or have the strength to hold on to the financial bonanza or, it could well slip through the native's fingers.

Thus the practising astrologer will do well invariably to subject each horoscope he examines to the Indu Lagna test.

If he uses a computer, the formula can be fed into it and it will automatically indicate it, even as it does *Pars Fortuna*, for which the symbol of the earth is used and, I have devised the symbol of the lotus (Lakshmi's abode) for Indu Lagna. This symbol can be placed in the sign to designate Indu Lagna. And for those who do not have the luxury of a computer, the ready-reckoner I have given will offer easy assistance.

		JUPIT.	ASCDT. MOON KETU PLUTO	ASCDT.	MERC.	MOON	JUPIT.
	RASI		MARS SAT. NEP.	PLUTO KETU	NAVAMSA		
URA.			SUN				RAHU
RAHU		VENUS	MERC.	SAT.	SUN NEP.	VENUS	MARS URA.

The horoscope of late Ferdinand Marcos of Phillippines given alongside (*A.M.*, Oct. 89') is illustrative of these truths. He was phenomenally rich with his ill-gotten money and died in exile after ruling over the Phillippine islands for quite a long period as a virtual dictator.

Saturn being 9th lord on both counts, his Indu Lagna becomes Cancer[2].

It is tenanted by three evil planets opposed by another testifying to his wickedness but its lord Moon occupies Lagna *kendra* with exalted Navamsa and Moon's dispositor is exalted giving it strength, but the occupants of Indu Lagna indicate

[2] 1 + 1 from Gemini=Cancer or see Ready Reckoner.

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Mars moves out of Aquarius and India will ...e herself for firm decisive action in this ...ction. This **stern-overt-posture** from ...ia will stall Pakistan's moves till at least ...y 1991 when Saturn and Rahu conjoin, ...ting it on the defensive and temporarily ...ing its wings.

Pakistan has embarked on a proxy war and ...continued support to terrorism may boomer-...g on itself, resulting in the long run, in the ...k-up of its own constituent provinces. ...tember 1990 and February-March 1991 are ...ical periods when the possibility of a direct ...flict between the two countries is likely. ...quate preparedness on the part of India ...y act as a deterrent to the imposition of a ...ect war, because of the transit of Jupiter in ...cer.

We wish to reiterate what we have said ...re in the September 1947 THE ASTROLOGICAL ...ZINE: "Since the ruling sign of Kashmir is ...rus and since the Indian Union's Lagna is ...Taurus, there is some sort of affinity and ...ction between India and Kashmir. Conse-...ently Kashmir must ultimately belong to ...ia, no matter how complicated the issue ...y be now".

Astrological forecasts are not deterministic. ...only indicative. Decisive action based on ...mmonsense factors qualified by astrological ...dance are bound to help in consolidating the ...ders of the country and taking care of its ...urity.

Written: 4-5-1990.

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...y looted from the state exchequer. The 10th ...in the 12th shows his downfall. Jupiter being ...ka-*cum*-Maraka, his present position (1989) ...Lagna by transit and Saturn's simultaneous ...ition from the 7th, *maraka* house, in transit ...ut his death. The aspect of the duo to his 4th ...e (native country) underscores his death away ...home while Pluto conjunct Moon in Lagna and ...ed Lagna lord aspecting 10th point to his ...torial rule while Vargottama Venus shows his ...l life.

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Outlook for the Lunar Year Pramoduta (1990-91)

LECTURE

ADDRESING a distinguished gathering at the Indian Institute of World Culture on 24-3-1990 on the prospects for the lunar year Pramoduta, DR. B. V. RAMAN, Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, said that Kashmir would continue to face violent unrest and show open defiance of Indian authority, increase of subversive activities and intensification of secessionist plans, thanks to the sinister game of Pakistan and this should be nipped in the bud.

Prof. T. Ramesan, a retired Professor of Mathematics and educationalist, presided.

Earlier DR. RAMAN gave an exposition of mundane Astrology and explained the methods employed to forecast political events and natural calamities.

Referring to the pretensions of so-called "Futurologists", DR. RAMAN said that their forecasts were based more on imagination than on scientific basis and were only creating panic. A futurolgist could of course forecast the occurrence of an earthquake say in Assam "within the next fifteen years". But the astrologer-scientist could indicate the occurence within the span of even a couple of weeks. But futurology like meteorology was science!

DR. RAMAN explained that mundane predictions according to Hindu Astrology, were based on the (a) planetary cabinet for the lunar year; (b) planetary movements in respect of different signs governing different countries; (c) horoscopes of rulers and countries; (d) eclipses, conjunctions etc., giving appropriate examples. Making a particular reference to the wealth of information furnished by *panchangas*, he said, because this year the cloud is named 'Drona' (*asmin samvatsara drona namaka meghaha*), and it originates east of Meru (*meruh poorvadigbhage meghotpattihi*), 10 parts of the total rainfall would fall into the sea, (*dasa bhage samudraha*), 6 parts on mountains (*shadbhagahe parvatah*) and 4 parts on the earth and that the monsoon would break out early this year.

Further explaining the results of the constitution of the cabinet and the movements of major planets, DR. RAMAN said because Mars was the King, there would be innumerable outbreaks of fire, accidents and fighting in different parts of the world.

Giving a kaleidoscopic view of events likely to happen in the year ahead, DR. RAMAN observed that political scene in the coming year for different countries of the world would be one of stress and strain. The political complex in India would concentrate on staying in power, he said. While further headway on the economic front was foreseen, many financial institutions would be in trouble. 1990-91 would be a year of fluctuating fortunes on the stock exchange. Some State Governments in North India would flounder due to wrong policies in regard to language. The Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu ministries would face political crises. Significant changes in the cabinets were likely.

The Mars-Rahu opposition could trigger some more railway and bus accidents and another air crash, said DR. RAMAN.

An element of deceit or bungling in strategic defence deals indulged in by the previous government could come to light involving some high ranking political leaders. The National Front Government would face several critical developments but would survive. February-March 1991 would be one such period. Mid-term polls in 1991 were ruled out.

Increased military moves by Pakistan would lead to serious border clashes. The Kashmir issue would not be solved. Continued communal clashes, violent unrest and open defiance of Indian authority, were indicated due to Pakistan's role which could even push the Mujahideen groups of Afghanistan into India and create further trouble in Kashmir and Punjab.

DR. RAMAN said Pakistan's democracy would be in a fragile state. One need not be surprised if the army stepped in "to set right matters".

In Afghanistan, a coalition regime was likely.

Relations with U.S.A. and Soviet Russia would be good. Some sudden political developments in Russia would, however, embarass the Indian Government. Acts of aggression by China could not be ruled out, he continued, and the lure of Chinese diplomacy should not be allowed to catch us unawares.

A coup to dislodge Ershad would be unearthed

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strological Miscellany

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In this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed astrologically. They may be about anything — birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, weather, animals and the list is endless —so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are invited to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa (Astrological Miscellany, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)

Third Delivery

ON 23rd October, 1989 at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, when some doctors in Nilratan Medical Hospital (Calcutta) were engaged in a delivery case, they observed that the head of the new-born child was abnormally large. The male child was already dead in the womb. There were cracks on the skull. The grey matter within the skull was sticking out. These cracks were pried open and doctors found an immature child (foetus) lying within the skull. They were dumbfounded in astonishment. They found that the head and legs of the foetus were developed. There was no hair on its head. The doctors were not able to determine its sex. The hospital authorities claimed that it was the first time and there was no previous reference to such a case in the medical world.

The chart for the birth is as follows:

Rasi: Taurus - Ascendant 21-37; the Moon 0-07 in the 4th; Mars 28-31 and Mercury 24-33 in the 5th; Jupiter 17-15 in the 2nd; the Sun 6-36 in the 6th; Venus 22-43 in the 7th; Saturn 15 in the 8th; Rahu 28-25 in the 9th; and Gullika 1-40 in the 3rd" says reader Bankim Khasnabish of Katwa in West Bengal.

Readers can write to us the astrological *hows* and *whys* of this case.

Not So Sure

My friend says he has a Viparita Raja Yoga after reading the discussion on this Yoga (A.M., February 1990, page 183), but I am not so sure", writes a reader from Kansbahal in Orissa.

Born 29-7-1945 at 7-07 a.m. at Mysore. *Rasi:* Cancer - Ascendant and the Sun; Leo - Mercury; Virgo - Jupiter; Sagittarius - Ketu; Pisces - the Moon; Taurus - Venus and Mars; and Gemini - Rahu and Saturn. *Navamsa:* Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Mars; Taurus - Saturn; Gemini - Mercury; Cancer - Moon; Leo - Ketu; Virgo - Venus; Libra - Sun; Capricorn - Jupiter; and Aquarius - Rahu with a balance of 17 years, 8 months and 27 days of Saturn Dasa at birth.

The 8th lord Saturn in the 12th, the 12th lord Mercury in the 2nd and 6th lord Jupiter in the 3rd cannot make a Viparita Raja Yoga. As 8th lord Saturn in the 12th generates a partial and very feeble Viprita Raja Yoga but Saturn suffers heavy affliction from Rahu and a Papakartari Yoga as well. So you might as well forget it.

A Super Phase?

"My friend's contention is that during the Sun, Moon and Mars Bhuktis, he will have the best period in life and will be well off both financially and professionally?"

Venus as Dasa lord is indeed well-placed. He is with Yogakaraka Mars aspected by 9th lord Jupiter. He occupies his own sign. All these do add to positive results in both financial as well as professional matters but not in a spectacular sense. The Ascendant has the 2nd lord Sun in it while the Ascendant lord Moon in the 9th is well

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aspected by 9th lord Jupiter. But 12th lord Mercury in the 2nd is a small drawback. However, while transit Saturn weaves through Capricorn, moderate profits via speculation and vocational benefits are not ruled out.

Another point which could be explored safely is journalism. Venus, the Dasa lord, is in the 11th but with 5th lord Mars and aspected by Jupiter. Venus is in a mercurial Navamsa. As a hobby, it may work out but no big gains, again!

The Stronger Maraka

Will Rahu Dasa, Jupiter Bhukti inflict death on the native? Or, will it be Rahu Dasa, Moon Bhukti? asks reader R. Lakshmi Narayanan of Trichy placing a chart before us.

Born 5/6-12-1918 at 2-28 a.m. LMT at 11 N 25, 77 E 45.

Rasi: Scorpio - Ascendant and Moon; Sagittarius - Rahu; Capricorn - Sun and Mercury; Aquarius - Venus; Taurus - Jupiter; Gemini - Ketu; Cancer - Saturn (R); and Virgo - Mars (R). *Navamsa:* Aquarius - Ascendant; Aries - Mars and Jupiter; Taurus - Rahu; Leo - Sun; Libra - Moon and Venus; Scorpio - Ketu; Sagittarius - Saturn (R); and Capricorn - Mercury with a balance of 5 years, 1 month and 8 days.

Why he pitches on these Bhuktis is "Moon is *badhakadhipati* for Scorpio Ascendant and Saturn (R) occupies *badhakasthana*. Planets in the 2nd are said to be more powerful in inflicting death than its rulers. Further, Jupiter, 2nd lord, is in the 7th, *a kendra*, and aspected by *badhakadhipati*." This is how reader Lakshmi Narayanan ends up with leading questions.

While it is true occupants of *maraka* houses are more powerful than *maraka* lords, *badhakadhipati* cannot be said to have relevance in deciding on the time of death.

While Rahu Dasa can be retained, Jupiter Bhukti seems stronger than Moon Bhukti. Jupiter is a *maraka* both by occupation as also lordship. In Navamsa too, he is a powerful *maraka* but it may be only after transit Saturn moves into Aquarius.

Jupiter Rubs off on Venus

Born 24-6-1972 at 11-54 p.m. (LMT) at 13 N 4, 80 E 45.

Rasi: Pisces - Ascendant; Taurus - Saturn and Venus; Gemini - Sun; Cancer - Mars, Mercury and Ketu; Scorpio - Moon; Sagittarius - Jupiter (R); and Capricorn - Rahu. *Navamsa:* Cancer - Ascendant, Mercury and Jupiter; Leo - Mars and Ketu; Virgo - Venus (R); Sagittarius - Moon; and Aquarius - Rahu with a balance of 14 years, 3 months and 18 days of Mercury Dasa at birth.

The boy is a student of physics. Will he go on to engineering or computers, next?

The Dasa now running is of Ketu who is in the 5th with Mars and Vargottama Mercury. The sign is Cancer which, by itself, has nothing to do with maths or engineering. But Mercury, being Vargottama and joining Mars favour *ganitha* and this factor, if supported by the next Dasa, can be used to decide on his future course of academics. Venus Dasa will run next and Venus is in Taurus with Saturn. Neither Venus nor Saturn can be said to indicate maths or engineering, especially that Taurus is involved. But if we take a second look at the chart, we can see Venus has exchanged signs with Jupiter who is in a fiery sign Sagittarius aspected to the degree by the Sun. Venus, in his Dasa, may be said to partake of Jupiter's qualities with the result computers (*ganita*) may be suggested as suitable for further study and specialization.

Maritally Marooned (*A.M.* April 1990)

Jupiter to Blame

"All the planets, except Jupiter, are directly or indirectly under the influence of Rahu, a dire malefic. Rahu, conjunct waning weak Moon, blemishes the 7th house from the Moon as well as from Karaka Venus. This malefic conjunction occupies the 4th from Lagna. Hence the major contribution to the ravage was from Rahu.

"Malefic Saturn aspected the 7th house both from Lagna as well as the Moon which proved detrimental to conjugal felicity.

"Jupiter occupying the 3rd and the 12th houses from Lagna and the Moon respectively proved to be a functional malefic. Although being in exaltation and Vargottama and occupying his own constellation (Punarvasu), Jupiter is blemished by the aspect of Saturn. The dispositor Moon is also weak and blemished. Thus Jupiter is rendered helpless to provide any relief with regard to marital felicity.

"In fact Jupiter being the 8th lord from Lagna as well as the Moon, he is a Maraka for spouse.

"The first marriage took place in Mars-Mercury-Venus period. The spouse fell ill in Rahu-Jupiter-Rahu period and finally died in Rahu-Moon-Saturn period. The second marriage was solemnized in Jupiter-Saturn-Jupiter period but this union lasted only for nine weeks and the same sub-sub-period saw the demise of the second wife. Evidently in both the tragedies Rahu, Jupiter and Saturn played havoc.

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Yoga in Daily Life — II*

MRS. RAJESWARI RAMAN

Hatha Yoga

Mind is the seed, Hatha Yoga the soil and complete desire-lessness is the water. With these three, the Kalpavriksha which is the Unmaniavastha springs up immediately.

Hathayogapradipika

YOGA, as we have already seen, is the process of attaining self-realisation. However, we are concerned solely with Hatha Yoga with its object of purifying the body.

Hatha is derived from Ha meaning the Sun and Ta meaning the Moon. Yoga is derived from the Sanskrit term 'Yug' which means "yoke" or 'unite'. The two terms together denote the unification of the Sun and the Moon or the union of the Prana and Apana Vayus. This is a physical process regulating the inflow of breath in the two nostrils. But we must always remember that the purpose of yoga, of any kind, is the evolution of the soul.

The mind, the body and the soul are the 3 parts of a human being, each separate in its apparent working but affecting the other in its functioning. There can be no divorce of the one from the other, and every one part is dependent on the other two for the efficiency and proper functioning of their sum total, *viz.*, the human being.

Conscious effort at body and mind control leads to an evolution of the soul which may be quite imperceptible. It is this result towards which all yogic practices are aimed. Yogic practice necessarily implies regulation and restraint of the bodily organs and functions and of the mental faculties.

Hatha Yoga as known to us today is drawn mostly from *Gheranda Samhita* and *Hathayoga Pradipika*. These two works seem to be from the same source since many lines from each repeat in the other.

Hatha Yoga can be divided into 7 heads:

1. Bodily purification
2. Asanas
3. Mudras
4. Pratyahara
5. Pranayama
6. Dhyana
7. Samadhi

Respected Guruji,
I had bronchial asthama attacks every April, May and June. I have recovered completely from it due to Yoga..... And I don't catch cold easily. Thanks to Guruji.
Mrs. M. Cauvery Ponnappa.

I shall deal only with Asanas and Pranayama and touch upon one or two Mudras. I shall stress upon their importance in maintaining good health.

There are numerous asanas, but only some of them are important.

Respected Guruji,
I am grateful to you for having taught me Yoga. It has benefitted me a lot. Before learning Yoga, I was feeling unwell - not feeling hungry, legs and hands shivering, lack of memory power etc.
But after going through Yoga practically I have overcome all my above defects. Miraculous indeed! My physical and mental stability has increased. I now take food substantially and retain in mind what I read.....I shall be ever grateful to you for initiating me into Yoga.
Savitha, Bangalore.

Anyone above 14 years of age can do Yogasanas. Sick people may also do them. Pregnant women must discontinue the practice after the 3rd month. Women must refrain from practice during the 4 days of menstruation each month. People suffering from heart disease

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must be careful and take up yogic practices only under expert supervision. Generally too, these asanas are best learnt from an able and competent teacher.

Asanas are best performed in the morning on an empty stomach. Where time does not permit they can be done in the evening, but at least 3 hours should elapse after the last meal. Regular practice at the same place and time gives good results soon.

Diet must also be regulated. Vegetarians can carry on with their usual food but excessively spicy, oily and rich foods should be reduced gradually, and wherever possible eliminated. Meat, eggs, fish are to be avoided. So also hard drinks. Freshly cooked food, fresh vegetables, plenty of fruits and greens and milk are the best foods for practitioners of Yoga subject, of course, to one's resources. Canned, refined and processed foods are best avoided since they can cause faulty elimination.

> Dear Guruji,
>
> I was suffering very much from back and leg pain...Now my back pain and leg pain are completely cured and I have mental peace. I am very grateful to you Guruji for having taught me Yoga.
>
> *Sunith Hanumaiah, B'lore.*

In other ways too, general life should be regulated by spacing work, rest and relaxation according to one's circumstances and means. As Lord Krishna himself says "To him who is temperate in eating and recreation, in his effort for work, and in sleep and wakefulness, Yoga becomes the destroyer of misery."

If Hatha Yoga is faithfully practised, benefits will start showing in the form of a youthful face and figure, graceful posture and carriage, clear complexion, improved blood circulation and all-round general health.

Here are some interesting lines reproduced from "Perspectives in Yoga", a collection of Seminar papers edited by Dr. A. K. Sinha.

"Prophylactic and Therapeutic Effects of Yogic Exercises.

"Academy of Research in Physical Culture, Warsaw, conducted studies on physiological and psychological aspects of Yoga system of exercise engaging the services of Romanowaski, Pasek and others to see if these could counteract the noxious effects of the contemporary environment on the ontogenesis of man (36, 42-48).

"Their results show that the ailments of the patients of Psychosomatic disorders of circulatory and digestive systems disappeared while their general considerable nervousness alleviated relatively slow pulse rate of 56-62 mim. And low arterial pressure 104-63-120/72 mim. Hg. were also noted.

> Respected Guruji,
>
> I was slightly on the fatter side, but my main problem was my temper - it was terrible. Now it is under control. I also wear glasses and I used to have headaches. Now my headaches have disappeared and I feel very light, alert and cheerful throughout the day. I also have mental peace and calm.
>
> *Neepa B. Shah, Bangalore*

> Dear Guruji,
>
> I joined Yoga due to some mental problems like getting excited and angry, eyesight problem and loss of concentration while studying.
>
> I could achieve almost all by practising Yoga. Besides, I lost weight by 4 kgs. within 3 months without getting weak (which was what I always wanted).
>
> *Lalitha Venkatesh, B'langalore*

The examination of basal metabolism showed very low values of ventilation-4, 76% mint. on the average. The respiratory rhythm amounted to 4, 2/1/mim. the oxygen: consumption to 1/mim. of the air inhaled, i.e., 20% greater than normal. The R.Q. in all the investigated in the resting position have been very low 0, 5-0, 7. This fact showed that the Oxygen utilisation by the tissues was larger than the average. Corresponding elimination of Co2 had been increased. The EEG investigations indicated improved state of calmness in comparison to the control group with obvious symptoms of fatigue. Rorschach method proved that the experimental group represented the well balanced type of normal emotional reactivity as compared with their rather intensive neurotic background.

Hypertension:

"Datey and others studied 86 subjects (68 males and 18 females) of ages between 20 to 64 years. Their systolic blood pressure ranged between 160-270 and diastolic between 90-120 mm. H. There were 62 cases with essential, 19 with renal and 5 with arterio-sclerotic hypertension. They di-

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Esteemed Guruji,

After joining in your Institute I can say that my health has improved a lot. My constipation is cured. Meditation has helped me a lot and my day goes on peacefully and calmly. I feel fresh and full of life after I have done the meditation. I am doing it daily. If I continue to do it, Guruji, I can surely say that my health will surely improve further.

R. Lakshmidevi, Bangalore.

divided the whole population into 3 categories of (i) who had never received antihyoertension drug, (ii) adequately controlled with drugs, (iii) inadequately controlled with drugs. In addition to blood pressure pulse rate, respiration, common symptoms were recorded and electromyographs were taken before and periodically during the study and after practice.

"With the practice of merely Shavasana, significant response was seen in about 60% of the patients despite the facts that some failures were due to irregularity in exercise and incorrect technique. The reduction in the mean Bp by 30 mm. Hg. symptomatic relief and increase in sense of well-being in most of the cases was seen. Electromyogram from frontalis and physiogram also showed improvement.

"A group of hundred patients showing symptoms of psychoneurosis and psychosomatic disorders including cases of anxiety, anxiety depression, hysteria etc., and comprising of 66 males and 34 females whose ages ranged from 16 to 64 years was taken for pilot study for the treatment by a therapeutic technique based upon some concepts of Patanjali by Dr. Vahia and his co-workers of the Psychiatric Departments at K.E.H. Hospital, Bombay. After the practice of two months duration the improvement in the condition of the patients was judged by opinions of the patients, rleatives and the team of doctors engaged in the project. It was observed that the improvement rate was statistically significant....

"Kaivalyadhama S.M.Y.M Samiti, Lonavla, financially helped by the Central and Maharashtra Governments undertook a project in 1964-65 to assess the value of yogic treatment in bronchial asthma. Patients numbering 139 were admitted in batches of eight for a period of four weeks each... Yogic treatment of asthma was helpful even in cases where all other known methods had failed(7).

Respected Guruji,

After I have started learning Yoga from you, I have decreased by 2 kgs.

P. Suman, Bangalore-53

"In his recent article on prevention and treatment of cancer by Yoga, Dr. Karambelkar, an eminent biochemist of Kaivalyadhama, Yoga Institute, quoting Dr. Poret's view that aeriologiclal factors of cancer were psychological, psychical and spiritual on the basis of the findings of Prof. Vincene who found that the PH_1, RH_2 and RO of the venous blood of patients of cancer and neurosis fell into the same zone, believes that it is reversible were alkaline PH and oxydation RH_2 where below certain degree and suc-

Esteemed Guruji,

I approached you with the problems of irregular periods, obesity and occasional stress due to my household chores and official duties, as I am a working woman.

Through weeks of scientifically designed and nurtured Yoga lessons, you have helped me to a great extent in reducing my weight and my periods have become near normal without administration of harmonal, external medicinal agents.

The meditation and Pranayama have had a remarkable and incredible effect on my mind and I have achieved harmony and peace of mind. I am even beginning to forget the instinct called anger.

Had I not attended the Yoga lessons which have now become a part of my daily life, I would have missed something great.

Achievements: 1. Weight reduction; 2. Relief from stresses and tensions. 3. Regularised menstrual cycle. 4. More vigour and enthusiasm to take up challenges of a career woman in demanding cricumstances.

I immensely thank you, Guruji, for your invaluable gem of a knowledge of Yoga which was a way of life centuries ago, but vanished in the thin air of selfishness and materialism. I shall practice your teachings throughout my life and will not hesitate to come to you if I need your motherly advise.

In all humbleness I thank you in the name of Goddess Sri Sri Rajeswari Matha.

Prema Bharath, Bangalore

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cessfully preventable by yogic exercises....

"The results of these investigations lead us to the conclusion that the judicious and progressive follow-up of yogic practices brings about higher and higher conditioning of limbic system which is thought to be responsible for regulation of ANS, endocrinal system anbd the affective behaviour. It appears that the practitioners gradullay begin experiencing greater and greater volitional control over the metabolic and the autonomic functions of the body which leads to the recovery of homeostatic dysfunction in the case of the sick and towards perfection of biological equilibrium in the case of normal persons. How such changes are brought about is still not so very clear and requires further investigations regarding the mechanism through which yogic exercises produce physiological and mental effects."

Many people somehow have the notion that if they stop practising Yoga, they put on weight. Frankly, I should like to point out this is an unfair charge. The very reason they start on the Yoga course is their overweight problem. As they continue the practice, they find they are reducing. At once they stop further practice and naturally, glandular irregularities (which are the ultimate reason for all overweight problems) which had been under regulation through Yoga, start all over again. In such cases, my honest answer would be to ask them if their own laziness to do the Yoga exercises is not responsible for such a situation. They forget the fact, and ungratefully too, that the fat they had accumulated in their bodies for years through indiscriminate eating and laziness had been fast disappearing through Yoga. Instead of blaming themselves for lazily giving up Yoga, they shift the blame on this ancient art. Show me just one person who has put on weight after giving up Yoga, but who was not fat before. You just will not come across any such case. I have noticed over many years people will talk about beauty, health, and trim figures day and night, and pore over magazines and books for tips but will do nothing about it. They are too lazy and so much in love with themselves they will not admit it but prefer to throw the blame on Yoga. The very fact Yoga has survived such slandering over the centuries is sufficient defence and proof of the amazing results it can give.

(to be continued).

Respected Guruji,

At the outset I should thank you and your Institute for giving women a chance to learn Yoga in its right perspective I had the notion that Yoga could be learnt by seeing TV or from seeing someone practising it. It was only after joining your classes that I came to know that Yoga had to be learnt from a Guru and quite seriously too.

I joined the Yoga classes mainly because I have gained considerable weight after my pregnancy and had severe pain in the region of my neck behind the shoulder blades. The pain did not subside even after good medical treatment by specialist. I had a little problem of dandruff and falling hair too.

After doing the Yogasanas taught by you, I am quite relieved of the pain and have lost weight also considerably. Also your informative and very thoughoutful talks have helped me face the daily situations and challenges better. In all I have gained a lot from your after joining your Institute.

I thank you and your Insitute for imparting this vital knowledge about Yogasanas and for all the help given to me.

I wish all success to you and your Institute in its operation in the future.

Prabha Satyanarayan,
Bangalore-20.

Respected Guruji,

I have experienced changes in my mental and physical heallth since joining Yoga. Mental State: Meditation seems to have had an impract on my mind. Now I usually remain calm and composed and my irritality has been reduced. With regard to my studies, I am able to concentrate better.

Physically, regularity of periods has improved. Earlier I used to get my periods once in 3-4 months. But since last two months, it has been regularised. My weight has been reduced by 1 to 2 kgs. And the fat in my thigh and around the waist has been reduced considerably.

H. Chetana, Bangalore-20.

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Composite Approach to Predictions — I

K. N. RAO, I.A.A.S.

AFTER an event, good or bad, has taken place whether it was predicted by an astrologer or not, every conscientious astrologer must examine the data and draw convincing conclusions, even if it is a post-mortem appraisal. It helps future predictions, gives to his own astrological skill a depth he would otherwise not acquire. It helps correct a mistake, discover a chink in one's astrological armoury.

But such was not the case here. The prediction was not given but the fatality of the event was foreseen. Later when it did happen I wrote to Meenakshi Raut in Bhubaneshwar who had originally included this horoscope for her series "There Lurks Fear" but had omitted it out of fear. The gentleman whose horoscope it is is her father's friend and having seen her as a tiny-tot could not have accepted her as an "astrologer" capable of explaining a thing or two. Then the same fear prompted her to omit discussion of this horoscope in her series.

Young astrologers can be brilliant as they speak without inhibitions and their intuition perhaps works faster. But then they get a "hanging" from those who have known them and cannot accept them in their new role of astrologers. But when Meenakshi omitted this horoscope and even sent me a message that she was absolutely afraid of talking about it to Mr. "M" I could understand the awkwardness of it all.

That justifies this series, which is in a way an extension of Meenkashi's "There Lurks Fear...." The horoscopes of the father who suffered the tragedy and the younger sister of the boy are given here.

What is meant by the composite approach is that the same event should be looked at from different systems say Vimshottari, Jaimini Dasas, Tajaka (Annual horoscope) and transits; if family horoscopes are available they should be made use of. The famous Raj Jyotishis of earlier decades had this great advantage of not merely knowing the entire background of the native whose horoscope they were examining but had the horoscopes of the members of the entire family as well. The result was an intensive in-depth composite approach to astrological predictions.

My intention is not to under-rate the great astrological ability of those *raj-jyotishis* many of whom I met and many of whom have impressed me as men of impeccable intellectual honesty, experienced, skilled and very fast and generally accurate in their judgement and assessment of horoscopes. But, let me also record here, that given a stranger's horoscope, they took a traditional "view" of sins, vices and crimes and condemned people.

My own view has undergone lot of difference. Women who would be courtesans in earlier decades are today successful T. V. artistes, actresses and distinguished in public relations. To hang the entire ethical code of ancient times on the one nail of women's sexual chastity and ignore her many talents, some of them many-splendoured, is to ignore the emergence of the "new woman" of the post-independence era, as career-conscious as her male counterparts. True it has led to disastrous marriages. Truer it is that it has created a new class of faithful daughters who look after their parents better than sons.

But then I do not miss warning women that in a male-dominated society finally it is the

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male-manufactured socio-moral code that will be imposed on them and judgement pronounced on them on this basis.

Reverting to the composite approach see the horoscope of the father of a boy who died in a tragic accident on September 15th, 1989. The boy's horoscope not being available; the event is being traced retrospectively.

The story must begin from 1987 when the father of the boy gave me his horoscope. The afflicted 5th house and the Dasa of Moon-Jupiter could mean anything. No occasion arose to give him predictions. Once when he had met me in Delhi in 1988 he was as though suffering some mental torment (Moon-Rahu). Then too no prediction was given. He went back to Bhubaneshwar and then I learnt about the tragic event.

That event is being traced through composite approach in the absence of the boy's horoscope.

			SAT.(R) RAHU
VEN.(R)	RASI (Father)		MOON
			ASCDT.
MARS SUN KETU	MERC(R)		JUPIT. 4° 15 Putrakaraka

JUPIT.	SUN	KETU	MOON
VENUS	SAPTAMSA		
			ASCDT.
MARS	MERC. RAHU		SAT.

Father's

1. The heavily afflicted 5th house with the 6th lord, Saturn (retrograde) aspecting it was not a happy indication.

2. From Jupiter the 5th lord Saturn is aspected by the 8th lord, violent Mars.

3. The Dasa is of the Moon, lord of the 8th house from the 5th house. The sub-period is of the 5th lord Jupiter, in Mrityybhaga in which period the accident took place.

4. In Saptamsa the 5th lord, Jupiter, whose sub-period he was running, is in the 8th house aspected by Mars and Saturn.

5. On the day of the accident Saturn was in Sagittarius in the 5th house from the birth horoscope and Mars in Virgo was on Jupiter which is in Mrityu-bhaga receiving the aspect of Saturn in addition.

6. In Jaimini's Chara Dasa it was Kumbha-Vrischika from where the *putra-karaka* was in the 8th house. Those who know Jaimini Astrology can work on it further and see how Jaimini's Dasa system only confirms Vimshottari Dasa.

Sister's Horoscope

	MARS(R)		ASCDT. SAT.(R) KETU
JUPIT.	RASI (Sister)		MOON
VEN. RAHU		SUN MERC.(R)	

			JUPIT.
MOON RAHU	Sept. 15, 1989		
			SUN KETU
SAT.(R)		VENUS	MERC.(R) MARS

1. What can a retrograde 11th lord aspected by Mercury (also retrograde) mean? They are along 5/11 axis which is significant.

2. In Drekkana Mercury in the 5th aspects the 11th house while the 11th lord, Sun, is with Ketu. Does it indicate the tragedy?

	VENUS MARS	JUPIT.	SUN KETU
MERC.	Drekkana (Sister)		MOON
RAHU		ASCDT. SAT	

3. In Chara Dasa the girl was running Mesha-Tula, the 11th house from Lagna containing the 11th lord itself. In Jaimini such events become visible very fast and they invariably confirm the Vimshottari Dasa reading.

In fact I will go to the extent of saying that Jaimini's various Dasas pinpoint an event at a glance while in Vimshottari the approach can sometimes become circumlocutory.

Two batches of Visharad students here in the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Delhi have had the advantage of tracing events in different horoscopes through both Jaimini and Vimshottari Dasa systems. There is hope that in the nineties Astrology will have a type of revival through brilliant scientific minds as has been the wish of many genuine Indian patriotic-intellectuals.—61.90.

	Chara-Dasa Father's Kumbha-Vrischika
	Sister's Mesha-Tula 1989-90

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Astrology in Everyday Life

CYRUS D. F. ABAYAKOON

LANKA is a repository of ancient Indian occult knowledge which dates back to a Pre-Ravana period mentioned in the *Mahabharata*. Rishis Maya and Kasyapa who were born in the island of Sinhala (Lanka) have left us, through their disciples, remarkable methods of divination, black-magic and astro-biology. In this article I am placing before the readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, a translation of a rare palm-leaf manuscript on Electional Astrology.

Rishi Kasyapa has 28 asterisms unlike our 27 Vimshottari Nakshatra pointers from Aswini to Revati. The 20th asterism of Abhijit (Alpa Lyrae) has an important bearing on astrological forecasts, a point very often neglected by several students of Hindu Astrology. In our present systems Abhijit is given more than a local habitation and a name.

The 28 asterisms are divided into four sections or lunar stations. Each is named (1) Dharma (2) Artha (3) Kama and (4) Moksha. The following is the order of classification for the waxing half of the Moon from the Day of the Full Moon:-

1. Dharma—Aswini, Pushya, Bharani, Vishaka, Anuradha, Dhanishta and Satabhisha.

2. Artha—Bharani, Punarvasu, Magha, Swati, Jyeshta, Sravana and Poorva-Bhadrapada.

3. Kama—Krittika, Aridra, Poorva-Phalguna, Chitta, Moola, Abhijit and Uttara Bhadrapada.

4. Moksha—Rohini, Mrigasira, Uttara-Phalguna, Hasta, Poorva-Ashadha, Uttara-Ashadha and Revati.

The Nirayana solar mansions are required in this method of prognostication. They are classified under the same four divisions of Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha, *viz.:*

(1) Dharma—Aries, Scorpio and Sagittarius. (2) Artha—Taurus, Libra and Capricorn. (3) Kama—Gemini, Virgo and Aquarius. (4) Moksha—Cancer, Leo and Pisces.

The next step is for the reader to see in which sign the Sun is located and the Moon's position in the ruling asterism for the day. The undermentioned are the judgements for the Waning Moon period, according to the manuscript.

Sun in Dharma Section.—The Moon in Artha is good for horse-racing, the purchase and sale of horses and generally any equestrian business. There is no mishap or failure in any journey undertaken when the Moon is in Kama. It is fortunate for marriage, love and asking favours. Should the Moon be in Moksha, do not begin anything important. All your plans will go awry. Travel and every business venture brings unforeseen hitches when the Moon is also in Dharma. Example: Sun in Aries and waning Moon in Beta Arieties (0°: to 13° 20' Aries).

Sun in Artha Section.—Mixed benefits in any venture could be predicted when the Moon is in Kama aspect. The planting of cotton, the wearing of new apparel or whatsoever business connected with cloth and cotton succeeds when the Moon is in the Moksha mansions. Travel and missions are unfavourable under a Dharma Moon. When both planets are Artha everything falls flat. This combination is assuredly unfavourable for financial matters. Example: Sun in Libra and Moon in B Arieties (13. 20' to 26° 40' Aries).

Sun in Kama Section.—Music, art, love, marriage and all affairs that tend to produce pleasure succeed when there is a Moksha Moon. Travel and business enterprises are fa-

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voured during Dharma time. An Artha Moon is productive of disease and accidents. Avoid journeys and functions. A Kama Sun and a Kama Moon are inauspicious in all things. A violent end is possible Example: Sun in Aquarius and a waning Moon in Spica Virginis (23° 20' to 6° 40' Libra).

Sun in Moksha Section.—Quick results are obtained in all matters when a Dharma Moon rules. A journey undertaken produces unexpected gains. Little success attends your projects if the Artha Moon presides. Travel is favoured and the expected gain realized during a Kama time. A Moksha Sun and a Moksha Moon are certain indicators of death and disaster. Avoid all important and auspicious undertakings. Example: Sun in Pisces and the waning Moon in Zeta Piscium (16° 40' to 30° Pisces).

Second Section

This part deals with the period from the New Moon phase to the termination of the Full Moon. Here the divisions are Moksha, Kama, Artha and Dharma, a complete reversal of the order given in the first part. As any student of Astrology could easily prepare a chart from the one I have given, there is no necessity to dilate on this. The prognostics are as under:

Sun in Moksha Section:—Travel and undertakings bring desired results during a Dharma Moon. Affairs turn out better than expected. An Artha Moon brings quarrels, losses and other upsets. Travel should be avoided. Minor benefits in business and fair success in journeys result if a Kama Moon rules. A Moksha Sun and a Moksha Moon are excellent indicators of success in all projects. Plans bring both profit and pleasure. Example: Sun in Cancer and waxing Moon in Delta Corvi (10° to 23° 20' Virgo).

Sun in Kama Section.—Servants should be engaged when there is a Moksha Moon. Expected help is realised. In all things where the assistance of others is desired this combination should be selected. For marriage, sport and pleasure choose the waxing Moon in Dharma mansion. Diseases, dangers and upsets result if a journey is undertake at an Artha time. But the worst occurs when the project is initiated at an hour of a Kama Moon in a Kama Sun. Example: Sun in Virgo and waxing. Moon in Delta Leonis (13° 20' to 26° 40' Leo).

Sun in Artha Section.—A Kama Moon is inauspicious for travel and important undertakings. Ill-health, loss of money and increase of enemies are indicated. In all matters pertaining to love, marriage, favours, wearing of new apparel, music, art, drama or any similar venture choose the sure aspect of the waxing Moksha Moon. Everything is upset and much embarrassment caused when the Moon is Dharma. Beware of quarrels. Avoid litigation. An Artha Sun and an Artha Moon prognosticate quick and favourable results in every enterprise. This combination is especially suitable for journeys. Example: Sun in Capricorn and Moon in 41 Arieties (13° 20' to 26° 40' Aries).

Sun in Dharma Section.—It is auspicious for travel when the Moon is Artha. Whatever you undertake gives both profit and pleasure. Mixed benefits are shown when a Kama Moon rules. Better postpone important journey if you could possibly do so. Results are very bad at a time a Moksha Moon governs. Any undertaking or journey results in failure. Success attends your affairs when there is a Dharma Sun and a Dharma Moon. Example: Sun in Aries and a waxing Moon in Beta Arieties (0° to 13° 20' Aries).

It must be understood that these Sun and Moon positions are Nakshatra Yogas, two of the five important branches of the Panchanga in the study of Bhava-Karakatwa so important in the proper analysis of a horoscope be it Genethliacal, Horary, Esoteric, Electional, Mundane or Medical. Evil is reduced by the Nakshatra and the Yoga minimises the influences of weak planetary configurations. The Ceylon almanacs divide the 27 asterisms into Siddhi, Dagdha, Subha, Ava, Amruta and Mara Yogas according to the day of the week. This does not take into account the most important fact that Amrita, Siddhi, Shubha and Shodhaka are vital in any Daily Guide, for Ava, Mara and Visha Yogas could be neutralised by Graha-balas. The daily Karayogas are essential in the field of Electional Astrology. However, the Moon Guide I have recovered from total loss gives a safe indication to any reader who cannot, in an emergency, consult a competent astrologer. From that aspect the Karakatva method is a good insight into acumen of the ancient Hindu seers of Lanka.

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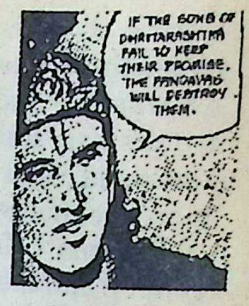

The War of Mahabharata

[In view of the keen interest created in ***The Mahabharata*** *by the telecast of the epic by Doordarshan we reproduce below an article by the late Prof. B. Suryanarain Rao from* THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, *July and August 1914— Editor]*

The war of Mahabharata seems to have been a colossal military affair. The political conditions before this destructive war appear to have been favourable for the luxurious growth of nations and the enjoyment of long peace to enable them to become effminate, haughty and godless. Almost all the civilised and important nations of the earth had ranged themselves on the one or the other side of the combatants and the collection of the best and most famous warriors of the age added great dignity and interest to the battles fought on the bloody field. According to the methods of warfare prevailing during those times, all the princes from the remotest corners of the world, collected, bringing with them *chaturanga-balas* composed of war chariots, elephants, cavalry and infantry. The war elephants seem to have been armed from head to foot with steel plates, with *howdas*, provided with seats for four warriors and two attendants for their conduct. The infantry was similarly clothed with mail suits and the cavalry was well-mounted on the most spirited horses available at the time. The warriors themselves, mostly belonging to the Kshatriya classes, were men of extraordinary strength, agility, skill and tact, and did not flinch an inch from the ground they occupied during the battles so furiously waged by the parties engaged. There were 18 *Akshohinis* of troops, eleven of which belonged to the Kauravas and seven were ranged on the side of the Pandavas. The most famous generals were equally ranged on both sides and we shall name some of them here for ready reference.

We have referred to this most destructive war with a view to draw some comparisons with the colossal war which has just begun in the European continent and whose military dimensions if the war is continued, may even eclipse those of the Mahabharata War. The greatest powers of the world are now engaged, and if they fight to the bitter end, the geography of the present day would have to be considerably changed and God alone knows, what alternations will be effected in the status of the political personages engaged in this gigantic struggle for existence. Among the renowned warriors and generals of the Mahabharata, the venerable Bhishma stands as the foremost man, both for the unrivalled generalship and military capacity, and also for the philosophic wisdom and divine knowledge he possessed. This rare combination of the highest military genius with the development of the most profound divine wisdom has never been equalled or surpassed by any other character in the world's annals, and the only warrior and sage who could be compared to Bhishma or who stands even in greater military and philosophical glory, is the renowned monkey general and ambassador, Anjaneya or Hanuman, whose character, as represented in the greatest and oldest epic of India *viz., Ramayana*, by Valmiki stands most prominent, for all virtues which could adorn any man in the world and which have invested his name with the sacredness which he richly deserves if they are true. When Bhishma lay on the bed of arrows prepared by Arjuna, and waited patiently for death for the approach of Uttarayana or the solar entry into Capricornus, from whence there is a tangible change in his mysterious rays, developing divine forces for the benefit of mankind, the arch diplomat and the divine incarnate Sri Krishna, emphatically observed to Dharma Raja or Yud-

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histira, the eldest of the Pandava Princes, that as Bhishma was the greatest Yogi and the greatest warrior, and as all the recondite and sacred morals were well known to him, and as nobody in the world could replace such a venerable saintly man after his death, he must learn all the secrets of Dharma before the death of that renowned general and therefore advised him and his brothers to repair to him and beg of him to divulge all the most valuable knowledge he possessed. No greater compliment could be conceived for any great man, than the one paid to him by the greatest of men and the incarnation of Sri Maha Vishnu, *viz.*, Sri Krishna. He alone, for who else can fathom the depth of Bhishma's knowledge and greatness so well, knew the value of Bhishma's unfathomable lore.

Bhishma though equally related to both the belligerents, joined the ranks of the Kauravas, and often it has been remarked that knowing the justness of the cause of the Pandavas, the old general committed a great blunder in casting his lot with the tyrannical party which was sure to lose its prestige and kingdom, for the help that Krishna was ready to give to the cause of the Pandavas and justice would certainly win victory for them. It behoves a great General to fight for the master whose salt he has eaten, without reference to its consequences. The justness or the injustice of the cause of a sovereign, has to be judged by the Master above all the Sovereigns, and not by the soldiers and generals who are to fight under him as servants and who have been brought up and protected by the prince. He was appointed as the Generalissimo of the Kaurava forces and commanded the army for ten days, with a valour, tact, ability and prudence that the Pandavas did not gain a single battle or any advantage although their forces contained some of the greatest warriors of the age. Dharma Raja, Bhima, Arjuna, Nakula, Sahadeva, Satyaki, Abhimanyu, Ghatotkacha and others were celebrated heroes and each of them was able enough to annihilate a whole army by his own prowess. Added to this, they had the greatest assistance from the advice of Sri Krishna, whose profound tact and divine power was only completely known to Bhishma, so much so, that before the war began he frankly remarked that before the fire of Sri Krishna's *chakram* or the peculiar round weapon the Incarnate held, no fly of a man could successfully fight and all warriors have to only rush into that divine fire like so many moths and be burnt to death by it. Krishna promised not to use it during the war of *Mahabharata* and Bhishma swore on that promise that he would make the Incarnate wield it by the force of his powerful arm.

There were 18 Akshohinies of forces gathered together on the battle field of Kurukshetra where five small rivers ran. We have personally inspected the vast area which extends over 45 miles, where this great war was conducted and Karna, one of the greatest heroes of the war and Generalissimo for two days on the Kaurava side after Dronacharya, shut up three rivers and levelled the ground for the convenient movements of the hostile armies and the war chariots, elephants and cavalry.

We shall give here a rough estimate of the actual numbers of the fighting forces, and leave our readers to judge of the vast extent to which human and animal lives were sacrificed on the altar of the shrine of war.

An Akshohini was composed of the following *chaturangabalas* as detailed in the Sanskrit *Mahabharata*.

War chariots	21870
Elephants	21870
Horses	65610
Infantry	109350

The war chariots were drawn generally by two horses, with one or two warriors inside, with a driver called *Sarathi*, and an assistant to take his place should he die. Thus for each chariot, there were not less than 3 warriors and often there were more. Several chariots of greater generals were drawn by four or six horses, in which case the number of attendants must have been proportionately great. The elephants had each not less than six fighting men, and their number must have been very great. Cavalry was well mounted and each horse had only one man.

The infantry was well armed with bows, arrows, javelins, swords and other military fire arms and if these divisions are taken we find the number of men for each Akshohini as follows:

Chariot men	65610
Elephant men	131220
Cavaliers	65610
and Infantry	109350
	371790

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Saturn-Jupiter Nexus in Mundane Astrology

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WHILE discussing the 10th house prospects of the Indian Independence chart in "World Trends and Tensions in 1989" in the January 1989 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, DR. B. V. RAMAN observed editorially that the country appeared to be in for a significant and even unexpected transformation in the political scene in Delhi. Drawing an analogy from the past in November 1970 when Jupiter and Saturn were in opposition involving Aries and Libra signs which resulted in the Parliament being dissolved in December 1970, DR. B. V. RAMAN expected a very disturbing effect on the natural as well as political weather especially in India immediately after 10-9-1989 when the Jupiter and Saturn opposition was to occur involving Gemini and Sagittarius as 4th and 10th houses from India's ruling sign (Virgo).

The Jupiter-Saturn opposition involving Aries and Libra signs paved the way for the massive victory of Indira Gandhi in the Lok Sabha polls within three months of this opposition followed by the historic victory of India in the December 1971 war of Bangla Desh. In 1989 within three months from the Jupiter-Saturn opposition, the Lok Sabha elections were held with the most surprising results. The Congress (I) emerged as the single largest party with 193 members and but it was not in a position to form the Government at the Centre either on its own strength or with the help of alliance parties which had a strength of 14. The second largest single party Janata Dal with a strength of 141, on an assurance of outside support from the BJP (99 seats) and the Leftist alliance (51 seats), was allowed to form the Government at the Centre. This was the first time that no single party emerged with sufficient strength to form a Government at the Centre on its own. This was also the first time that the South and North-Eastern parts totally rejected the Opposition while other parts of the country totally rejected the ruling Congress (I). The results of the 9th Lok Sabha polls were quite erratic and the post-poll events were also no less erratic. All these events clearly justified the prediction of unexpected political weather as visualised by Dr. Raman almost a year in advance.

The Jupiter-Saturn opposition in 1970-71 and in 1989 gave results on the lines envisaged by DR. B. V. RAMAN. Let us examine the rationale behind this theory.

According to Parasara when Saturn is in Krittika and Jupiter is in Visakha it may give rise to political upheavals. According to Devala, Jupiter and Saturn transitting together in any of the signs Pisces, Sagittarius, Virgo or Gemini may cause upheavals. Varaha Mihira and Garga have held Venus-Jupiter opposition as causing drought and political upheaval. Apparently, there is no textual authority in support of the theory propounded by DR. B. V. RAMAN as far as my knowledge goes. Assuming that the Jupiter-Saturn opposition in a dual sign may give almost the same results as when both of them combine together in any of the dual signs, we may infer that the Jupiter-Saturn opposition in Gemini/Sagittarius axis or in Virgo-Pisces axis may cause a disturbing effect on the natural and political weather but this cannot support Jupiter-Saturn opposition in cardinal and fixed signs also as giving similar results. Let us examine some important events to test these theories.

In 1901, the Jupiter-Saturn combination in

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the dual fiery sign of Sagittarius gave severe famine. In 1905 Lord Curzon divided Bengal. Saturn was then in Aquarius and Jupiter was transitting Aries and Taurus signs. In 1911 Saturn in Aries and Jupiter in Libra got the partition of Bengal annulled which was the first instance of the resounding victory of nationalist forces. Assam, Bihar and Orissa were separated from Bengal and Delhi was made the new capital of India. In 1912 when Saturn was in Taurus and Jupiter in Scorpio, revolutionaries attempted the assassination of Viceroy Hardinge through a bomb blast. In 1920 and 1921 when Mahatma Gandhi launched the Civil Disobedience Movement Saturn and Jupiter were together in Leo and Virgo. In February, 1922 after Chaurachori incident when the Movement was called off by Gandhi both Jupiter and Saturn were in Virgo. In 1922, the Swarajya Party was formed in protest against Mahatma Gandhi's policies. On 5th March 1931 when the Gandhi-Irwin Pact was signed promising Dominion status to India, Saturn was in Sagittarius and Jupiter in Gemini. The Gandhi-Irwin Pact was opposed by all leftist elements. The following year, Mahatma Gandhi himself realised the follies of his high hopes. In January 1932 when Gandhi himself resorted to Civil Disobedience Movement for the second time Saturn was in Capricorn and Jupiter was in Cancer. It was during Saturn-Jupiter opposition in Capricorn/Cancer axis that the Peasants' Movement in Kashmir and Alwar states began. Separate electorate policy for separate communities was announced by the British Government which ultimately led to the partition of India. In 1948 a few days before Saturn and Jupiter were to combine in Aries a separate homeland for Indian Muslims known as Pakistan was announced. When both Jupiter and Saturn were in Aries, the Congress agreed to support the British Government on the condition that India would get independence after the War. The British Government rejected the Mahatma's offer. The Mahatma started the third Civil Disobedience Movement in October 1940 which was foiled by the British. In March 1942 when Sir Stafford Cripps came to India with a definite plan of Dominion status, Saturn and Jupiter had combined in Taurus. At the time of the August 1942 Movement, Saturn was in Taurus but Jupiter had moved into erratic Gemini. In August 1947 at the time of independence, Saturn was in Cancer and Jupiter in Libra. When India became a Republic on 26-1-1950 Saturn was in Leo and Jupiter in Capricorn. In 1951-52 when Jupiter was in Pisces and Saturn in Virgo the first Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections were held. The Congress got about 75 p.c. Lok Sabha seats, leftist parties got 10 p.c. seats, right-socialists got 5 p.c. seats, Jan Sangh, Hindu Mahasabha and Ram Rajya Parishad got 5 p.c. seats.

In November 1956 when the states were reorganised Jupiter was in Virgo and Saturn in Scorpio. In the Lok Sabha elections of 1957 also Jupiter and Saturn were in the same two signs. The Congress further strengthened its position in the second Lok Sabha and State Assembly polls but it was for the first time that a Communist Government was also formed in Kerala State. In August 1959, the Swatantra Party was formed when Jupiter was in Scorpio and Saturn was in Sagittarius. In February 1969, the third Lok Sabha elections were held while Jupiter and Saturn combined in Capricorn. The Congress got 361 out of 520 seats in the Lok Sabha. When China invaded India in 1962 Saturn was in Capricorn, Mars in Gemini and Jupiter, in Aquarius. In December 1965, when Pakistan invaded India, Jupiter was in Gemini and Saturn in Aquarius and Mars was in Capricorn. At the time of the 4th Lok Sabha poll in February 1967, the Congress (R) got 54 per cent seats. Out of 17 states, 9 states slipped out of the hands the Congress. They were Kerala, West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab, U.P., Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana. A new era of United Front Government began when Jupiter was in Cancer and Saturn in Pisces. In March 1971, the 5th Lok Sabha elections were held in which Congress (R) secured an absolute two-third majority when Jupiter was in Scorpio and Saturn in Aries. In December 1971 when war began over the Bangladesh issue, Jupiter was in Scorpio, Saturn in Taurus and Mars was in Aquarius. In June 1975 when Jupiter and Mars were in Pisces and Saturn in Gemini squaring them, the Allahabad High Court set aside the election of Mrs. Indira Gandhi which was followed by the Emergency. In January 1977, when Jupiter was retrograde in Aries and Saturn was retrograde in Cancer, Mrs. Gandhi got the Lok Sabha poll

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Political Accords: An Astrological Assessment — II*

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IT IS proposed to discuss here internal agreements, that is agreements between the Indian Government and constituent states. For agreements with foreign countries, we had considered the 3rd, the 7th and the 10th houses. But in the case of internal agreements, we have to study different houses, as it involves the constituent states and its people.

In a national horoscope the 2nd house represents the constituent states. The 7th house from the 2nd, that is, the 8th house represents accords and agreements with the particular states. Agreements are usually made between the Central Government and prominent organisations or prominent individuals of constituent states, which or who are represented by the 4th house from the 2nd (that is the 5th house in the 2nd's horoscope).

India's Horoscope

Date 15-8-1947 *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant and Rahu; Gemini - Mars; Cancer - the Moon, Mercury, Venus and Sun; Libra - Jupiter; and Scorpio - Ketu.

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Clashes and disputes are shown by the 6th house. For peaceful conditions and agreements it is essential that in transit the 6th house should be aspected by malefics. Also the 9th house denotes matters related to religion, temples, churches, immigration, holy places of worship. Usually clashes are due to religious matters and so, for a peaceful settlement of these issues the 9th house in a country's horoscope should be aspected by benefic planets at the time of an agreement.

Thus we have seen that for reaching agreements with constituent states the following factors should be considered:

1. At the time of signing an agreement, the 5th, the 8th and the 10th houses should be mutually related in transit or (a) the 8th lord Jupiter should aspect the 5th house or the 5th lord Mercury; (b) the 10th lord Saturn should aspect the 8th house or 8th lord Jupiter; (c) the 10th lord Saturn should aspect the 5th house or 5th lord Mercury; and (d) the 5th lord Mercury should aspect the 10th house or the 10th lord Saturn.

2. The 6th house denoting internal disputes and clashes should be aspected by malefics Rahu or Mars.

3. The 9th house denoting religious matters should be aspected by benefics Jupiter, Venus and Mercury.

4. There should be some aspect between lord of disputes Mars and the benefic planets Venus, Jupiter or Mercury.

5. Saturn should aspect Rahu in transit.

Dasa Considerations

In India's horoscope the 2nd house denotes the constituent states. So, considering the 2nd house as Ascendant, the 6th house from the 2nd, that is the 7th house denotes disputes and clashes in the state. The 12th from this, that is, the 6th house denotes the ending of disputes. So, in the Bhukti of 6th lord Venus or Rahu who is placed in the Rasi of Venus there will be agreements between the Indian Government and the states. Moreover Venus is also the significator of peace and agreements.

In the Independence chart, Saturn is the 10th lord denoting the Central Government and is aspecting the 5th house (4th from 2nd). Thus he correlates the 10th house with the 5th or, in other words, the Central

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Government is related to the public or the constituent state by Saturn. So, in Saturn Bhukti agreements are possible.

Mars aspects the 8th house (which is the 7th from the 2nd denoting the state agreements) who also aspects the 5th house (4th from the 2nd). Thus the 8th house and the 5th houses are mutually related by Mars and so agreements are possible in Mars Bhukti.

The Moon and Ketu are placed in the Nakshatra of Saturn. They will give partly the results of Saturn. Agreements are possible in the Dasa or Bhukti of the Moon and Ketu.

Summarising the above we see that the Dasa, Bhukti of Rahu, Saturn, Mars, Moon and Ketu can produce agreements with states. Now let us study a few internal agreements in the light of these factors.

***Example 1:* The Gorkhaland Agreement of 22-8-1988**

This was an important agreement reached between the Central Government and Gorkha Land Union. This agreement was made in Ketu Dasa, Saturn Bhukti, both being the significators of internal agreements.

Transit Positions: *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant and Jupiter; Gemini - Venus; Leo - Mercury, Ketu and the Sun; Scorpio - the Moon; Sagittarius - Saturn; Aquarius - Rahu; and Pisces - Mars.

(a) The 8th lord Jupiter aspects the 5th house; (b) the 10th lord Saturn is present in the 8th house; (c) the 10th lord Saturn is aspecting the 5th house; (d) the 5th lord Mercury is aspecting the 10th house; (e) the 6th house is aspected by Mars and Rahu (9th aspect); (f) the 9th house is aspected by benefic Jupiter; (g) the lord of disputes, Mars, is aspecting the lord of peace, Venus; and (h) Saturn is aspecting Rahu.

Thus all the conditions are fulfilled.

***Example 2:* The Punjab Accord of 24-7-1985**

This accord was signed in Ketu Dasa, Mars Bhukti. Both are significators of agreements.

Transit Positions: *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant and Venus; Cancer - the Sun and Mars; Leo - Mercury; Libra - the Moon, Ketu and Saturn; Capricorn - Jupiter (R) and Aries - Rahu.

(a) The 8th lord Jupiter aspects the 5th house; (b) the 10th lord Saturn aspects the 8th house; (c) the 5th lord Mercury aspects the 10th house; (d) Mars and Rahu aspect the 6th house which Saturn occupies; (e) the 9th house is occupied by benefic Jupiter; (f) the lord of disputes, Mars is debilitated and combust. Also it is aspected by Jupiter; and (g) there is mutual opposition between Saturn and Rahu.

So all the conditions for reaching agreements are fulfilled.

***Example 3:* The Assam Accord of 15-8-1985**

[This accord was reached in Ketu Dasa, Rahu Bhukti both planets being the significators of accords.

Transit Positions: *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant; Gemini - Venus; Cancer - the Sun, the Moon, Mars and Mercury; Libra - Saturn and Ketu; Capricorn - Jupiter (R); and Aries - Rahu.

(a) The 8th lord Jupiter aspects the 5th house and the 5th lord Mercury; (b) the 10th lord Saturn aspects the 8th house; (c) the 10th lord Saturn aspects the 5th lord Mercury; (d) the 6th house is aspected by Mars, Ketu and Saturn are in it; (e) the 9th house is occupied by Jupiter and aspected by Mercury; (f) Mars is associated with Mercury and aspected by Jupiter; and (g) there is mutual opposition between Saturn and Rahu.

Here also, the conditions for accords are satisfied.

***Example 4:* Naga Problem settled on 11-11-1975**

This accord was reached in Mercury Dasa, Rahu Bhukti.

Transit Positions: *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant; Gemini - Mars (R); Cancer - Saturn; Virgo - Venus; Libra - the Sun, Mercury and Rahu; Capricorn - the Moon; Pisces - Jupiter (R); and Aries - Ketu.

(a) The 8th lord Jupiter aspects the 5th house; (b) the 8th lord Jupiter aspects the 10th lord Saturn; (c) the 10th lord Saturn aspects the 5th house; (d) Rahu and the Sun are in the 6th house; (e) the 9th house is occupied by benefic Moon; (f) Mars is aspecting Venus; and (g) Saturn squares Rahu.

Thus nearly all the conditions are fulfilled. In conclusion, it can be said that we can astrologically foresee important international, as well as internal agreements which are aimed at creating an atmosphere of peace and amity.—257.89.

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Pushkara Navamsa

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STUDENTS of Hindu Astrology are now showing keen interest in the subject of Navamsas. Luckily some rare books *Chandra Kala Nadi, Vidyamadhaviyam, Nadi* and *Prasna Marga* have given verses dealing with Navamsa which are useful in delineation without narrowing the trum of prediction.

The late Mr. K. M. Kharegat of Bombay had tedly requested his students to take up the of Navamsa seriously.

After reading some of my papers on Navamsa astrologer friend wrote to me "Your paper is hensive, useful and splendid. The paper have been complete, had you touched aramsa which is important in fixing the rta of any auspicious activity". This in- me to take up further studies when I cam Pushkara Navamsa in *Vidyamadhaviyam*, I, pages 30-31, wherein this Navamsas is d. During the last 44 years I have come it only once in *Vidyamadhaviyam* (Sarva- h). No standard book has thrown any light shkara Navamsa.

Pushkaramsa has two meanings, depending context:

(1) Pushkaramsa is a particular degree (one each of the twelve signs. It is also known shkarabhaga, which is used for auspicious when a Muhurta, a birth or any other point is considered. According to *Muhurta* meaning "The degrees 21°, 14°, 24°, 7°, 21°, 14°, 7°, 21°, 14°, 24° and 7° in Mesha and the following signs respectively are called Pushkaramsas (or Pushkarabhaga)". They are useful for fixing Pushkara Muhurta for auspicious activities in general. The same Pushkara degrees are also mentioned in *Vidyamadhaviyam, Kalamritam* and *Kalavidhanam*.

(2) Puskaramsa also means Pushkara-Navamsa - a particular Navamsa (an arc of 3° 20' as apposed to 1°) in a sign which is very auspicious.

All Pushkaramsas (one particular degree) in the twelve signs fall in Pushkara Navamsa which may be noted:

21° Mesha sign falls in Thula Navamsa; 14° in Vrishabha sign falls in Vrishabha Navamsa; 24° in Mithuna sign falls in Vrishabha Navamsa; and 7° in Kataka sign falls in Kanya Navamsa. (Similarly degrees of trine signs fall accordingly).

Vidhyamadhaviyam Part I **P. 30-31.**

मेषसिंहचापेष सप्तमनवमौ ।
वृषकन्यामृगेषु पञ्चमतृनीयौ ।
मिथुनतुलाकुम्भेष्वष्ठमषष्ठौ ।
कर्किकीटमीनेष्वाद्य तृतीयौ ।
एते पुष्कर संज्ञा नवांशाः॥

In Mesha-Simha and Dhanus signs the 7th Navamsa (Thula) and the 9th Navamsa (Dhanus); in Vrishabha, Kanya and Makara the 5th Navamsa (Vrishabha) and the 3rd Navamsa (Meena); in Mithuna, Thula and Kumbha signs, the 6th Navamsa (Meena) and the 8th Navamsa (Vrishabha); and in Kataka, Vrischika and Meena signs the 1st Navamsa (Kataka) and the 3rd Navamsa (Kanya) are called Pushkara Navamsas.

नवांशो मनुश्चैव जनाश्च मुनयः क्रमात् ।
मीनपर्यन्तं पुष्करांशाः प्रकीर्तिताः ।

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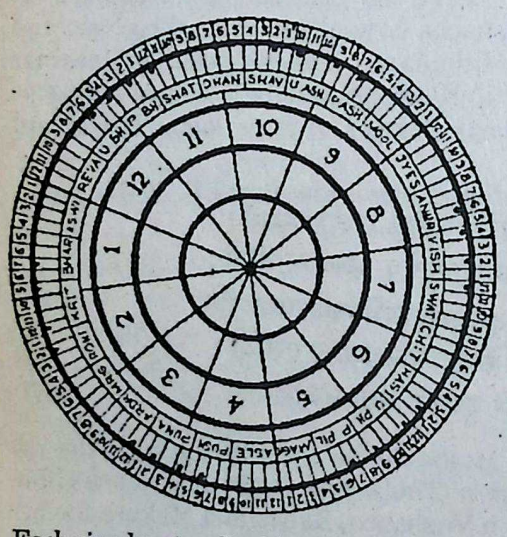
Rasis (signs)	Navamsa
Mesha - Simha	The 7th Navamsa - Thula *i.e.*, from 20° to 23° 20';
and Dhanus signs	The 9th Navamsa - Dhanus *i.e.*, from 26° 40' to 30°
Vrishabha - Kanya	The 3rd Navamsa - Meena *i.e.*, from 6° 40' to 10°;
and Makara signs	The 5th Navamsa - Vrishabha *i.e.*, from 13° 20' to 16° 40'
Mithuna - Thula	The 6th Navamsa Meena *i.e.*, from 16° 40' to 20° 00';
and Kumbha signs	The 8th Navamsa Vrishabha *i.e.*, from 23° 20' to 26° 40';
Kataka - Vrischika	The 1st Navamsa Kataka *i.e.*, from 00° to 3° 20';
and Meena signs	The 3rd Navamsa Kanya *i.e.*, from 6° 40' to 10° 00'.

In the composite circular chart, the outer circle of the disc indicates Navamsas, the third inner circle shows constellations (Nakshatras) and the fifth inner circle indicates signs. Signs and Navamsas are marked numerically as (1) Mesha; (2) Vrishabha; (3) Mithuna; (4) Kataka; upto Meena (12) in clockwise direction.

All the 14 Pushkara Navamsas of the zodiac are marked with a dot below the respective Navamsa signs at proper places in the circular chart for convenience.



Each sign has two Pushkara Navamsas. There are in all, 12 x 2 = 24 Pushkara Navamsas in the zodiac. They are all *subha* Navamsas, owned by benefic planets and produce auspicious results in Muhurta, natal, *prasna* and other matters.

Out of the 24, three Pushkara Navamsas are *Vargottama viz.*, Vrishabha Navamsa (the fifth one) in Vrishabha sign, Kataka Navamsa (the first one) in Kataka sign and Dhanus Navamsa (the ninth one) in Dhanus sign. Any planet posited therein bestows very good results.

In standard texts Pushkara Navamsas are rarely used while they are freely used in *Chandra Kala Nadi*.

1. *Jataka Parijata* Chp. VII, Verse 252:

वर्गोत्तमे वा यदि पुषकरांशे सारेब्दुदेवेन्द्रगुरौ नृप।
कर्मस्थिते शोभनदृष्टियुक्ते संपुर्णगात्रे शाशिनि क्षिती।

meaning, (1) When Jupiter in conjunction with Mars and the Moon occupies a Vargottama or Pushkara Navamsa, the person born is a king.

(ii) When the full-Moon aspected by benefic planets is posited in the 10th house, a ruler of land is born.

(It may be noted that Pushkara Navamsa is equated with Vargottama).

(b) *Chandrakala Nadi* Vol. II, Part I, page 11 Verse 77·

केन्द्रत्रिकोणगे जीवे पष्करांशे सुभाव्यवान्।
षष्टाष्टमव्ययांशस्ते दुर्बलो पुत्रशोकवान्॥

meaning, Jupiter in Kendra or Kona in Pushkara Navamsa makes a native very lucky (wealthy). But, if the sign of the Pushkara Navamsa occupied by Jupiter falls in the Rasi chart in the 6th, the 8th or 12th house (Shastamse, Ashtamse, Vyayamse), the native (in addition to being wealthy) is emaciated (weak in health) and grieves on account of bereavement (death of a son).

(a) Suppose in a chart of Libra Ascendant, Jupiter is posited in the 10th house (in Cancer sign is exaltation) in Virgo Navamsa which falls in the 12th house in the Rasi chart, so both conditions are fulfilled.

(b) Suppose, in a chart of Libra Ascendant, Jupiter is in the 9th house (in Gemini sign) in Taurus Navamsa which is also Ashtamsa - Nidhanamsa.

(c) Suppose, in a chart of Libra Ascendant, Jupiter is in the Ascendant (Libra sign) in Pisces Navamsa which is also Shastamsa.

In all the above three examples, the native will get both good and bad results.

(3) *Chandrakala Nadi* Vol. II, Part I, P. 12 Verse 79: रव्यादयो ग्रहा सर्वे पुष्करांशे प्रजायते।
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rgala pplication — II*

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HE next important item of the Argala exposition is the classification of the Argala Rajayogas which would be of use essage the probability of becoming distin- ed personalities of national or interna- l importance and eminence. The following e four categories of the Argala Rajayogas e descending order.

Poornargala
Tripadargala
Ardhargala
Padargala

e source of information of my ensuing retation of the classified Argala Rajayo- Phalaratnamala, a Sanskrit verse exposi- f the Jaimini system of Astrology, au- d by Krishna Mishra.

ornaargalaanaam charabhe yutow syaat
tripaadaargalatah sthirarkshe
dwe tadhaardhaargalato dhavaa syaat
hargalaadwaa manujasya yogaha
ornaargala ssyaat tritayasya yoge
nnamaahuhu duritayasya tadwat
a chaardhaargala samjnita ssyaat
subhaihi paadamiti bruvanti

e important point worth remembering is ese classified Argala Rajayogas are con- d with the Yogada, that is, A.P.-4, A.P.-5 A.P.-6, analysed in the previous part.

Poornargala Rajayoga: This is the case of ogada being in the cardinal sign (Chara Now reckon the Argala signs from the . If any three Argala signs coinciding the cardinal, fixed and dual signs, are d by the planets, the S.A.Y., so formed is called the Poornargala Rajayoga. This Yoga is valid when the corresponding V.A.S. lie vacant or unobstructed by the weaker or less number of planets in the V.A.S.

2. Tripadargala Rajayoga: This is the case of the Yogada being in the fixed sign. Now reckon the Argala signs from the Yogada. If any two Argala signs coinciding with the cardinal and fixed, or cardinal and dual, or fixed and dual, are occupied by the planets, the S.A.Y. so formed is called the Tripadargala Rajayoga. This is valid when the corresponding V.A.S. lie vacant or when unobstructed by the weaker planets or less number of planets in the V.A.S. The Tripadargala Rajayoga becomes the Poornargala Rajayoga, when any other Argala sign also is involved by the occupancy of the planets.

3. Ardhargala Rajayoga: This is the case of the Yogada being in the dual sign. Now reckon the Argala signs from the Yogada. If any Argala sign is occupied by the planets, the S.A.Y. is called the Ardhargala Rajayoga. If one more Argala sign is involved, the Ardhargala becomes the Tripadargala. If two more Argala signs are involved in the Ardhargala Rajayoga, the Ardhargala becomes the Poornargala Rajayoga.

4. Padargala Rajayoga: When the 5th or 9th Argala sign from the Yogada is occupied by benefic planets or by a malefic, if exalted while the corresponding V.A.S. lies absolutely vacant, a Padargala Rajayoga is formed. The Padargala has an access in all the three categories. The involvement of the Padargala would in any case, catalyse the class of the Argala Rajayoga, to bring about good reputation or fame.

Persons born under the Poornargala and Tripadargala Rajayogas become distinguished per-

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sonalities at national or the international level. Those born under the Ardhargala and Padargala Rajayogas will be well-placed in life and may occupy high posts of national importance. Apropos, I give below some extended principles of the Ardhargala and Padargala Rajayogas.

1. Benefics in the 10th, and 5th or 9th, when the 4th lies vacant—Padargala

2. Benefics in the 7th and 5th or 9th - Padargala

3. Exalted Yogada or the Yogada associated with or aspected by the exalted planet - Padargala.

4. The Moon associated with the Yogada and the occupancy of the benefics in the 12th, when the 4th and 8th are not occupied by the benefics - Padargala.

5. Benefics in the moolatrikona house of the Yogada - Padargala.

6. Involvement of two Argala signs in the Padargala gives the Ardhargala. This relates to the Yogada in a cardinal sign.

Illustrations:

Chart 1: Mahatma Gandhi, D.B. = 2-10-1869. Birth Ascendant = Libra 13° and Moon = 4s 1° 10'.

The J.L. is Libra. The Moon aspects J.L. in Rasi chart and D.L. in Drekkana chart. Hence the Moon becomes the Yogada belonging to the A.P.-5. The Moon is in Leo which is a fixed sign. From the Moon, the 2nd P.A.S. Virgo (dual) is occupied by the Sun and the 4th P.A.S. Scorpio (fixed) is occupied by Saturn. Since the fixed and dual signs are involved in the formation of S.A.Y. from the Yogada in a fixed sign, the S.A.Y. is called the Tripadargala Rajayoga. This Tripadargala Rajayoga has become the Poornargala Rajayoga by virtue of the 3rd sign involvement by the occupancy of Jupiter in the 9th S.A.S. Aries. Since cardinal, fixed and the dual signs are involved, the Poornargala Yoga can be deemed as perfect. Besides the Poornargala Rajayoga, a Nirabhasargala Yoga is formed by the malefic Mars getting the highest degrees of the three planets in the 3rd S.A.S. from the Yogada. Gandhiji was one of the few great world personalities and was acclaimed as Mahatma by the whole world. He was a famous autobiographer too.

	JUPIT.		
	Chart 1 RASI Gandhiji		RAHU
KETU			MOON
	SAT.	ASCDT. VENUS MERC. MARS	SUN

Chart 2: Pandit Nehru: 14-11-1989

In Chart 2 of Pandit Nehru, J.L. is Cancer. The Sun aspects J.L. in Rasi chart and N.L. in Navamsa chart. Hence the Sun becomes the Yogada belonging to the A.P.-5. The Sun is in Scorpio which is a fixed sign. Reckoned from the Sun, the 11th P.A.S. Virgo (dual) is occupied by Mars, and the 9th S.A.S. Cancer (cardinal) is occupied by the benefic Moon, forming the Tripadargala Rajayoga. Reckoned in reverse from the Sun, the 2nd P.A.S. Libra (cardinal) is occupied by Mercury and Venus, the 4th P.A.S. Leo (fixed) is occupied by Saturn, and the 5th S.A.S. Cancer (cardinal) is occupied by the benefic Moon forming the Poornargala Rajayoga. Nehru was a politician, statesman and author of many books. He earned international repute as the Prime Minister for three full terms. He had a magnetic personality.

			RAHU
	Chart 2 RASI Pt. Nehru		ASCDT. MOON
			SAT.
JUPIT. KETU	SUN	MERC. VENUS	MARS

Chart 3: Indira Gandhi: 19-11-1917 Birth Ascendant Cancer 27° 6'; Mercury 7s 13°.

In Chart 3 of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, J.L. is Cancer. Mercury aspects J.L. in Rasi chart and D.L. in Drekkana Chart. Hence Mercury becomes the Yogada belonging to A.P.-5. Mercury is in Scorpio which is a fixed sign. Reckoned in reverse from Mercury the 4th P.A.S. Leo (fixed) is occupied by Mars, and the 4th P.A.S. Capricorn (cardinal) is occupied by the Moon forming Tripadargala Rajayoga. Mrs. Gandhi was also the Prime Minister for three full terms of international fame.

		JUPIT.	KETU
	Chart 3 RASI Indira Gandhi		ASCDT. SAT.
MOON			MARS
VENUS RAHU	SUN MERC.		

Chart 4: Swami Vivekananda. Born 12-1-1863 Birth Ascendant - Sagittarius 25° and Saturn 5s 13°.

The J.L. is Dhanus. Saturn aspects J.L. in Rasi chart and N.L. in Navamsa chart. Hence

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becomes the belonging to The Yogada Virgo (dual) and associated with the From Saturn, 2nd, 4th and the signs are involved Poornargala Ra- Note the 5th is occupied by two benefics *viz.*, Mercury Venus. Swami Vivekananda was a great soul who stirred the world with his and lectures on philosophy.

	MARS	KETU	
	Chart 4 RASI Swami Vivekananda		
MERC. VENUS			
ASCDT. SUN	RAHU	JUPIT.	MOON SAT.

Chart 5: Mr. V. P. Singh. D.B. 25-6-1931 at a.m. Birth Ascendant - Cancer 3°.

had predicted that Mr. V. P. Singh "may be led to the high- office in the coun- on page 5-39 of ASTROLOGICAL , May 1988 basis of the and Divya I have veri- Sanskrit com- ary on Argala, time back in a nativities. When I found a similar yoga horoscope of Mr. Singh, I made a sure pre- unmindful of the then existing political on with favour or prejudice to none. The Cancer. Venus, the lord of the sign occu- the Moon, aspects J.L. and Moon. Hence becomes the Yogada belonging to A.P.-4. is in a fixed sign. From Venus, the 2nd Gemini (dual) is occupied by the Sun and ry, and the 4th P.A.S. Leo (fixed) is occu- Mars forming a Tripadargala Rajayoga. Venus is A.P.-4, the Yoga gains its strength the Yogada is in own house and has the of the exalted Jupiter and the benefic Hence the yoga him to the Prime Minis- predicted.

RAHU		VENUS	SUN MERC.
	Chart 5 RASI V. P. singh		ASCDT. JUPIT.
			MARS
SAT.		MOON	KETU

Chart 6: Mr. Born 29-8- Birth Ascen- Libra 26°. J.L. is Libra. aspects J.L.

	MARS	MOON	RAHU
	Chart 6 RASI R.K. Hegde		MERC. VENUS
JUPIT.			SUN
KETU		ASCDT. SAT.	

in Rasi and N.L. in Navamsa Chart. Hence the Moon becomes the Yogada belonging to A.P.-5. The Moon is in Taurus which is a fixed sign. From the Moon, the 4th P.A.S. Leo (fixed) is occupied by the Sun and the 9th S.A.S. Capricorn (cardinal) is occupied by Jupiter. Hence the S.A.Y is the Tripadargala Rajayoga. That the Yogada is exalted and is aspected by the exalted Saturn and by two benefics *viz.*, Mercury and Venus, is a plus point. The debilitation of Jupiter is a minus point. Mr. Hegde was the Chief Minister of Karnataka and is now Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission, a post of national importance.

Chart 7: Mr. Chandra Sekhar. Born 17-4-1924. Birth Ascendant = Gemini 18°, Mercury 11s6°49'.

In chart 7 J.L. is Gemini. Mercury aspects J.L. in Rasi chart, N.L. in Navamsa Chart and D.L. in Drekkana chart. Hence Mercury becomes the Yogada belonging to A.P.6 of the highest order of the aspecting planet.

MERC	SUN	VENUS	MARS RAHU ASCDT.
JUPIT.	Chart 7 RASI Chandrasekhar		
KETU	SAT.	MOON	

Mercury is in Pisces which is a dual sign. Reckoned from Mercury, the 2nd P.A.S. Aries (cardinal) is occupied by the Sun and the 4th P.A.S. Gemini (dual) is occupied by Mars forming a Tripadargala Rajayoga, since two A.S. are involved from the Yogada in the dual sign. The debilitation of the Yogada, Mercury is a minus point. The exaltation of the Sun in the A.S. is a plus point. The involvement of the malefics only is a minus point. Mr. Chandra Sekhar was a cabiner minister in the Janata Government.

Chart 8: Mr. Moopanar. Born 19-8-1931. Birth Ascendant = Aquarius 3° and Jupiter 10°14°.

In Chart 8 J.L. is Aquarius. Jupiter aspects J.L. in Rasi chart and D.L. in Drekkana chart. Hence Jupiter becomes the Yogada. The Yogada Jupiter is exalted and hence a Padargala Yoga is

RAHU			
ASCDT.	Chart 8 RASI Moopanar		JUPIT. VENUS
			SUN MERC.
SAT.		MOON	MARS KETU

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"It appears that the secoond marriage was arranged under pressure as the planetary configuration and Dasa periods could not be considered to be conducive to marriage.

"Thus, Jupiter played its malefic role and there is no hope for relief from him" says reader V.P. Shukla of Varanasi.

Yes, Thoroughly Useless

"Jupiter is indeed useless", asserts reader C.P. Ramavarman Erady of Kottapuram near Palghat.

"He is a dire malefic for Taurus Ascendant. He is further afflicted by Saturn, who, in turn, is afflicted by the Maraka Mars. Jupiter is unfavourable in the 3rd house, the 8th from the 8th. The 12th house from the Moon is occupied by the malefic Jupiter. Jupiter is the 8th lord both from Lagna and the Moon. He occupies the 2nd house in Navamsa with *kendradhipathya dosha* and the aspect of the malefic Mars. His house, the 7th from Lagna and the 2nd from the Moon in Navamsa, is afflicted by Mars, Ketu and Saturn."

Harbinger of Misery

It is not that Jupiter was useless, but neither in Bhavavichara nor in Dasa was he given an opportunity, explains reader K.K. Chakraborty of Howrah. When Jupiter finally got an opportunity it was as 8th lord in his Dasa. Let us read on from his letter.

"Jupiter is in exaltation and Vargottama. Jupiter is aspected by Saturn and its dispositor Moon is debilitated in Navamsa. Jupiter is placed in the 3rd from Lagna or 12th from Chandra Lagna. Though this position of Jupiter has reduced his power to some extent its Vargottama and exaltation has given him more strength.

"Jupiter aspects only the 7th and the 9th house (for 2nd wife) from Lagna. Neither the 7th lord, 9th lord, 4th house, 4th lord nor Venus get his aspect. From Chandra Lagna also, the position is similar.

"In Rahu-Moon Dasa Bhukti, Jupiter had no role when the first wife expired. But in Jupiter-Saturn when the second wife died Jupiter was acting as 8th and 11th lord from Lagna and the 8th lord from Chandra Lagna and brought only misery and sorrow."

Malefic Cascade

"Jupiter, even though exalted and Vargottama, is very helpful in this horosocope, being 8th lord and posited in the 3rd house (8th from 8th). Also, it is aspected by retrograde Saturn, which in turn is aspected by combust Mars from the 6th in association with the 6th lord. Hence its aspect to the 7th house carries more of malefic influences of the 6th and 8th houses than the inherent benefic influence of Jupiter. Thus we can see that the 7th house partakes of the 6th house (disease) characteristics in 3 ways. (i) Lord of the 7th Mars is in 6th in association with the 6th lord; (ii) Mars subjected to the above affliction aspects Saturn, who in turn, aspects the 7th house; and (iii) Saturn with the above affliction aspects Jupiter who, in turn, aspects the 7th house.

"Jupiter the natural benefic as well as Saturn, Yogakaraka for Taurus Ascendant tend to do harm to the native. Through a chain reaction, a cascade of aspects imparts 6th house characteristics to the 7th house. Going by *Bhavat Bhavam* also, the 12th house which is the 6th from the 7th is afflicted by as many as four planets including the combust 6th lord itself in conjunction with 8th lord Mercury. The 4th house from the 7th is afflicted by Rahu/Ketu axis and Aquarius being the 4th sign, is sensitive to heart disease. Also considering the association of 6th and 8th lords with debilitated Sun in the 12th, chronic heart problems are naturally expected.

"The disease onset in the case of the first marriage was in Rahu/Saturn. Rahu is supposed to partake of the characteristics of Saturn (*Sanivad Rahu*) and its sign lord Sun and the outcome is quite logical. The death of the first wife came under the sub-period of a weak Moon placed in Leo under Grahana Yoga and the combination aspecting Aquarius, both sensitive signs for heart disease. The transit influence of Saturn might also have played a decisive role. The second marriage took place in Jupiter/Saturn and ended in the same sub-period quite tragically. This is again not surprising considering the planetary analysis already done" sums up reader V. M. Nair.

Reasoning and discrimination vanish after the attainment of God. How long does a man reason and discriminate? As long as he is conscious of the manifold, as long as he is aware of the universe, of embodied beings 'I' and 'You'.

—Sri Ramakrishna

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ow Saturn's Transit in Capricorn Affects You — III*

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oorthy Nirnaya Aspect

THE traditional astrologers have yet another formula to decide the results of Gochara based on what is called *Moorthy Nirnaya* is decided in relation to one's Moon-sign and in which the Moon stands during the time entry of the planet into a new sign which is ows:

When the Moon is in the 1st, the 6th and the asis reckoned from one's radical Moon durturn's entry into a new Rasi he becomes amoorthy (Gold). He becomes as such for Scorpio and Capricorn people this time. arnamoorthy the following results are given er Sanskrit text.

व्यवहार तत्व'

तेयं वह रोगयुत्कं क्लेशोदयं चैव करोतिनित्यम् ।
र्णं बहलं करोति सुवर्ण पादे स्वजने विरोधम् ॥

fic planets as Swarnamoorthy give bad only. According to the above "he creates d quarrels in the family circle. There will ulties always. Money and material will be d very much and own people will become However since Saturn will be in the 3rd Scorpio people, they will not suffer much. ini and Capricorn will have Saturn in the in Janma, hence they will have sufferings n to what is due to them as a result of n of Saturn turning malefic in the said

milarly when the Moon is in the 2nd, the the 9th Rasis from radical Moon during entry into Capricorn he becomes Rajathamoorthy (Silver) for Cancer, Libra and Pisces born people this time. As Rajathamoorthy, Saturn gives good results as follows:

व्यापार मुग्रं धनधान्य संपत् महत्प्रतापः खलु
राज मान्यम् । तद्वर्ष मध्ये सुखसंपदाप्तिः
स्यान्मंगलं वै यादि सैष्य पादे ॥

which means that as Rajathamoorthy Saturn makes the native improve his business by leaps and bounds. The native gets money and yield of crops will increase. he will become famous and honoured by rulers. He gets additional money and comforts. Auspicious ceremonies are conducted in his home (marriages etc.).

(iii) When the Moon is in the 3rd, 7th and 10th signs from radical Moon during Saturn's entry into Capricorn he becomes Tambramoorthy (Copper) for Taurus, Virgo and Aquarius born people this time with the following results:

अनन्त लक्ष्मी प्रकरोति लाभं कलत्रं पुत्रैः सुखसंपदाप्तिम्
लाभोर्दय चैव करोति सौरव्यं शरीर सौरव्यं
खलु ताम्र पादे ॥

which means that the native gets unlimited money. He gets pleasure through his wife and children. He gets property. Gain in his endeavours increases. Bodily comfort improves. It could be seen that Saturn gives good results as Thambramoorthy also.

The malefic results of Saturn for people born in the above Rasis will get reduced considerably. So also Saturn as Rajathamoorthy modifies his results as follows *vide* item (ii) above.

The evil results of Kanta Sani or Saturn in the 7th will be lessened for Cancer people. The Ardhashtama Sani's evil gets minimised for Libra people and good results of Saturn in the 11th house will doubly increase for Pisces-born people.

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(iv) When the Moon is in the 4th, the 8th and the 12th signs from radical Moon he becomes Lohamoorthy (Iron) for Aries, Leo and Sagittarius people this time. The following are the results given in the above text: शरीर पींडा रूधिर प्रकोपं कलत्रपीडां पशुपुत्रपीडाम् व्यपार नाशं नृपतेर्भयश्च स्त्रीहस्य पादे खलु नेर्धनत्वम्।

which means that the native gets bodily pain and unrest, blood gets poisoned, wife and children suffer very much. His cattle gets destroyed. His business suffers losses. He also becomes penniless and poor. Saturn gives very bad results as Lohamoorthy. The good results for Saturn in the 6th get reduced for Leo people and the bad effects for Aries and Aquarius people will get intensified as he will be in the 10th and in the 1st phase of *sade sathe* Sani respectively.

We may summarise the results of Saturn's transit through Capricorn for the 12 Rasis as follows:

(1) According to conventional aspect:

(i) Good results acrue to Leo, Scorpio and Pisces.

(ii) Bad results acrue to the remaining 9 Rasis, namely Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Virgo, Libra, Sagittarius, Capricorn and Aquarius.

(2) According to Moorthy Nirnaya:

(iii) Very good results acrue to Cancer, Libra and Pisces people as Rajathamoorthy.

(iv) Good results acrue to Taurus, Virgo and Aquarius as Thambramoorthy.

(v) Bad results acrue to Gemini, Scorpio and Capricorn as Lohamoorthy.

(vi) Very bad results acrue to Aries, Leo and Sagittarius as Swarnamoorthy.

The net quantum of good results of Saturn's transit of Capricorn according to both the rules can be said to be as follows: Taking the unit value of good effects as 1, allotting 0.5 for the good effects according to conventional rule and the remaining 0.5 being distributed among the 4 classifications of Moorthy Nirnaya, we have:

(i) For Rajathamoorthy benefic effect - 0.5
(ii) For Thambramoorthy 3/4 benefic effect - 0.375
(iii) For Lohamoorthy 1/2 benefic effects - 0.250
(iv) For Swarnamoorthy 1/4 benefic effect - 0.125.

From the above table it can be seen that Pisces people get benefic results fully according to both rules and Capricorn and Gemini people get very bad results according to both rules.

The net benefic results arising out of both the aspects combined are given in Table 1 separately for the benefit of readers. Table 2 shows the cumulative good effects of the four major planets Saturn, Jupiter, Rahu and Ketu acrued during Saturn's stay in Capricorn, since the other planets move in different Rasis in the period thus modifying Saturn's effect, whether for good or bad. Jupiter moves in 4 Rasis while Rahu and Ketu move in 3 Rasis. The effects are quantified and divided into 5 time periods during the stay of Saturn in Capricorn with the varying movements of other planets.

According to this table it can be seen Leo people get maximum benefit and Geminians are the worst sufferers.

Good Effects of Saturn through Capricorn

Rasi	Transit Effect Conventional			Special		Cumulative Good Effect
	Saturn in		Quantum	Moorthy	Quantum	
Aries	10	BAD	-	Loha	0.150	0.250
Taurus	9	BAD	-	Thambra	0.375	0.375
Gemini	8	BAD	-	Swarna	0.125	0.125
Cancer	7	BAD	-	Rajatha	0.500	0.500
Leo	6	GOOD	0.500	Loha	0.250	0.750
Virgo	5	BAD	-	Thambra	0.375	0.375
Libra	4	BAD	-	Rajatha	0.500	0.500
Scorpio	3	GOOD	0.500	Swarna	0.125	0.625
Sagitt.	2	BAD	-	Loha	0.250	0.250
Caprn.	1	BAD	-	Swarna	0.125	0.125
Aquar.	12	BAD	-	Thambra	0.375	0.375
Pisces	11	GOOD	0.500	Rajatha	0.500	1.000 (Full Very Good)

3. Results According to Stellar Occupation Aspect

When a planet passes through the 1st (Janma), the 3rd (Vipath), the 5th (Prathyak) and the 7th (Naidhana or Vadha) from one's birth star, the effects will be very bad and detrimental in the 7th star as the name Vadha is itself self-explanatory. Saturn transiting the birth star will be Janma Sani and the middle critical point in the 7 1/2 years' period will also give detrimental results.

The passage of Saturn through the 2nd, the 4th, the 6th, the 8th and the 9th stars reckoned from the birth star will give good effects which are called Sampath, Kshema, Daivanukula, Mitra and Parama Maitra Taras respectively. Table 3 shows the periods of transit of Saturn through the 3 stars

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...shadha, Sravana and Dhanishta 1st half ...e relative good or bad effects thereof for all ...7 stars.

Nakshatra Anga Sani

...ellar transit effect is also judged in yet an... way by our ancients. The 27 stars are ...buted over the various parts of the body ...ned from Janma Nakshatra for Saturn. Its ...st of these stars and respective limbs is dis... as follows: (i) 1st *janma* - face; (ii) 2nd to ...th - left shoulder; (iii) 6th to 11th - legs; (iv) 12th ...th - heart; (v) 17th to 20th - right shoulder; (vi) ...to 23rd - head; (vii) 24th and 25th - eyes; and ...26th and 27th - anus.

This is what is called Anga Sani. The periods of ...sit of Saturn through the 3 stars and effects ...of for all the 27 stars and limbs crossed are ...ished in detail in Table 4.

Transit of Saturn over Radical ...nets

Much importance is also given to the transit of ...rn over radical positions of other planets in a ...t, especially by western astrologers. The de...tions for such positions given by Alan Leo are ...below for the benefit of readers.

(i) When Saturn crosses the Ascendant, the ...r the Moon there is liability to colds, rheuma... or accidents. If coinciding with bad direc..., such transits may mark a very serious time: ...ever, under good directions, troubles will be ...temporary.

(ii) When Saturn crosses the Sun's position in ...chart, it brings trouble with superiors, losses ..., position and reputation will be in danger, ...ess suffers, trouble through father and hus...d. Health also may fail.

(iii) Saturn in transit over the Moon brings ...e or loss through business, property, family ...estic matters, and house or land; unfortu... for mother, wife and female relatives; popu...wanes; the health is liable to suffer; the mind ...become depressed. This is Janma Sani in ...Astrology which is very critical.

(iv) Saturn in transit over Mercury brings trouble ...gh writings, study, books, documents, and ...ations and persons ruled by Mercury. The ...d is liable to depression and worry, and the ...s will be upset.

(v) Saturn in transit over Venus brings trouble ...gh affection, through social and family mat... and through female friends and relatives. ...ations and pursuits ruled by Venus suffer. Under bad directions there may be scandal or financial loss. If Venus is very well aspected, some gain may occur.

(vi) Saturn in transit over Mars brings danger of quarrels and accidents, change of occupation may occur, rash enterprises are undertaken, sudden troubles crop up.

(vii) Saturn in transit over Jupiter will bring financial benefits if Jupiter is well placed and aspected at birth; gain through investments and by economy; benefit through religion or law. But if afflicted, danger of loss and trouble.

(viii) Saturn in transit over its own place brings trouble according to its position and aspects at birth. If very well aspected gain through things signified by the planet; but there is more often loss. However it is generally believed that when a planet crosses his own position in the radical chart significant happenings occur in one's life mostly for the better. Saturn also crossing its own position in the chart will be of more importance for the native. Great changes will take place. This happens once in 29 years. If we observe what happens during such conjunction at first instance, we may expect similar and more beneficial results for the subsequent two conjunctions that follow.

Note: Other delineations due to various aspects including opposition by the planet transiting radical positions of other planets are also considered as important. For want of space they are not included here.

6. Vedha and Vipareeta Vedha

When a planet gives good results from certain positions from the radical Moon, if some other planet or planets occupy certain positions from the radical Moon, the good effects gets cancelled. This is called *vedha*. Similarly in the converse positions the bad effects given by a planet get cancelled. This is called *vipareeta vedha*. For Saturn the positions are as under:

3	11	6
12	5	9

The periods of such cancellation of good and bad effects are shown for the Rasis concerned.

(i) For Taurus People:

Saturn suffers *vipareetha vedha* as under by the planets shown:

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Ancient Classical Writers of Jyotisha

Gyanaraja

K. R. KRISHNAMURTHI

GYANARAJA was the son of Naganatha of Bharadwaja *gotra*, a Brahmin of Parthapur of Devagiri (Daulatabad) situated to the North of the river Godavari. Gyanaraja had good reasons to boast of an unbroken chain of predecessors of great erudition, well recognised for their outstanding attainments in different sciences like Astrology, Astronomy, Dharma Sastras etc.

Ancestry

From the Catalogue of Aufrecht, Rama the earliest known member in the line was a resident of Parthapur. Now a village named Pathari is there, which seems to be the same Parthapur! It is to the South East of Devagiri. The river Vidarba seems to have been called by the name Mangala earlier. From what Kamalakara Daivagnya says, Pathari city was previously located in the Vidarba country and it was once the capital of the kings of Devagiri. Other Siddhanthas written during this period also refer to the region surrounding Pathari as Vidarba.

His Date and Works

The epoch of the work *Siddhanta Sundara* of Gyanaraja was Saka 1425 (1503 A.D.). Taking an average of 30 years for each generation, the date of Rama, the earliest known ancestor in this line, comes to about Saka 1215, which agrees with that of King Rama of Devagiri, in whose court Rama Daivagnya held the post of Asthana vidwan, as per the Aufrecht Catalogue.

Siddhantha Sundara has two main parts, namely *Goladyaya* and *Ganithadyaya*. *Goladyaya* has 6 chapters dealing with subjects like *Srishtikrama, Bhuvanakosa, Madya Gattetu, Chedyaka, Mandalavarnanam, Yantramala* (including the Yantra he himself designed and used), *Rituvarnanam, Drik Karma, Druvaadivarnanam*, including that of the Saptha Rishis.

Ganithadyaya covers subjects like *Spashtadikara* (mean and true places) *Triprasna*, eclipses, elevation of Moon's crescent, etc. A commentary on *Siddhantha Sundara* by his second son Chintamani indicates that it contained portions on Algebra also. "*Yatra Saroopake Varnakrithi Thu Yatre*'..... is a refutation of Gyanaraja against Bhaskara's aphorism," says the late Prof. Sudakara, though Gyanaraja has followed Bhaskara in his *Bijaganitha*.

Siddhantha Sundara has followed the modern *Surya Siddhantha* in several respects. The epoch of this work corresponds to the moment of 56 *ghatis* 39 *phalas* after sunrise on Thursday, Sukla Ashtami of Asvina, Saka 1425 (1503 A.D.) Planetary positions and rate of yearly motion of the planets conform to *Surya Siddhantha*.

Regarding other works of Gyanaraja, Suryadasa, his eldest son in his commentary on Bhaskara's *Bijaganitha*, has mentioned that his father Gyanaraja has written in addition to his beautiful Siddhanta, three other works on Astrology, rhetoric and music! A copy of the full text of *Siddhantha Sundara* is available in the Kasi Raja's Library.

Gyanaraja after mentioning the opinion of the *Srutis* and *Puranas*, observes in the chapter on *Sringonnathi* that the Sun's rays themselves are known as Suras in the *Vedas* and the Kalas of the Moon are taken away by them during Krishna Paksha, which are returned by them in due course, to the Moon in Sukla Paksha!

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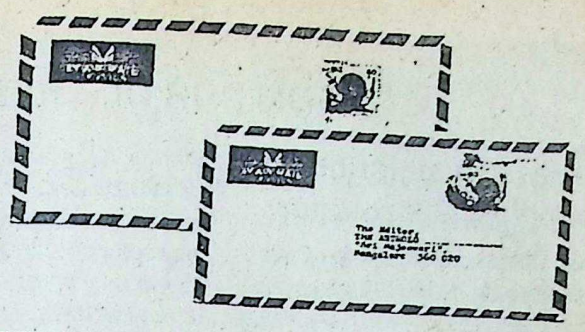
Letters to the Editor



THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE

Sir, - First, I should like to extol your magazine. I view it as a treasure-trove in my mailbox every month. My exposure to the Nirayana system is relatively new. At first, reading your magazine was a chore, but now it is a joyous experience. I have made the perplexing transition from the Sayana mind-set with the help of a friend!

For your learned contributors who suggest experimentation with Sayana charts, I should like to tell them that (1) I studied the Sayana system more than 20 years and (2) I have thrown my lot into the garbage can several months ago when I clearly discerned the superiority of the Nirayana system.

Chicago, U.S.A. *David Urban.*

"Planets and Indian Affairs"

Sir, - In Chart 2 (assumption of office by Prime Minister V. P. Singh) the trans-saturnine planets Uranus and Neptune are also in Sagittarius with Saturn, all aspecting Jupiter. The 11th house, its lord and the Lagna lord are, thus, badly afflicted. Transit Saturn will turn retrograde in May (halting his approach to Rahu) and entering Aquarius in June. He resumes direct motion in October, re-enters Capricorn in December and conjoins Rahu in January 1991. What will be the effect of these transits on the N.F. Government during its Saturn Bhukti - Sun Dasa (August 1990 - July 1991)?

T. R. Natarajan.

Foreign Travel

Sir, - Mr. K. N. Rao has written "In Dasamsa, if the 12th lord is in 12th with Lagna lord *aspected* by Mercury" in the A.M., November 1989, page 845.

Is he justified in considering *aspects* in Amsa chart?

Durgapur. *S. K. Gupta.*

Astrology is a True Science

Sir, - Bill Link, an independent pen-pusher at the University of California, represents the *Coast* Magazine. On behalf of it, he popped a question to the world-renowned Swami Muktananda Maharaj of Ganeshpuri, Maharashtra, on Astrology. I wish to share with your readers this 20th century Siddha Yoga's firm reply given to Mr. Link. Here it goes:

"The science of Astrology is a true science. According to the movement of planets, certain effects are produced that primarily affect the events of our lives; but they also have an effect on our *chakras*. For example, when Jupiter, the planet of the Guru, becomes influential, its effect is strong enough to touch all the *chakras*."

Swami Muktananda Maharaj concluded that "one can change the planetary influence through *Sadhana* or spiritual practice. That is the only way."

Sarangabad. *T. A. Ramanathan.*

Dead Hulks?

Sir, - Do you agree with Mr. P. N. Oak (A.M., January 1990, Page 37) that all planets except the Moon are like dead hulks; that they yield results only if they are energised by the Moon and that Saturn alone has the power to suck whatever the element (benefic or malefic) that is posited in the anterior or posterior house. If the aforesaid assertions of Mr. Oak are true, then the native with Sagittarius - Ascendant; Aquarius - Saturn; Pisces - Moon; Aries - Rahu; Cancer - Jupiter; Leo - Pluto; Virgo - Mars and Uranus; Libra - Mercury, Ketu and Neptune; and Scorpio - Sun and Venus should have a bright career and happy home. Please clarify.

Bilaspur *J. H. Gopal.*

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FROM OUR OLD READERS : March 1949

A Great Physicist becoming an Astrologer

Sir, - I was very glad to receive your kind letter dated 30th September 1948 and I thank you very much for sending me some past issues of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE which are very interesting for me.

I am sorry that much work to be done in the laboratory, prevented me to answer your kind letter earlier.

Perhaps you are interested of a Physicist becoming an Astrologer. As you see from my date of birth, it is - at least according to the Western Astrology - quite understandable. I am born on 23rd December 1895, Oh. 46m. p.m. G.T. = 1h. 44m. I.T. 49° 0' N; 14°29' E. Uranus exactly on the descendant seems quite significant. It seems to me more a map for inner development, than for outer success.

As all western scientists of my age, I ignored and despised Astrology, embraced by the materialism of my time and my surroundings. But a strong philosophical training and inclination prevented me from seeing in this materialism the true way of science. I never lost the conviction that there must be a spiritual ground of all physical happening.

The time was ripe when Pluto was transitted by Uranus. This gave on the exact day a fundamental change in my outer life. The following transit of Uranus over Neptune led me to the knowledge of Astrology and its appreciation. It was the coincidence of planetary constellations and the events which they indicate according to the astrological teaching, which convinced me. Especially one occurrence gave the startling point for my thoughts. It was the following: I met — as a cause of the events of War — a colleague of mine who with his institute had moved from Vienna into the village as I had done from Munich and in the course of events we joined with our Institutes in the same house. I was very surprised when I learned by chance that he was born exactly the same day as I was, not far away (about 50 miles). We were both physicists, both Directors of large Institutes and worked on similar, but not exactly the same fields. This event - at this time more received in the subconscious — became later the starting point of my conversion as it were.

I must confess that Astrology has given me an immense widening of inner horizon and I think it is one of the most important means to overcome materialism.

You will perhaps be surprised to hear from a man whose whole life was nearly devoted to discover the electro-magnetic structure of matter and the atoms, that I refuse to explain the astrological effects of the planets by an electro-magnetic action. I think that the planets in their orbits and the man in his life are parts of one infinite happening where all is linked together by one breathing principle.

As to the outer events of my life, it may perhaps interest you in connection with my map, that I lost my father being six years. Nearly at the same time I lost more and more my eyesight on my right eye (which already by birth must have been disturbed), with ten (or 11) years I underwent an operation of this eye and the lens was extracted. I am blind on this eye, astrologically quite understandable. In 1918 I married and divorced in 1927. In this year I was married the second time, (Uranus, Mars). In the same year I became Assistant Professor, 1934 and Director of the Institute of Physics at Dresden, 1939 at Munich. I have written several books (a text book has in German now 14 editions), in English 4 reprints and 18 translated into Spanish and edited about 70 scientific papers. 1945, I lost my position in consequence of the marching-in of the Americans. It clipped severely my material resources, but gave me the possibility of studying Astrology without any other disturbance. Rahu conjunct Ascendant brought me new material possibilities here in England.

I should be very glad to hear from you again,

Surrey, England. *R. Tomaschek, Ph.D.*

The Moon as Agent

Sir, - My answer to the question raised by Mr. C. Krishna Raju of Tuticorin (A.M., April 1990) in the context of my article - *Evaluating Horoscopes and Predicting Events* is as under.

As per physics and geography the Sun sustains all life on earth. But as per Astrology the Moon sways all fortune.

Even in physics, geography and biology the Moon has been recognised as causing oceanic ebb and tide and the menses of women.

So Mr. Raju may assume that the Moon is the agency or channel through which the Sun acts or reacts on the earth.

Pune. *P. N. Oak.*

"Instant Prediction"

Sir, - In the February 1990 issue of A.M. (page 182) the erudite Ekalavya has quoted *Deva Keralam* (*Chandra Kala Nadi*) providing a tip for instant or spot prediction through Dasa Bhukti. In the system an index figure (1 to 8) is arrived at based on the number of Nakshatras from Dasa lord to that of Bhukti lord (both inclusive) which may be used for predicting the events.

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The system, although expounded by a classical k and cited by a savant, however, appears to be id. The system does not involve sub-sub-pe- lords who actually translate the general and ific trends, set by the Dasa and Bhukti lords, an event. Similarly, the positional strength inherent malefic or benefic quality of a planet lly ignored in the computation. Only the ance of the Bhukti lord from the Dasa lord, in s of Nakshatras, forms the basis of the reckon- Cent per cent results have been claimed.

A glaring bloomer in the system is that the kti of every planet in its own Dasa would give thanasa" effects irrespective of its position, ength and significations. Likewise, two planets ined in the same Nakshatra would always e "Arthanasa" in their mutual Dasa Bhukti iods.

Classical texts say that the basic traits of plan- s are modified, altered or enhanced by their positors, position and aspects they receive. This ciple, however, has been fully overlooked in e system. Similarly, mutual relationship of sa/Bhukti lords has no bearing on the results ained in the system. Jupiter and Saturn in rvabhadrapada are supposed to give identical sults. The Moon and Saturn in Punarvasu, in gna, tend to give the same results. These contra- tions confound a student of Astrology.

The Vimshottari Dasa system, propounded by e Parasara, is a well-tested perfect system dely used by astrologers. Planetary situations well as their combinations yield special results. diction is the essence of Astrology. Correct diction requires a detailed study of the zodiacal s, the Ascendant, planetary situations, mutual tionships, their dispositors and significance. tant prediction on the basis of Nakshatras only not be said to be correct.

anasi.

V. P. Shukla.

n Abhijit

Sir, - In *Srimad Bhagavatham* 10/8/26 there is tion of the Sun in Abhijit *Soorye cha Abhijithe the.* Is Abhijit mentioned here the 4th pada of rashada *i.e.*, 6-40 to 10-00 degrees of Capri- or the 8th Muhurtha of the day 11-36 to 12-24 if the sunrise is at 6.00 a.m. Kindly enlighten ological students on this.

ukada.

P. R. Sanathanan Nair.

aradoxical Combinations

Sir, - While analysing Mother Teresa's horo- e (A.M., February 1990, page 214 para No. 5) the author has written that the lord of *badhakasthana* should not be powerful and it is better if it is placed in the 6th, 8th or 12th house or in debility.

If it is so, then, what about a person having Taurus as Lagna where Saturn is a *yogakaraka* and *badhakasthana* lord simultaneously. On the one hand Saturn being a *yogakaraka* planet for Taurus Lagna should do good for the native while on the other, Saturn being a *badhaka* lord, should cause death and loss to the native.

If Saturn is strong it will harm the native in the capacity of *badhaka* lord, while if it is weak the native will be most unfortunate, Saturn being the lord of the house of luck *i.e.*, 9th house. Similar is the case with other fixed sign Ascendants *eg.*, Scorpio and Aquarius. Please clarify this paradoxical situation.

Delhi. *Rishi Parkash Mudgal.*

"Sidelights on Astrology"

Sir, - Mr. M. V. Subba Rao (A.M., April 1990) has comprehensively dealt with the horoscope of Napoleon Baunaparte. He says the downfall of Napoleon was due to 10th house Saturn and its association with the 8th lord Venus. The author has condemned the 8th house and he has gone to the extent of saying that the 8th house is the worst house in any chart and as per his studies he is of the opinion that any planet posited in the 8th house or the lord of the 8th house posited in any house is destined to give the worst results. Secondly he says Rahu in the 7th house made Napoleon's married life hell and that one having Rahu in the 7th will marry a widow. But according to some texts the 7th house Rahu is testimony to a wise and intelligent partner. For example, Amitabh Bachan has Rahu in the 7th and 4 planets Sun, Venus, Mercury and Mars in the 8th house. Mr. Bachan should therefore have an unhappy married life and he should be an ordinary person as far as 8th house is concerned but actually it is not so.

It was the aspect of Saturn and Mars on Rahu which spoiled Napoleon's married life. If we reckon from Moon Lagna, Saturn and Venus are in the 7th house aspected by their bitter enemy Jupiter. Venus in 7th gives more than one marriage. The aspect of too many malefics gave him syphillis and due to this he was sent out of the country to a remote island where he died in utter disgrace.

Chandigarh. *Amarjit.*

Divisional Charts

Sir, - Mr. Anil Sharma (A.M., April 1990) has accused me of having shifted my stand regarding

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the analysis of the Rasi and divisional charts. I strongly hold the view that the Rasi chart is to be kept aside while studying a divisional chart for a particular signification. But I also affirm that I do not ignore the Rasi chart. I have said in my article "Divisional Charts and Predictive Competence" (*A.M.*, January 1988) "Of course I use the Rasi chart, but only for a general view" which Mr. Sharma has obviously overlooked.

In my article "Progeny Problems and Remedial Measures" I have studied the Rasi and D-Charts independently of each other. I have analysed the Rasi charts and the D-7 charts only for the benefit of the beginners in this science, but there is no interplay of their respective planetary combinations in my analysis.

Amsa Dasa gives very good results in a D-Chart. I am still working on it. An astrological innovation takes time. I am quite convinced of the fact that the Vimshottari Dasa should not be applied to the D-charts. I have not used it in the study of D-5 charts in my latest article. Nor have I used Amsa Dasa in them. I hope to publish the results of my studies in Amsa Dasa shortly.

Gurgaon. *S. R. Gupta.*

Nivritti

Sir, - (1) It is said that *Yo Yo bhava swamidrushte.....* (2) It has also been said that if Seershodaya Lagna rises then the object of the query will be fulfilled. So if Libra is the Lagna then Aries would be the 7th and if Mars is in the 4th, it will be the 7th lord in 4th exalted and aspecting own house. Would this not indicate a favourable *Nivritti?* Kindly clarify if Libra Lagna is an exception to the rule of *Nivritti* being unfavourable when 7th is movable and favourable only when 7th is not movable.

Or is it the word *Not* does not apply to the nature of signs but only to "planets which occupy or aspect the 7th as being malefics".

Faizabad. *Dr. P. M. Dubey.*

[Ekalavya replies:

1. Your hypothesis is covered by the general rule that a benefic aspect removes the defects of a Bhava in smaller or greater measure. Mars' aspect to Aries removes the disability automatically as per (1). There is no need for exception clause.

*2. There is no need for **Nivritti** for item (2).]*

Saturn as a Badhaka

Sir, - In the article "Astrology and Unethical Patterns of Life" (*A.M.*, March 1990) in Chart II, Saturn is not malefic since he is Yogakaraka occupying own house and aspected trinally by Jupiter. Being in Aquarius, the *moola kshetra* of Saturn, Rahu also follows suit making the dictum "Sanivad Rahu" meaningful. Mars together with Lagna lord and 9th lord in own house can seldom deemed to be a *maraka*. Jupiter as 3rd and 6th lord is better relegated to 12th.

In Chart III, for the girl's elopement and subsequent marriage with the hooligan, Saturn is held liable. Saturn, a *badhaka* for the Ascendant aspects the 7th, its lord Mars and Karaka combust Venus from both Lagna and the Moon all related to marriage.

The combination of 8th and 11th lord Jupiter with Rahu forming Guru-Chandala Yoga in Lagna is the worst ever conceived.

Thalayolaparambu. *N. K. Venugopal.*

Pushkara Yoga

Sir, - The factors involved in Dwipushkara or Tripushara are the Bhadra *tithis* (2nd, 7th, 12th) and not the Nanda *tithis* (1st, 6th, 11th) as mentioned in Viewpoint (*A.M.*, April 1990). The inauspicious weekdays, *tithis*, constellations connected with death with those of Dwipushkara and Tripushkara seem to have got mixed up. It is analogous to a meaningless word, 'GUSWA' (to mean a horse) got by the combination of the 1st letter 'GU' from Telugu work 'GURRAMU' (Horse) and the second letter "SWA" from the Sanskrit word 'ASWA' (horse). Whether in Dwipushkara or in Tripushkara, the factors involved are three groups but not any two as Prof. Sastri interprets. The factors involved are as follows:

Dwipushkara Yoga:

Group I (Week Days) : Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday

Group II (Bhadra tithis) : 2nd, 7th, 12th

Group III (Biped stars) : Dhanishta, Mrigasira, Chitta.

Any one in Group I should coincide with any one in both Group II, Group III to form Dwipushkara Yoga.

For example: Saturdya + 2nd + Dhanishta = Dwipushkara Yoga

Saturday + 2nd + Chitta = Dwipushkara Yoga

Saturday + 7th + Dhanishta = Dwipushkara Yoga.

Thus there will be 27 kinds (*Vikalpas*) of Dwipushkara Yoga.

Tripushkara Yoga:

Groups I and Group II do not change in Tripushkara Yoga. But Group III differs from the Group III of Dwipushkara Yoga.

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are put relating to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some other doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at a time. This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE—Ed., A.M.)***

Q.1. The following chart has Gajakesari, Bhadra, Raja-Aditya, Vasi, Lakshmi and other yogas but native's own life follows an absolutely adverse course. Rasi: Pisces - Ascendant; Gemini - Mars and the Moon; Leo - Rahu and Gulika; Virgo - the Sun; Libra - Mercury and Venus; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Saturn; and Aquarius - Ketu; Navamsa: Pisces - Ascendant and Mars; Aries - Mercury and Ketu; Taurus - the Moon and Jupiter; Gemini - Venus; Virgo - the Sun; Libra - Rahu and Saturn; and Sagittarius - Gulika. Now running Mercury Dasa, Mercury Bhukti upto March 1992. (a) Will Mercury Dasa take the native abroad? (b) Will the Sun in the 7th deny marriage or delay marriage? If the latter, will Jupiter's transit of Saturn prove fruitful?

P. Bhaskar Rao, Madras.

Ans: This chart has Gaja Kesari. Bhadra Yoga is formed when Mercury occupies own or exaltation sign and is in a *kendra* to Lagna or the Moon sign, neither of which obtains here. Hence there is no Bhadra Yoga. It has Hamsa Yoga. There is no Raja-Aditya Yoga because the two planets occupy different Rasis. It has Vasi. Lakshmi Yoga is formed when 9th lord and Venus occupy own or exaltation house in a *kendra* or *trikona*. Here it does not obtain. (a) The 9th house relates to foreign lands. Mercury occupies 8th or 12th from 9th. He cannot be expected to take one abroad for prosperity. (b) The Sun is the 6th lord occupying the 7th house of *Karma*. The 7th lord occupies the 8th while the Venus occupies own house but the 8th, both do not augur well for happy marriage. The aspect of Saturn on the 7th indicates delay in marriage. The Sun, strong, in the 7th indicates a dominating partner. Further, the Sun is vitiated by Mandi and no benefit aspects the 7th. This again queers the pitch.

Q. 2. Rasi: *Capricorn - Ascendant; Pisces - the Sun and Venus; Aries - Mercury and Ketu; Taurus - Mars; Cancer - the Moon; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra - Rahu; and Scorpio - Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Ascendant - Pisces; Taurus - Rahu; Cancer - Mars; Leo - Mercury; Sagittarius - Ketu; Capricorn - Jupiter, the Moon and Saturn; and Aquarius - the Sun and Venus. Will the 7th lord Moon in 7th deny marriage, or will transit of Jupiter into the 7th bring about the event?*

K. V. Meenakshi, Madras.

Ans: The aspect or position of lord in his house improves the gifts of the house. Hence the Moon's tenancy of his own house helps marriage. And Jupiter's transit of Cancer will catalyse the promise of the house. Assuming that the prevailing Dasa and Bhukti are favourable, it can bring about the happy event with reference to the Ascendant. And in the context of the lunar Lagna, the Moon's transit of Leo next year will be favourable. Taking both, the next two years are eras of happy events in the life of the native.

Q. 3. Rasi: *Pisces - Ascendant; Gemini - Mars; Leo - Rahu; Virgo - the Moon, Mercury, the Sun and Venus; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Saturn; and Aquarius - Ketu. Are Ashtalakshmi and Raja Yogas present in the chart?*

Ashwani Kumar, Lucknow.

Ans: First of all, the data is incomplete. Secondly the nearness of four planets to the Sun makes it suspect that one or more of them could be combust in which case no good yogas can bear fruit.

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Prima facie, this chart indicates emotional imbalance in view of the conglomeration of 5 planets in one house. In the 7th, it is no good for happy married life, let alone Raja Yogas. Ashta Lakshmi Yoga is said to acrue when Rahu occupies the 6th and a benefic the 10th. Even otherwise, the 2nd condition is violated.

Q. 4. Rasi: *Gemini - Ascendant 22-11; Cancer - Mercury 18-5 and the Sun 25-43; Leo - Venus 25-38; Virgo - Rahu 1-19; Pisces - the Moon 20-58; Mars 26-15 and Ketu 1-19; Taurus - Jupiter 23-08 and Saturn 4-47. Was it because of the Sun in the 2nd that the native had to live away from his family in Sun Dasa. Why didn't Jupiter's aspect on the 4th help?*

B. K. Duggal, Varanasi.

Ans: I would put it to the account of the Kala Sarpa Yoga present and the aspect of Saturn to the 2nd and the 9th.

Q. 5. Rasi: *Scorpio - Ascendant, Ketu, Mercury and Venus; Taurus - Rahu; Cancer - Saturn; and Libra - the Sun, the Moon, Mars and Jupiter. Does the weak Moon in the 12th indicate a violent and early end?*

Frank Nathan, Valavanur.

Ans: Data insufficient. Should the imugned planets have Varga Bala, they need not curtail longevity especially as Lagna lord and Saturn, *karaka*, aspects the 3rd, which is the 8th from the 8th.

Q. 6. Rasi: *Pisces - Ascendant and Rahu; Aries - Saturn; Gemini - Mercury, the Sun, Venus and Mars; Leo - Jupiter; Virgo - Ketu; and Sagittarius - the Moon.* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant; Scorpio - Mercury; Capricorn - Rahu; and Pisces - Mars. Does the 5th lord Moon in the 10th in a fiery sign give success in engineering?*

V. B. Prasad, Srikakulam.

Ans: The *karakas* for engineering of different brands are inter alia Saturn and Mars; the 10th, 11th and 2nd houses too have to be examined. Mars aspects the 10th; Saturn occupies the 2nd and aspects the 11th. Hence engineering could be a line; but the Moon's occupation of the 10th could mean relation to textiles, food products, agriculture etc.

Q. 7. Rasi: *Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Jupiter; Taurus - Mars; Gemini - Venus and Rahu; Cancer - the Sun and Mercury; Libra - the Moon; Sagittarius - Ketu; and Capricorn - Saturn. Does 10th lord Jupiter's aspect on the 10th from a fiery sign give a technical job, especially in Rahu Dasa?*

V. S. Chari, Kanpur.

Ans: Rahu relates to electronics and high-tech. He aspects the 10th. So does Lagna lord. Also Mars who is another indicator for factories, chemicals etc. The 11th, house of profits, is occupied by Saturn, another technical planet. All these make me say that Rahu will oblige the native with a technical job.

Q. 8. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant 10-04; Gemini - Ketu 19-23; Sagittarius - Rahu 19-23; Aquarius - Saturn 14-06; Scorpio - Venus 16-47 and Jupiter 20-45; Capricorn - Mercury 15-28; Aquarius - Mars 4-53; Leo - the Moon 3-07; and Sagittarius - the Sun 27-30. During the end of Mars Dasa in 1984 the native lost everything in business as well as money got from wife's land. Will Sagittarius Rahu help improve finances in his Dasa.*

Sub. No. 12141.

Ans: The 7th house relates to wife. The 4th from it Cancer indicates lands belonging to the wife. Mars occupies the 8th from it. Hence he lost his business and wife's prosperity. The same house denotes his business too. Rahu occupies the 6th from it. It is not likely to be of much help in recovering them. It is a health hazard; yet it could yield some gain according to Parasara.

Q. 9. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant; Capricorn - Venus; Aquarius - the Sun and Mercury; Pisces - the Moon and Ketu; Gemini - Jupiter; Cancer - Saturn; and Virgo - Mars and Rahu. The native is involved in litigation over land in his possession and name. Much money has been lost over it. Why is it eventhough Venus is well-placed in the 4th with digbala?*

Chandra Deo Singh, Patna.

Ans: The 4th is the house of property and Venus Lagna lord there shows he owns property. Treating it as Lagna; Jupiter occupies its 6th. Jupiter is law and 6th enemy or dispute. The 2nd lord Mars occupies 12th in the company of Rahu, indicating loss of money. The Moon is the 11th lord, the planet yielding profit. That is aspected by Mars, a *maraka*. Hence the loss of benefits from property.

Q. 10. Husband: Rasi: *Virgo - Ascendant, Mars and Venus; Libra - Jupiter; Scorpio - Ketu; Aries - the Moon; Taurus - Rahu; Cancer - Saturn and Mercury; and Leo - the Sun.* ***Wife: Rasi:*** *Capricorn - Ascendant; Aquarius - Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Rahu; Sagittarius - Mercury; Scorpio - the Moon; Virgo - Saturn; and Leo - Ketu. Since 3-4 years, while expenditure has shot up, income has disappeared. Why is this? Will transit Saturn's moving out into Capricorn help?*

K. C. Nahala, Udaipur.

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Ans: You have not told me the ruling Dasa-...is. Jupiter's entering Cancer could help improve ...ngs as it is the 11th from Lagna. The follow-...year, he will be favourable with respect to the ...n. That could help wipe out debt or obligation.

Q.11. Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant 11-34 and Ketu ...; Aquarius - the Moon 16-36; Taurus - the Sun ...; Capricorn - Mars 13-53; Aries - Mercury 8-25; ...rpio - Jupiter 8-52; Aries - Venus 7; Taurus - ...urn 2-96; and Capricorn - Rahu 25-15. The ...g girl is believed to be suffering from evil forces ...the age of 4 years. She cannot walk or even ...herself, after a stranger tied a thread round her ...Will Jupiter's aspect on Lagna give relief?

R. K. Singh, Dhanbad.

Ans: The planet of evil forces is Mars. In the ...any of Rahu, it aspects Lagna. The opening ...is Rahu's. And Lagna lord Moon occupies the ...which shows a weak mind and Saturn aspects ...Lagna as well as Lagna lord. Hence the ...ally. Jupiter's aspect of Lagna is the silver ...g in the cloud and his Dasa should help cure. ...could wear pearl and coral touching the skin ...way of remedial measures.

Q.12. Rasi: Libra - Ascendant; Scorpio - Mars; ...rius - Rahu; Aries - Saturn; Gemini - the ...; Cancer - Venus; Leo - the Sun and Ketu; and ...pio - Mercury and Jupiter. The native is said to ...suffering from muscular dystrophy. Will propi-...n help? If so, what specific remedies would ...suggest?

K. V. Rao, Sangrur.

Ans: The Moon and Cancer are the planet and ..., that have mainly to do with nutrition, the ...of which for whatever reason accounts for the ...dy. Venus is subsidiary to the process. Venus ...pies the Moon's house, and Moon occupies the ...from Cancer and the Moon is aspected by both ...n and Mars. Hence remedy lies in strength-...g the Moon by wearing pearl touching the ... fasting on Mondays and offering prayers to ...er Goddess.

Q. 13. Rasi: Leo - Ascendant 9-44 and the ...n 3-47; Libra - Saturn (R) 9-25; Sagittarius - ...(R) 6-32 and Rahu 21-25; Gemini - the Sun ...; Mercury (R) 21-38, Jupiter 15-56 and Ketu ...; and Cancer - Venus 26-6. Does the Sun-...cury-Jupiter combination show success as an ...ntant?

Debashish Chatterjee, Howrah.

Ans: The Sun, Mercury, Jupiter combination in ...11th helps earn money through accountancy. ...aspects to them makes one an auditor too. ...bution to one or more of them makes the ...ination a trifle weak.

Q. 14. Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant and Mercury; Aquarius - Venus, the Sun and Rahu; Pisces - Mars; Aries - Saturn; Leo - the Moon and Ketu; and Libra - Jupiter (R); Aquarius - Venus and Mars; Pisces - Rahu; Taurus - the Moon; Gemini - Mercury; Cancer - Saturn; Virgo - Ketu; and Sagittarius - the Sun. (a) Does the chart show foreign travel in Mercury Bhukti of Venus Dasa, since both are Yogakarakas from Lagna? (b) Will Venus as 5th lord give further educational opportunities or will his affliction by the Sun and Rahu deny such openings?

G. Viswanathan, Madras.

Ans: (a) Since the two are 2/12 and since Venus occupies the 6th from the 9th, foreign travel is not likely to prove fruitful. (b) Higher education is again connected with the 9th house. Since he occupies the 6th from the 9th, and is flanked by malefics, chances are slender.

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This is nothing but an indirect reference to the pheonmena of Krishna and Sukla Pakshas caused by the rays of the Sun!

As per the genealogical chart furnished by Kasinatha Sastri, (a noted scholar of Bid (1889 A.D.) and a recent descendant in the line) to Sri S. B. Dikshit, the following can be taken as the authentic version.

Rama (Bharadwaja *gotra*)
|
Nilakanta
|
Vishnu
|
Nilakanta
|
Naganatha
|
Nrisimha
|
Naganatha
|
Gyanaraja
|
Suryadasa — Chintamani
|
Naganatha
|
Gopala
|
Ramachandra
|
Vigneswara
|
Purushottama
|
Kasinatha Sastri
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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun Ravi	☽ Moon Chandra	♂ Mars Kuja	☿ Merc. Budha	♃ Jupiter Guru	♀ Venus Sukra	♄ Saturn Sani	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
	h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1. Sun.	6 36 16	76 38 37	178 42 59	359 45	74 32	87 01	44 50	270 45	286 37	255 16	261 02	202 52
2. Mon.	6 40 13	77 35 49	190 41 54	0 26	76 43	87 15	46 01	270 40	286 33	255 13	261 00	202 51
3. Tues.	6 44 09	78 33 00	202 35 27	1 08	78 53	87 28	47 12	270 36	286 30	255 11	260 59	202 50
4. Wed.	6 48 06	79 30 12	214 27 31	1 50	81 03	87 42	48 24	27- 32	286 26	255 09	260 57	202 49
5. Thurs.	6 52 02	80 27 23	226 21 25	2 31	83 13	87 55	49 35	270 27	286 23	255 06	260 55	202 49
6. Fri.	6 55 59	81 24 34	238 19 58	3 13	85 21	88 08	50 46	270 23	286 20	255 04	260 54	202 48
7. Sat.	6 59 56	82 21 46	250 25 23	3 54	87 29	88 22	51 58	270 19	286 17	255 01	260 52	202 47
8. Sun.	7 03 52	83 18 57	262 39 24	4 35	89 35	88 35	53 10	270 14	286 13	254 59	260 51	202 47
9. Mon.	7 07 49	84 16 08	275 03 27	5 16	91 40	88 49	54 21	270 10	286 10	254 57	260 49	202 46
10. Tues.	7 11 45	85 13 19	287 38 39	5 57	93 43	89 02	55 33	270 05	286 07	254 54	260 47	202 46
11. Wed.	7 15 42	86 10 31	300 26 09	6 38	95 44	89 16	56 45	270 01	286 04	254 52	260 46	202 45
12. Thurs.	7 19 38	87 07 43	313 26 59	7 18	97 44	89 29	57 56	269 57	286 01	254 49	260 44	202 45
13. Fri.	7 23 35	88 04 55	326 42 14	7 59	99 42	89 43	59 08	269 52	285 58	254 47	260 43	202 44
14. Sat.	7 27 31	89 02 08	340 12 50	8 39	101 39	89 56	60 20	269 48	285 54	254 45	260 41	202 44
15. Sun.	7 31 28	89 59 21	353 59 23	9 20	103 33	90 09	61 32	269 43	285 51	254 42	260 39	202 43
16. Mon.	7 35 25	90 56 35	8 01 44	10 00	105 26	90 23	62 44	269 38	285 48	254 40	260 38	202 43
17. Tues.	7 39 21	91 53 50	22 18 41	10 40	107 17	90 36	63 56	269 34	285 45	254 38	260 36	202 43
18. Wed.	7 43 18	92 51 06	36 47 36	11 20	109 05	90 50	65 08	269 30	285 42	254 35	260 35	202 42
19. Thurs.	7 47 14	93 48 22	51 24 21	12 00	110 53	91 03	66 20	269 25	285 38	254 33	260 33	202 42
20. Fri.	7 51 11	94 45 38	66 03 26	12 39	112 38	91 17	67 32	269 21	285 35	254 31	260 31	202 42
21. Sat.	7 55 07	95 42 56	80 38 34	13 19	114 21	91 30	68 44	269 17	285 32	254 29	260 30	202 42
22. Sun.	7 59 04	96 40 14	95 03 27	13 58	116 03	91 44	69 57	269 12	285 29	254 27	260 28	202 42
23. Mon.	8 03 01	97 37 32	109 12 34	14 37	117 43	91 57	71 09	269 08	285 26	254 24	260 27	202 41
24. Tues.	9 06 57	98 34 51	123 01 49	15 16	119 21	92 10	72 21	269 04	285 23	254 22	260 25	202 41
25. Wed.	8 10 54	99 32 11	136 29 01	15 55	120 57	92 24	73 33	268 59	285 20	254 20	260 24	202 41
26. Thurs.	8 14 50	100 29 31	149 33 47	16 34	122 31	92 37	74 46	268 55	285 16	254 18	260 22	202 41
27. Fri.	8 18 47	101 26 51	162 17 27	17 12	124 03	92 51	75 58	268 51	285 13	254 16	260 21	202 41
28. Sat.	8 22 43	102 24 12	174 42 45	17 51	125 34	93 04	77 11	268 46	285 10	254 14	260 19	202 41
29. Sun.	8 26 40	103 21 33	186 53 21	18 29	127 03	93 17	78 23	268 42	285 07	254 12	260 18	202 41
30. Mon.	8 30 36	104 18 55	198 53 27	19 07	128 29	93 31	79 36	268 38	285 04	255 10	261 16	202 42
31. Tues.	8 34 33	105 16 18	210 47 38	19 45	129 56	93 44	80 48	268 34	285 01	254 08	260 15	202 42

*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-7-1990 is 22°16' 45".

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AGASTYA

Positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-7-1990.

	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
	98 56	99 43	0 S 00	23 N 08
	200 59	197 28	5 S 00	12 S 49
	22 02	21 08	2 S 03	6 N 41
	96 49	97 30	1 N 05	24 N 21
	109 18	110 56	0 N 13	22 N 15
	67 07	65 34	1 S 32	19 N 59
	293 01	294 50	0 N 06	21 S 23
	308 53			

SUN

ing this month the Sun moves forward 17° , entering Cancer on 15th. The north decli- of the Sun decreases from 23° 08' to 18° 08' end.

MOON

e Moon starts from 29° Virgo, makes one e circuit of the zodiac and ends at 13° Scor- The south declination of the Moon increases 2° 49' till it becomes a maximum at 26° 55' on en the south declination decreases till the crosses the equator to the north on 13th. ards the north declination increases reach- aximum of 26° 57' on 19th; then the north ation decreases until the Moon crosses the to the south on 25th. Thereafter the south declination increases to 25° 44' at the end.

MARS

Mars moves forward from 30° Pisces, enters Aries on 1st and ends at 20° Aries. The north declination of Mars increases from 6° 41' to 13° 43' at the end.

MERCURY

Starting from 15° Gemini Mercury moves forward, enters Cancer on 8th, enters Leo on 24th and ends at 11° Leo. The north declination of Mercury decreases from 24° 21' to 10° 18' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter moves forward from 27° Gemini, enters Cancer on 14th and ends at 4° Cancer. The north declination of Jupiter decreases from 22° 15' to 21° 09' at the end.

VENUS

Starting from 15° Taurus Venus moves forward, enters Gemini on 13th and ends at 22° Gemini. The north declination of Venus increases from 19° 59' till it attains a maximum value of 22° 47' on 24th; then the north declination decreases to 22° 28' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn starts from 1° Capricorn, moves with retrograde motion enters Sagittarius on 11th and ends at 28° there. The south declination of Saturn increases from 21° 23' to 21° 47' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 286° 37' to 284° 58' at the end.

ription of planetary movements is given on basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-7-1990 is 22° 16' 45".

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Uranus also retrogrades from 255° 16' to 254° 06' at the end.

Neptune too retrogrades from 261° 02' to 260° 13' at the end.

Pluto retrogrades from 202° 52' till it becomes direct on 26th at 202° 45'; then it moves forward to 202° 43' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the timings (I.S.T.)given below:

Pluto at 6h.02m. on 3rd; Uranus at 14h.30m. on 7th; Neptune at 25h.59m. on 7th; Saturn at 20h.07m. on 8th; Mars at 8h.59m. on 16th; Venus at 8h.09m. on 20th; Jupiter at 23h.50m. on 21st; Sun at 8h.24m. on 22nd; Mercury at 22h.10m. on 23rd; Pluto at 13h.10m. on 30th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Trine the Moon 2nd, 13th; conjunction Mercury 2nd; opposition Neptune 5th; trine Pluto 7th; opposition the Moon 8th; parallel Mercury 11th; parallel Venus 12th; parallel Jupiter 13th; opposition Saturn 14th; conjunction Jupiter 15th; square the Moon 15th, 29th; parallel the Moon 17th, 22nd; conjunction the Moon 22nd.

Mars: Opposition the Moon 1st, 30th; square Saturn 2nd; trine the Moon 6th, 24th; square the Moon 9th, 22nd; square Mercury 11th; conjunction the Moon 16th; trine Uranus 22nd; parallel Mercury 27th; trine Neptune 31st.

Mercury: Opposition Uranus 1st; trine the Moon 2nd, 14th; opposition neptune 3rd; trine Pluto 4th; conjunction Jupiter 7th; opposition Saturn 8th; opposition the Moon 8th; square Mars 11th; parallel the Sun 11th; parallel Venus 11th; parallel Jupiter 12th; square the Moon 16th; square Pluto 20th; conjunction the Moon 23rd; parallel Mars 27th.

Jupiter: Trine the Moon 3rd, 13th, 31st; conjunction Mercury 7th; opposition the Moon 8th; parallel Mercury 12th; parallel the Sun 13th; opposition Saturn 13th; conjunction the Sun 15th; square the Moon 15th, 28th; conjunction the Moon 21st.

Venus: Opposition the Moon 5th; trine the Moon 10th, 30th; parallel Jupiter 11th; parallel Mercury 11th; parallel the Sun 12th; square the Moon 13th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 20th; opposition Uranus 25th; opposition Neptune 30th.

Saturn: Square the Moon 1st, 15th, 28th; square Mars 2nd;Opposition Mercury 8th; conjunction the Moon 8th; opposition Jupiter 13th; opposition the Sun 14th; trine the Moon 17th, 25th; opposition the Moon 21st.

Uranus: Opposition Mercury 1st; conjunction the Moon 7th; square the Moon 14th, 27th; trine the Moon 16th, 24th; trine Mars 22nd; opposition Venus 25th.

Neptune: Opposition Mercury 3rd; opposition the Sun 5th; conjunction the Moon 7th; square the Moon 14th, 27th; trine the Moon 16th, 25th; opposition the Moon 20th; opposition Venus 30th; trine Mars 31st.

Pluto: Conjunction the Moon 3rd, 30th; trine Mercury 4th; trine the Sun 7th; square the Moon 10th, 23rd; trine the Moon 12th, 21st; opposition the Moon 17th; square Mercury 20th.

I. Full Moon: Dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 6h.54m. on 8th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 83° 22'; the Moon 263° 22'; Mars 4° 37'; Mercury 89° 42'; Jupiter 88° 36'; Venus 53° 13'; Saturn 270° 14'; Rahu 286° 12'; Uranus 254° 59'; Neptune 260° 50'; Pluto 202° 47'.

Cusps (mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 100° 22'; the 2nd 128° 03'; the 3rd 155° 44'; the 4th 183° 25'; the 5th 215° 44'; the 6th 248° 03'; the 7th 280° 22'; the 8th 308° 03'; the 9th 335° 44'; the 10th 3° 25'; the 11th 35° 44'; the 12th 68° 03'.

II. New Moon: Bright Fortnight (Sukla Paksha) begins at 8h.24m. on 22nd for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 96° 46'; the Moon 95° 46'; Mars 14° 03'; Mercury 116° 16'; Jupiter 91° 45'; Venus 70° 05'; Saturn 269° 12'; Rahu 285° 29'; Uranus 254° 26'; Neptune 260° 28'; Pluto 202° 42'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 131° 43'; the 2nd 160° 12'; the 3rd 190° 41'; the 4th 220° 10'; the 5th 250° 41'; the 6th 281° 12'; the 7th 311° 43'; the 8th 341° 12'; the 9th 10° 41'; the 10th 40° 10'; the 11th 70° 41'; the 12th 101° 12'.

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MIHIRA

[The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to Indian time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Sun.*- Navami (9th tithi) till 18h.22m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Chitta upto 21h.25m., then Swati. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments.

2. *Mon.*- Dasami (10th tithi) till 20h.37m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Swati and Amrita Yoga upto 17h.17m., then Visakha and Marana Yoga. Till 17h.17m. good for buying cows or dogs, for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for wearing new garments, for fixing pump sets, for purchasing food-stuffs.

3. *Tues.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 23h.00m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Visakha and Marana Yoga till 27h.15m., then Anuradha and Siddha Yoga. Only routine work.

4. *Wed.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 25h.21m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Whole day Anuradha and Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for driving new vehicles.

5. *Thurs.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 27h.30m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Anuradha and Siddha Yoga till 6h.09m., then Jyeshta and Prabalarishta Yoga. Upto 6h.09m., good for patients to take first medicines after recovery from illness, for driving new vehicles, for wearing new garments or ornaments.

6. *Fri.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 29h.22m., then Poornima (Full Moon), Jyeshta and Marana Yoga till 8h.51m., then Moola and Amrita Yoga. Till 8h.51m. good for surgical operations.

7. *Sat.*- Poornima (Full Moon) whole day. Moola till 11h.15m., then Poorvashada. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for borrowing.

8. *Sun.*- Poornima (Full Moon) till 6h.54m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Poorvashada and Siddha Yoga upto 13h.13m., then Uttarashada and Amrita Yoga. After 6h.54m. good for borrowing and for testing instruments.

9. *Mon.*- Prathama (1st tithi) till 8h.01m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Uttarashada and Marana Yoga upto 14h.59m., then Sravana and Amrita Yoga. After 14h.59m. good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds, for buying food-stuffs.

10. *Tues.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 8h.43m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Sravana upto 16h.14m., then Dhanishta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 8h.43m., good for taking medicines, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

11. *Wed.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 8h.59m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Dhanishta and Prabalarishta Yoga till 17h.04m., then Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

12. *Thurs.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) till 8h.48m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Satabhisha and Marana Yoga upto 17h.26m., then Poorvabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga. After 17h.26m., good for borrowing, for writing accounts.

13. *Fri.*- Panchami (5th tithi) till 8h.10m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada upto 17h.21m., then Uttarabhadrapada. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for borrowing, for dealing with members of the opposite sex.

14. *Sat.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 7h.03m., then Saptami (7th tithi) till 29h.30m., afterwards Ashtami (8th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga till 16h.59m., then Revati and Prabalarishta Yoga. Upto 16h.59m. good for storing food-stuffs.

15. *Sun.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) till 27h.32m., then Navami (9th tithi). Revati and Amrita Yoga upto

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JULY CALENDAR

1.	Sun.	Mela Shareek Bhagawati (Kashmir)	21.	Sat.	Adi Amavasya (Tamil Nadu), Karkataka Vavu (Kerala)
2.	Mon.	Punaryatra	22.	Sun.	Chitalagi Amavasya (Orissa), Total Solar Eclipse (not visible in India)
3.	Tues.	Harishayini Ekadasi	24.	Tues.	Islam New Year (1411 A.H.)
4.	Wed.	Id-Ul-Juhaa (Bakrid)	25.	Wed.	Adipuram (S. India)
6.	Fri.	Mela Jwalamukhi	26.	Thurs.	Naga Panchami
7.	Sat.	Ashadha Poornima, Guru Poornima, Vyasapuja	28.	Sat.	Goswami, Tulasi Jayanti
14.	Sat.	Ker Puja (Tripura)	31.	Tues.	Teeshbeeb
16.	Mon.	Manasa Puja Prarambha (Bengal)			
18.	Wed.	Kamika Ekadasi			

15h.51m., then Aswini and Siddha Yoga. Only routine work.

16. *Mon.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 25h.11m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Aswini till 14h.28m., then Bharani. Siddha Yoga whole day. Till 14h.28m., good for surgical operations. After 14h.28m. good for testing instruments.

17. *Tues.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 27h.32m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Bharani till 12h.46m., then Krittika. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

18. *Wed.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) till 19h.41m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Krittika upto 10h.48m., then Rohini. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 10h.48m. good for taking medicines, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for gardening, for buying or storing food-stuffs.

19. *Thurs.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) till 16h.43m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Rohini and Amrita Yoga upto 8h.40m., then Mrigasira and Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for taking medicines, for buying or storing food-stuffs.

20. *Fri.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) till 13h.46m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Mrigasira upto 6h.31m., then Aridra till 28h.27m. afterwards Punarvasu. Whole day Siddha Yoga. Till 6h.31m. good for travel, for wearing new garments or ornaments.

21. *Sat.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 10h.57m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Punarvasu till 26h.37m., then Pushya. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 10h.57m. good for testing instruments.

22. *Sun.*- Amavasya (New Moon) till 8h.24m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Pushya upto 25h.10m., then Aslesha. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 10h.57m. good for testing instruments.

23. *Mon.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 6h.16m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 28h.39m. afterwards Triteeya (3rd tithi). Aslesha and Siddha Yoga till 24h.12m., then Makha and Marana Yoga. Between 6h.16m. and 28h.39m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

24. *Tues.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) till 27h.39m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Makha upto 23h.50m., then Poorvaphalguni. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for borrowing.

25. *Wed.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 27h.21m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Poorvaphalguni till 24h.08m., then Uttaraphalguni. Amrita Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

26. *Thurs.*- Panchami (5th tithi) till 27h.46m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Uttaraphalguni and Marana Yoga upto 25h.09m., then Hasta and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

27. *Fri.*- Shashti (6th tithi) till 28h.51m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Hasta and Amrita Yoga upto 26h.50m., then Chitta and Siddha Yoga. Good for travel, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for dealing with members of the opposite sex.

28. *Sat.*- Saptami (7th tithi) whole day. Chitta and Marana Yoga till 29h.05m., then Swati and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

29. *Sun.*- Saptami (7th tithi) till 6h.31m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Swati and Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 6h.31m. good for buying cows or dogs, for taking medicines, for wearing new garments, for purchasing food-stuffs, for appointing staff, for fixing pump sets.

30. *Mon.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) till 8h.37m., then Navami (9th tithi). Swati and Amrita Yoga upto 7h.45m., then Visakha and Marana Yoga. Only routine work.

31. *Tues.*- Navami (9th tithi) till 10h.57m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Visakha and Marana Yoga upto 10h.39m., then Anuradha and Siddha Yoga. After 10h.57m. good for testing instruments, for manuring gardens.

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Travel Guide for July 1990

MIHIRA

(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel).

Bharani, Makha, Moola

3rd after 27h.15m.; 4th whole day; 13th after 14th after 21m.; 14th till 16h.59m.; 18th after 10h.48m.; 19th upto 8h.40m.; 21st after 26h.37m.; 22nd till 24th; 26th after 25h.09m.; 27th upto 26h.50m.; 31st after 10h.57m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashada

7th till 11h.15m.; 9th after 14h.59m.; 10th upto 16h.14m.; 19th after 8h.40m.; 20th till 6h.31m. and after 28h.27m.; 21st between 10h.57m. and 26h.37m.; 25th after 27h.21m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashada

3rd after 27h.15m.; 4th whole day; 7th till 11h.15m.; 13th after 17h.21m.; 14th upto 16h.59m.; 18th after 10h.48m.; 19th till 8h.40m.; 21st after 26h.37m.; 22nd till 8h.24m.; 26th after 25h.09m.; 27th upto 26h.50m.; 31st after 10h.57m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

9th after 14h.59m.; 10th upto 16h.14m.; 19th after 8h.40m.; 20th till 6h.31m. and after 28h.27m.; 21st between 10h.57m. and 26h.37m.; 25th after 27h.21m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

3rd after 27h.15m.; 4th whole day; 7th till 11h.15m.; 9th after 14h.59m.; 10th upto 16h.14m.; 13th after 17h.21m.; 14th till 16h.59m.; 18th after 10h.48m.; 19th upto 8h.40m.; 21st upto 26h.37m.; 22nd till 8h.24m.; 25th after 27h.21m.; 26th after 25h.09m.; 27th till 26h.50m.; 31st after 10h.57m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

9th after 14h.59m.; 10th till 16h.14m.; 18th after 10h.48m.; 19th whole day; 20th till 6h.31m. and after 28h.27m.; 21st between 10h.57m. and 26h.37m.; 26th after 25h.09m.; 27th upto 26h.50m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

3rd after 27h.15m.; 4th whole day; 7th till 11h.15m.; 9th after 14h.59m.; 10th upto 16h.14m.; 13th after 17h.21m.; 14th till 16h.59m.; 19th after 8h.40m.; 20th upto 6h.31m.; 21st after 26h.37m.; 22nd till 8h.24m.; 25th after 27h.21m.; 31st after 10h.57m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

9th after 14h.59m.; 10th upto 16h.14m.; 18th after 10h.48m.; 19th till 8h.40m.; 20th after 28h.27m.; 21st between 10h.57m. and 26h.37m.; 26th after 25h.09m.; 27th till 26h.50m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

3rd after 27h.15m.; 4th whole day; 7th till 11h.15m.; 9th after 14h.59m.; 10th upto 16h.14m.; 13th after 17h.21m.; 14th till 16h.59m.; 20th after 28h.27m.; 21st upto 10h.57m.; 22nd till 8h.24m.; 25th after 27h.21m.; 31st after 10h.57m.

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Farmer's Guide for July 1990

MIHIRA

(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed.,A.M.)

1. Good for testing instruments.

2. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for fixing pump sets, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

3. Only routine work.

4. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for manuring, for sowing, for harvesting for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for testing instruments, for fixing pump sets.

5. Till 6h.09m. good for manuring, for sowing, for testing instruments.

6. Only routine work.

7. Good for borrowing.

8. After 6h.54m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

9. After 14h.59m. good for erecting sheds, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for purchasing dhall, paddy, wheat, corn etc.

10. Upto 8h.43m. good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for sowing, for erecting sheds.

11. Routine work only.

12. After 17h.26m. good for borrowing, for writing accounts.

13. Good for borrowing.

14. Upto 16h.59m. good for buying wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc., for harvesting, for disposing off agricultural products.

15. Routine work only.

16. After 14h.28m. good for testing instruments, for repaying debts.

17. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

18. Upto 10h.48m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for repaying debts. After 10h.48m. good for sowing, for ploughing, for harvesting, for buying or storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

19. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, dhall, corn etc.

20. Till 6h.31m. good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for storing paddy; wheat, dhall, corn etc.

21. After 10h.57m. good for testing instruments.

22. Good for testing instruments.

23. Between 6h.16m. and 28h.39m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

24. Good for borrowing.

25. Only routine work.

26. Routine work only.

27. Good for ploughing, for sowing.

28. Only routine work.

29. Upto 6h.31m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for appointing staff, for fixing pump sets, for purchasing paddy, wheat, dhall, corn etc.

30. Only routine work.

31. After 10h.57m. good for manuring, for harvesting, for testing instruments.

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How Is This Month (July 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed. A.M.)

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Gemini till 14th and then enters Cancer. Mars transits from Pisces to Aries on 1st and continues his progress there for the rest of the month. Mercury transits Gemini till 8th and after moving through Cancer till 24th enters Leo. Major planet Jupiter transits Gemini till 14th and then enters Cancer. Venus transits Taurus till 13th and then enters Gemini. The retrograde Saturn in Capricorn reenters Sagittarius on 11th. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

MESHA (Aries)

General: Mars in Janma, Jupiter in the 3rd and the 4th and Saturn in the 10th and the 9th are all inimical; Jupiter is under check till 9th and Saturn till 11th. Venus in the favourable 2nd and 3rd yields Vedha from 13th. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 14th transits afterwards the adverse 4th with attack. Mercury in the adverse 3rd till 8th with attack transits the favourable 4th till 20th with Vedha till 14th; he then moves into the adverse 5th. The evil influences will be in predominance throughout. You should resist a temptation to resort to unorthodox methods. Frustration will be the order of the day. Stoicism and prayers to God will help. Bharani is better than Aswini and Krittika.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits do not generate any optimism in the field of health. Ulcers in the stomach are likely to worry you. Chronic patients should be most careful. With some effort you could have peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: This is an altogether unsatisfactory month for finance. The pressure from creditors is likely to be severe. Every item of expenditure should be carefully checked. You should not stand surety under any circumstances. Speculative transactions may yield good profits during the first half.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions are best avoided during the month. Yield and rentals will tend to go down. Compromise talks may be fruitful for resolving labour problems. The services, businesses and professions are likely to find the month quite trying.

Women: Social contacts are not likely to be helpful to you during this month. Romances should be totally avoided. You must take particular care of your functional health. Employed girls should be very careful in dealing with their superiors.

Students: If sufficient self-restraint is practised now you will have laid a good foundation for making rapid progress in various fields in the months to come. You should curb a tendency to purchase unnecessary things.

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	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-8-13	3-12-17
Money dealings and enterprises	2-10-20	4-14-18
Journeys	7-11-22	5-15-19
Real property matters and educational activities	8-13-24	6-16-21
Children and speculation	10-20-26	9-17-23
Services	11-22-28	12-18-25
Partnership	13-24-29	14-19-27
Insurance	8-20-29	9-19-20
Profession and business	7-13-26	9-19-31

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 3rd to morning of 6th and again from early hours of 31st till the end.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: Mars in the 12th and Saturn in the 9th and 8th are altogether unsatisfactory. Venus in the 1st and the 2nd is fully favourable. Jupiter in the favourable 2nd till 14th with Vedha transits thereafter the adverse 3rd with check. The Sun in the unfavourable 2nd till 14th with check from 1st to 9th and on 13th and 14th transits afterwards the favourable 3rd with Vedha. Mercury in the favourable 2nd till 8th transits the unfavourable 3rd till 20th when he moves into the favourable 4th with Vedha. The bad influences are more in evidence. Exhorbitant expenditure, delay in enterprises and restless mind are all likely. There will be auspicious celebrations in the house caused by the fully favourable Venus. You should guard against a tendency to fall from ideals. Mrigasira is better than Krittika and Rohini.

Health and Domestic: Health and vitality are likely to be affected adversely. Chronic patients should be extremely careful. The children's health may cause some concern. Domestic bliss will however, be vouchsafed to you in full measure.

Finance and Speculation: The month is positively adverse for financial matters. Expenditure will be quite high and income will shrink. Speculative transactions should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month does not show any promise for real estate matters. You are advised to postpone all decisions, major or minor relating to real properties. The labour will be recalcitrant. Services, businesses and professions may find the month difficult.

Women: Social work will give you satisfaction. You will have considerable difficulty in balancing your domestic budget. You will do well to go slow in love affairs. Employed girls should be very careful in their work.

Students: With some determination on your part you could make progress in studies. In view of your proneness to accidents and physical injuries you should refrain from sports, games and athletics as far as possible.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-8-20	7-15-27
Money dealings and enterprises	1-10-22	5-14-21
Journeys	1-11-24	5-16-23
Real property matters and educational activities	2-11-22	5-18-30
Children and speculation	2-13-24	5-18-31
Services	7-20-26	9-17-25
Partnership	7-20-28	9-17-27
Insurance	7-20-29	9-17-30
Profession and business	11-22-29	9-17-31

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 6th to morning of 8th.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: The Sun in the adverse 1st and 2nd is under check. Mars in the 11th is fully favourable. Venus in the favourable 12th and 1st yields to Vedha from 13th. Saturn in the 8th and the 7th is not satisfactory. Jupiter in Janma till 14th with check transits thereafter the favourable 2nd with Vedha. Mercury in the adverse 1st till 8th with check transits afterwards the favourable 2nd till 20th when he moves into the adverse 3rd. The favourable influences have an upper hand during the month. Your enemies will be defeated. Accrual of money and increase of influence are likely. The evil will be in the form of a tendency to undertake long journeys without specific purpose. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: Minor ailments are likely to upset you a little during the second half. Chronic patients could expect to have a little relief during the first half. Children will make you happy by their good performance in schools and colleges. With some effort you could have peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: Your financial affairs will not be unsatisfactory. You are likely to start new financial ventures during the second half and these will be successful. Moderate profits are likely in the speculative field.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: This is a good month for all real property matters. Acquisition of new property is likely during the second half. Labour problems are likely to be resolved to your satisfaction. Services, businesses and professions will find the period satisfactory.

Women: Film artistes are likely to be offered lucrative contracts which can take them to the top in the world of celluloid. Love affairs will blossom

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wedding during the second half. This is a factory month for the employed girls.

Students: You will make rapid progress in studies. Army commissions are likely to be offered to and accepted by you. You will be successful in and interviews.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
sonal and domestic	13-24-29	8-16-21
ney dealings and erprises	7-22-28	10-17-30
rneys	4-20-26	11-19-31
l property matters	2-13-24	12-18-31
educational activities	1-7-22	12-18-30
dren and speculation	7-13-29	9-16-27
vices	4-22-29	9-16-25
nership	2-20-28	5-12-18
urance	1-13-26	5-12-19
fession and business		

Chandrashtama occurs from the evening of 8th early hours of 11th.

ATAKA (Cancer)

General: The Sun and Jupiter in the 12th and are both adverse; both of them are under check ughout. Venus in the 11th and the 12th is fully ficial. So also Mars in the 10th. Mercury in the vourable 12th and 1st with check till 20th nsits thereafter the favourable 2nd. Saturn in adverse 7th till 11th transits afterwards the urable 6th. The month has more favourable uences. You should, however, guard against a ency to fall from ideals. Pushyami is better Punarvasu and Aslesha.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor complaints will be mostly free from health troubles during month. Chronic patients having stomach troubhould be careful. Children's health may cause concern. Domestic bliss of a high order will be safed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial posiis not likely to be satisfactory. You are likely fer from want of funds to meet immediate and mate needs. Friends will, however, come to rescue and provide the necessary funds. Specuve transactions are likely to yield good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All property transactions will yield good profits. and rentals will be at good levels. One of your perties is likely to be sold at a good rate. This ely to be a routine month for the services, sinesses and professions.

Women: The month will give promising results the fair sex. Outside activities will bring in ness and success. Employed girls will find the more or less satisfactory.

Students: You will shine very well in the field of sports, games and athletics. You should, however, check your disinclination to concentrate on studies. You will have a memorable enjoyable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-22-29	3-11-19
Money dealings and enterprises	7-20-28	5-13-23
Journeys	1-10-24	12-18-31
Real property matters and educational activities	1-10-26	12-18-30
Children and speculation	2-10-22	5-15-23
Services	2-20-28	6-17-25
Partnership	2-20-29	6-17-27
Insurance	4-20-26	9-15-21
Profession and business	4-20-28	3-18-27

Chandrashtama occurs from the early hours of 11th to night of 13th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: The Sun in the favourable 11th till 14th transits afterwards the adverse 12th. Mars in the 9th is unfavourable. Mercury in the favourable 11th till 8th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 12th and 1st. Jupiter in the favourable 11th till 14th transits afterwards the unfavourable 12th with check. Venus in the adverse 10th till 13th transits afterwards the favourable 11th. Saturn in the favourable 6th till 11th with Vedha transits afterwards the unfavourable 5th. In a month of mixed results the favourable influences appear to have an edge over the unfavourable ones. Renewal of contacts with old friends and increase of influence are the likely results. You are likely to undertake a long journey which may prove beneficial. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: Eye troubles are likely to worry you but prompt medical attention will give you relief. One of your sons will land a good job in an established industry. Chronic sufferers will not find the month severe. Domestic life will be peaceful and harmonious during the second half.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will not be bad. You will be able to manage your expenses without resorting to borrowing. Your investments in recent issues would appreciate considerably. Speculative transactions will yield moderate profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You are likely to experience difficulties in the realisation of your dues from tenants. In a few instances you may have to resort to litigation. Services, businesses and professions will find the month, more or less, satisfactory.

Women: You will enjoy increased popularity in your social life. Those engaged in social work are likely to be asked to shoulder heavier responsibili-

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ties. Employed girls will find the month satisfactory.

Students: You are likely to get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and such contacts will help you greatly in your career later. You will be successful in your tests and interviews. You will shine well in the field of sports, games and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-10-20	3-12-17
Money dealings and enterprises	2-11-22	3-13-18
Journeys	4-20-24	5-14-19
Real property matters and educational activities	7-22-26	6-15-21
Children and speculation	8-24-28	9-16-23
Services	10-26-29	12-17-25
Partnership	4-22-29	14-18-27
Insurance	2-10-26	14-18-30
Profession and business	2-10-29	14-18-31

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 13th to the afternoon of 15th.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: The Sun in the favourable 10th and 11th yields to Vedha from 14th. Mars in the 8th and Saturn in the 5th and the 4th are both unfavourable. Venus in the favourable 14th will 13th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 10th. Jupiter in the adverse 10th till 14th with check transits thereafter the favourable 11th with Vedha. Mercury in the favourable 10th and 11th till 20th with Vedha till 8th transits afterwards the adverse 12th. In a month of mixed results the good side will have a slight edge over the evil ones. You will be generally successful in your undertakings. You will receive favourable news from Government regarding certain property matters. You may undertake long journeys which may prove unproductive. Hasta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Chitta.

Health and Domestic: Stomach troubles may worry you during the second half. Ordinary medical treatment will give you quick relief. Chronic patients having stomach complaints should be particularly careful. Conditions for domestic peace and harmony are not quite promising.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will not be unsatisfactory. There may be pressure for cash but friends will come to your rescue. You should not stand surety for anybody. Speculative transactions should be avoided during the month.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: All real property transactions will be, more or less, satisfactory. Yield and rentals will be at good levels. All labour problems will be removed to the satisfaction of all concerned. This is a satisfactory month for the services, businesses and professions.

Women: There is a possibility of romances and love affairs blossoming into wedding during the second half. This is generally a good month for the fair sex. Employed girls may be transferred to places of their choice during the second half.

Students: You will make rapid progress in studies. Those who had appeared for the Superior Service Competitive examination held by the Central Government are likely to come out successful. The month will be very helpful to medical students.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-8-20	12-19-31
Money dealings and enterprises	1-10-22	9-18-30
Journeys	1-11-24	6-17-27
Real property matters and educational activities	2-10-22	5-16-25
Children and speculation	2-11-24	3-15-23
Services	4-20-28	9-21-31
Partnership	4-20-29	9-21-30
Insurance	8-17-26	14-19-21
Profession and business	8-17-29	3-14-23

Chandrashtama occurs from the afternoon of 15th to the evening of 17th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: The Sun in the adverse 9th till 12th with check transits afterwards the favourable 10th with Vedha. Mars in the 7th is unfavourable. Mercury in the adverse 9th till 8th with check transits afterwards the favourable 10th and 11th with Vedha till 20th. Jupiter in the favourable 9th till 14th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 10th. Venus in the 8th and the 9th is fully favourable. Saturn in the adverse 4th till 11th transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. Favourable results are more in evidence during the month. Relief from your past financial commitments are likely. You should curb a tendency to deviate from right conduct. Visakha is better than Chitta and Swati.

Health and Domestic: You will have reasonably good health throughout. Chronic sufferers will find the month quite helpful. Children's health may cause a little worry during the second half. Domestic peace and happiness of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: Some control is necessary on financial matters. With skillful management you will be able to meet all your obligations, without any embarassment. One of your close relations will provide you with necessary funds.

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culative transactions will yield good profits 11th.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This more or less, a satisfactory month for real property matters. There are good chances of your quiring new properties. This is quite a satisfac- month for services, businesses and profes-

Women: This is a satisfactory month for the fair Romances and love affairs are likely to blossom happy wedding during the first week. Promo- and transfers to places of their choice are ely for employed girls.

Students: Quite a good month from several ints of view your progress in studies is assured the Vidyakaraka. You will shine very well in the d of sports, games and athletics. The chances of inclusion in the national or state level teams e quite rosy.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
rsonal and domestic	10-22-29	14-21-31
ney dealings and erprises	8-20-28	12-19-30
rneys	7-20-26	9-18-27
al property matters d educational activities	4-13-24	6-17-25
ldren and speculation	2-11-22	5-16-23
rvices	1-10-20	3-15-21
rtnership	2-10-22	6-15-21
urance	4-13-22	5-17-27
fession and business	10-20-29	3-16-25

Chandrashtama occurs from the evening of 17th the evening of 19th.

VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The Sun transits the adverse 8th and with check till 9th. Mars in the favourable 6th ds to Vedha. Mercury in the favourable 8th till transits afterwards the adverse 8th till 20th ch check till 14th; he then moves into the favour- 10th. Jupiter in the adverse 8th till 14th with ck transits afterwards the favourable 9th. Venus the unfavourable 7th till 13th transits after- ds the favourable 8th. Saturn in the favourable till 11th transits afterwards the adverse 2nd. e favourable influences have the upper hand ring the month. Accrual of money is likely. Your utation for integrity will be very high. General perity is indicated. Jyeshta is better than kha and Anuradha.

Health and Domestic: You will be in enjoyment good health throughout. Chronic sufferers will e considerable relief. Children's performance in ools and colleges will make you happy. You will e a troubled domestic life during the first half; peace and harmony will reign supreme during the second half.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. Some of the old dues which you had practically written off will be repaid to you. Speculative transactions will yield good dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: All real property transactions will be quite profitable. Acquisition of new property is also likely. Services are likely to be promoted out-of-turn. This is a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: This is an enjoyable month for the fair sex. Social climbers will find the month quite advantageous. This is a very satisfactory for employed girls.

Students: Those having an eye on the army commissions are likely to realise their ambition. Research scholars will be offered foreign scholarships with travel grants. You will shine very well in games and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	7-13-24	9-20-31
Money dealings and enterprises	1-10-22	3-14-23
Journeys	4-11-22	5-15-25
Real property matters and educational activities	8-22-29	12-17-27
Children and speculation	1-13-26	12-17-30
Services	1-13-28	6-14-21
Partnership	9-22-29	6-14-23
Insurance	3-13-28	5-15-25
Profession and business	1-13-29	5-15-27

Chandrashtama occurs from evening of 19th to night of 21st.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The Sun in the 7th and the 8th, Mars in the 5th, Venus in the 6th and the 7th and Saturn in the 2nd and the 1st are all unfavourable; the Sun is under check except between the 9th and the 11th; Venus is under check from 13th till the end; Saturn is under check from 11th till the end. Jupiter in the favourable 7th till 14th transits afterwards the adverse 8th. Mercury in the unfavourable 7th till 8th transits afterwards the favourable 8th till 20th when he moves into the adverse 9th. The month is thoroughly unsatisfactory from the Gochara point of view. You should not take a fatalistic attitude but give full play to your freewill and endeavour to maintain normalcy. Moola is better than Poorvashadha and Uttarashadha.

Health and Domestic: Persistent and violent headache indicative of tumour in head is indicated by the adverse transits of planets. Prompt and expert medical assistance is an immediate neces-

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sity. Chronic patients should be extremely careful. You may have to keep your fingers crossed in so far as peace and harmony in the domestic sphere are concerned.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will be satisfactory during the first week. Thereafter conditions will deteriorate very rapidly and you will be hard pressed to meet your financial obligations. Outside help also may not be forthcoming. This is not a month for speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month is quite unfavourable for all matters pertaining to real estate. You are likely to have disputes with adjacent property owners. Services will have their quota of troubles but Jupiter will be of assistance to get over them. This is not a propitious month for businesses and professions.

Women: The fair sex belonging to this sign may have to face many obstacles. Social contacts are not likely to be of any assistance. Love affairs should be avoided. This is a trying month for employed girls.

Students: In the midst of adverse transits of four planets, *vidyakaraka* stands out to help you during the major portion of the month. You should make full use of this position by concentrating on studies and foregoing circular activities.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-7-11	3-12-22
Money dealings and enterprises	2-8-13	5-14-23
Journeys	4-10-20	6-15-25
Real property matters and educational activities	7-11-24	9-16-27
Children and speculation	8-13-26	12-17-30
Services	10-20-28	14-18-31
Partnership	10-20-29	9-17-31
Insurance	4-11-26	5-15-27
Profession and business	2-10-24	3-14-25

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 21st to the night of 23rd.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The Sun in the favourable 6th till 14th transits afterwards the unfavourable 7th with check. Mars in the 4th and Saturn in the 1st and the 12th are both adverse; the latter is under check till 11th. Mercury in the favourable 6th till 8th transits afterwards the unfavourable 7th till 20th with check till 14th; he then moves into the favourable 8th with Vedha. Jupiter in the unfavourable 6th till 14th with check transits afterwards the favourable 7th. Venus in the favourable 5th till 13th transits afterwards the adverse 6th. In a month of mixed results the good effects will have a slight edge over the bad ones. You are likely to receive benefits through friends. General happiness and prosperity are indicated after the first week. Sravana is better than Uttarashadha and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: Health problems will be there but ordinary medical treatment will give you relief. Chronic sufferers may not find the month very helpful. Children's success in the examinations will make you happy. While the first half indicates happy home life the second fortnight may be troublesome in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be quite good during major portion of the month. The expenses will be on approved lines. Some of the old dues may be paid back to you to your great surprise. Speculative deals are not recommended.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Major transactions in real properties are recommended to be postponed to more favourable periods. Yield and rentals will be average. The services will find the month fruitful and satisfactory. Businesses and professions may clinch profitable deals during the month.

Women: The month will be satisfactory for the fair sex during the first half. You are likely to be a much sought-after person in social gatherings. You will derive good benefits through your social contacts. Employed girls will find the month, more or less, satisfactory.

Students: You will get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and such contacts will help you in your career later. You will be successful in tests and interviews. Medical students are particularly favoured.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-7-13	3-16-24
Money dealings and enterprises	1-8-20	3-16-26
Journeys	1-10-22	5-12-18
Real property matters and educational activities	1-11-28	5-12-19
Children and speculation	1-13-29	6-19-27
Services	8-20-29	16-19-30
Partnership	4-20-28	15-19-31
Insurance	4-20-29	15-19-30
Profession and business	2-20-28	3-12-18

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 23rd to early morning of 26th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: Mars in the 3rd and Venus in the 4th and the 5th are both favourable; the former yields

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...tha. Jupiter in the favourable 5th till 14th ...Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 6th ...check. Saturn in the adverse 12th till 11th ...afterwards the favourable 11th with Vedha ...th. The Sun in the adverse 5th till 14th with ...transits afterwards the favourable 6th with ...a. Mercury is in adverse 5th till 8th transits ...wards the favourable 6th till 20th when he ...into the adverse 7th with check. The good in-...ces have the upper hand during the month. ...are likely to go on a religious pilgrimage. There ...be general happiness and prosperity. The ...s of your enemies to malign you will not bear ...Poorvabhadra is better than Satabhisha and ...shta.

Health and Domestic: You will have reasonably ...health throughout. Chronic sufferers could ...forward to having a trouble-free month. Domestic ...of a high order is vouchsafed to you during the ...th.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs ...not prove unsatisfactory. Friends will provide ...with necessary funds for meeting your urgent ...rements. You should not stand surety for ...body. Speculative transactions are likely to ...moderate profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: This is, ...e or less, a satisfactory month for all real ...erty transactions. Yield and rentals will be at ...levels. Labour problems will be resolved to the ...faction of all concerned. This is a satisfactory ...for the services, businesses and professions.

Women: The month will be quite satisfactory. ...will enjoy long-awaited luxuries. Social climb-...will realise their ambitions. Social workers will ...e recognition and may be invited to accept ...responsibilities. This is a good month for ...yed girls.

Students: You will make rapid progress in stud-... You will shine very well in the field of sports and ...ics. The chances of your inclusion in the ...al or state level teams are extremely bright.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
...nal and domestic	2-10-22	1-15-23
...y dealings and ...prises	2-10-24	9-18-26
...eys	1-11-29	9-18-28
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...ces	7-13-29	12-18-30
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...nce	20-20-29	5-14-28
...ssion and business		

...ndrashtama occurs from beginning to the ...of 1st and again from early morning of 26th ...afternoon of the 28th.

12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: The Sun in the 4th and the 5th and Mars in the 2nd are both unfavourable; the former is under check till 14th. Mercury in the favourable 4th till 8th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 5th till 20th when he moves into the favourable 6th. Jupiter in the unfavourable 4th till 14th with check transits thereafter the favourable 5th with Vedha. Venus in the 3rd and the 4th is fully favourable. Saturn in the favourable 11th till 11th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 10th. The good influences will be more in evidence during the month. You will acquire influence and authority through association with top personnel in the political field. You will have general happiness and prosperity. Revati is better than Poorvabhadra and Uttarabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor complaints you will enjoy good health practically throughout. Chronic sufferers will have some relief. One of your sons will start an independent business and he will be successful. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be satisfactory from the point of view of finances. You will settle your past financial commitments on favourable terms. Speculative transactions will yield moderate profits throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Yield and rentals will be at average levels. You are advised to postpone all major transactions to more favourable periods. Services will find the month entirely satisfactory. This is a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding during the second half. You will have an active social life. Employed girls may be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: Those who had appeared for the superior service competitive examination held by the Central Government are likely to come out successful. You will have a memorable and enjoyable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-8-13	1-12-18
Money dealings and enterprises	4-10-20	2-17-25
Journeys	4-11-22	9-16-28
Real property matters and educational activities	7-10-20	5-12-29
Children and speculation	7-10-22	3-15-30
Services	8-11-22	3-15-31
Partnership	8-11-24	5-16-27
Insurance	10-20-26	12-18-30
Profession and business	8-20-26	5-18-31

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of the 1st to the night of 3rd and again from the afternoon of 26th to early hours of 31st.

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MY TURN

OUR GLORIOUS HERITAGE

T. RAMASWAMY AIYANGAR, COIMBATORE.

IT IS an irony that our Vedas and culture are better understood and appreciated by foreigners.

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"Sanskrit is not dead, nor is it merely a language.

"It is a science and art and in so far as it is a compendium of a people's consciousness, a microcosm of all that is essentially Indian. More profound and precise than any of the world's tongues, Sanskrit can express layered concepts through single words. Its exhaustive grammar rivalling any of the world's most complex scientific structures, its inherent flexibility....has prompted some modernists to proclaim it as the ideal computer language.

"In literary terms, the expressive power of Sanskrit is unparallelled in multi-dimensional subtlety in which the Western intellectual icon-breakers of this country, the structuralists and the deconstructionists (terms terrifying in their usurpation of primal powers) might meet their Waterloo....

"Sanskrit is a *mantric* language, *i.e.*, its syllables, when pronounced properly, have the capacity to perceptibly alter metaphysical changes.

"India has one of the oldest and most time-proven system of medicine.....All the way from the drawing board of the divine architect Vishwakarma India has had a sumptuous architectual retinue as its trail.

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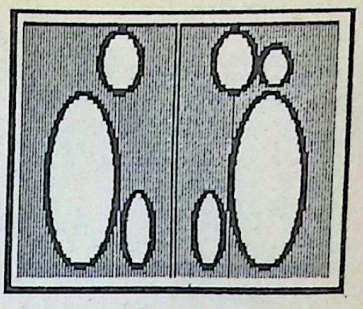

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Q. My wife is suffering from multiple rosis. It started with back-pain and bness in feet and palms in April 1982. s was diagnosed as due to cervical cord pression and laminactomy operation s done in July 1983. The backache and bness were cured.

On 26-4-1984, my wife found she could get up from the bed. Many remedies e tried but the sclerosis persisted and o March 1989, she was able to move ut only with the support of objects in house. From March 1989, she is virtu- bedridden and moves about in a wheel- ir. She has lost urine control. Will she be back on her legs and normal.

Wife: Born 10/11-12-1939 at 3.35 a.m. at utta.

S. No. 16397

SAT.(R) KETU				MARS SAT.	KETU	
RASI			ASCDT. SUN MOON	NAVAMSA		
						JUPIT. MERC.
SUN MOON MERC.	ASCDT. RAHU			RAHU		VENUS

Ans: The insulating material, a fatty sub- ce, which surrounds and protects nerve fibres e brain and spinal column, when destroyed, lts in interrupted or distorted nerve im- es to the brain. So, sclerosis is a disorder related to fat and to the nervous system. Jupiter rules fat and Mercury, nerves.

Here, Mercury is in the 2nd with new Moon aspected by 6th lord Jupiter. Jupiter, in turn, is under a strong Papakartari Yoga caused by Mars on one side and Saturn-Ketu on the other. The insulating material has therefore been corroded away or otherwise destroyed making room for multiple sclerosis.

Rahu, a malefic, is in Lagna and Ketu-cum-Saturn aspect it. Saturn is not a malefic. In fact, functionally he is a benefic. Rahu in Lagna creates some kind of disorder in the system. In this case, in the physical body.

And, the ailment struck just as transit Saturn began his movement through Libra and was intensified when Jupiter Bhukti of Dasa of the Moon started. The new Moon afflicts Mercury and both, in turn, are afflicted by an afflicted 6th lord Jupiter. The Moon Dasa is over and Mars Dasa has just begun. Mars, no benefic, nevertheless is in Parivartana with Yogakaraka Saturn. Therefore, through prayer after January 1991, the ailment can be combatted and some improvement had.

Q. My grand-daughter aspires to be a medico. What do the planets in her chart show?

Born 16-7-1974

S. No.16414

Ans: The 10th house Virgo receives no aspects. The 10th lord Mercury is in the 7th with Venus and Saturn in an airy sign. This is not

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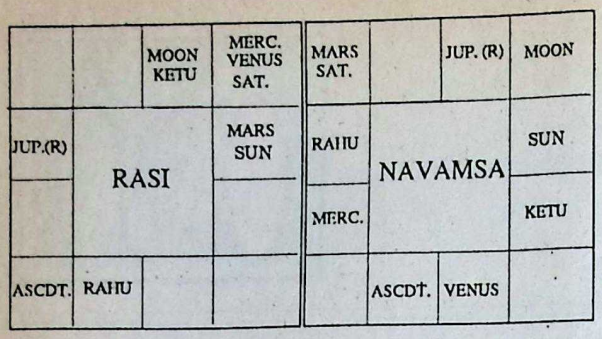
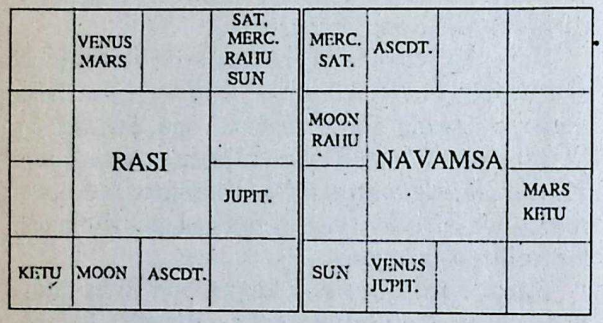


very promising for a medical career. But she is now running Rahu Dasa withRahu's sign-dispositor Mars in Cancer. So, she may pursue a para medical career such as pyschiatry, dentistry, opthalomy etc.

Q. I have started my own school in June 1988 after changing jobs 8 times since 1963. What is the future of the school?

S. No. 11271



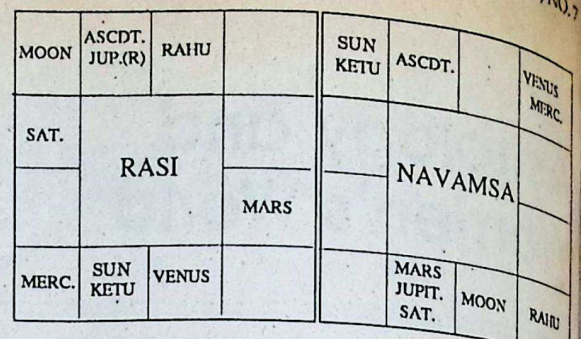
Ans: The Dasa is of the 10th lord Moon, who, though *neecha* in the 2nd, gets cancellation of debility. Thereafter, Mars Dasa will run with Mars in own sign in a *kendra* joining Lagna lord Venus. Therefore, indications are progressively your school will flourish and gain reputation.

Q. We are very upset by our daughter's adamantine behaviour. In December 1989, she dropped a bombshell at home when she announced she would only marry a certain boy she had known for about a couple of months. He is not our caste and even otherwise, not a good choice. She is prepared to completely cut off all relations with us for his sake. Will she come out of this infatuation?

Born 13-12-1964

S. No. 17152

Ans: The 7th lord Venus is quite well-placed and is aspected by 9th lord Jupiter. From the Moon-sign also, the 7th house is quite well-placed. These indicate a stable and happy marriage.

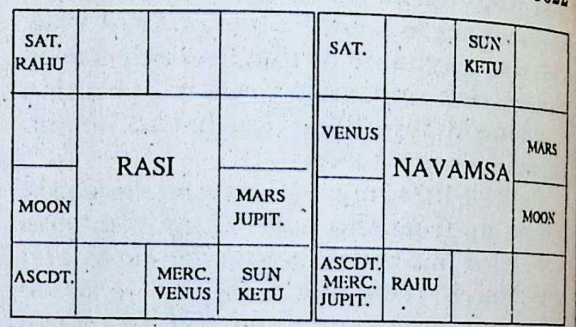


Ketu is in Scorpio, a watery sign, aspected by Mars. During Ketu Dasa, there are no indications for marriage. On the other hand, she may get disillusioned with her present choice and on her own, come out of the involvement.

Q. My daughter is now in the III Year, B. Architecture. Will she succeed in it or will she fare better in IAS?

Born 2-10-1968

S. No. 15622



Ans: The 9th lord Sun is in the 10th and the 10th lord Mercury is in the 11th in Libra with Venus. These planetary positions confirm her present line of study as the right one for her.

Further, once Jupiter Dasa begins, she may get opportunities to go overseas for higher studies.

Q. The native separated from his wife and child only a year after marriage in 1987 when he caught his wife red-handed with her paramour. Will he get a divorce from her and will he be able to marry again, happily?

D.S.

Husband: Born 6-12-1951 at 9.04 p.m.
Wife: Born 24-5-1959 at 2.55 a.m. (IST)

Ans: The 7th lord Saturn is in the 3rd with Mars in a common sign aspected by Ascendant lord Moon and 9th lord Jupiter. Mercury is the 7th lord from Chandra Lagna. The disastrous events occurred at the fag end of Mercury Dasa. Ketu Dasa has just begun and the nodal axis is

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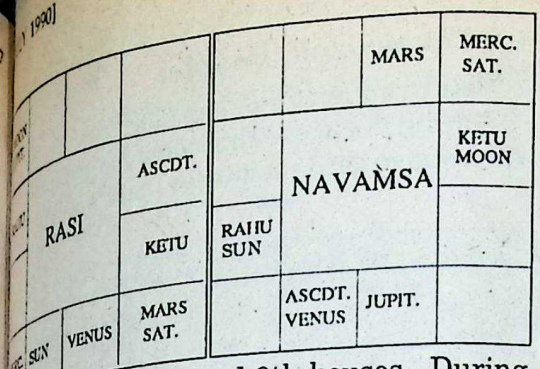

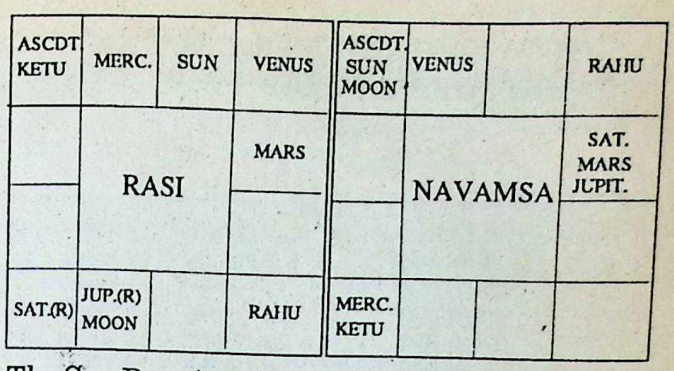

read across the 2nd and 8th houses. During Dasa, the marriage will be in a state of flux by about the time Venus Dasa begins, it may in to stabilize. Venus is in Libra in his *trikona* sign and therefore, the marriage somehow survive.

In the wife's chart, the Lagna and the 7th are mutually adversely placed. The couple rated during the last part of Venus Dasa. The Sun Dasa is next and the Sun in the 7th from the Moon may not help immediate reconciliation between the couple. But since there is a balancing of malefic elements in the two charts, it is unlikely the couple will be divorced.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Group III: Visakha, Uttara, Poorvabhadra, arvasu, Krittika, Uttarabhadra (*tripadi*).

Hence there will be 54 kinds of Tripushkara a.

The Sanskrit work 'Pushkara' has about 20 erent meanings both of good and evil things e a blue lotus, an arrow, war, serpent, water, Sun etc. and the Pushkara Yoga is connected h both good and evil. It is not connected merely h death but with loss and gain (Mrityu, Vinasa, ddi).

Dwipushkara Yoga is so called because it gives bled results, good or evil. Tripushkara Yoga is called because it gives, trebled results, good or .

If death occurs in the Tripushkara Yoga, three ths are likely to follow. If any loss by theft etc. pens in the Tripushkara Yoga, the loss is likely e trebled or three thefts may follow. To ward such happenings, propitiation is advised.

If any gains occur in the Tripushkara Yoga, the s will be trebled later. Similarly the results e doubled in Dwipushkara Yoga. The Dwipush- Yoga and the Tripushkara Yoga. The favour- also in matters of finance, like starting of rest business, bank deposits etc. The above sition has the authenticity of the classical s of Electional Astrology like *Muhurta Chinta-*, *Muhurtha Marthanda* etc. The following e may be read with advantage.

Bhadra tithi ravija bhootanararkavare
Dweesaryamaja charanadite vahni vaiswe
Tripushkarobhavathi Mrityu vinasa vriddhau
Trigunyado dwiguna kridwautaksha chandra

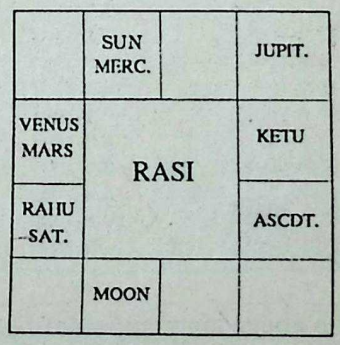
Some commentators opine that the birth of a child in Tripushkara Yoga is auspicious since three births may follow next. According to *Jyotisha* Tatwam, the child born in Tripushkara Yoga may be a Jaaraja (Prani Jatasu Jaaraja).

Hanamkonda. *Iranganti Rangacharya.*

BRAIN TEASER

Question: I bought a diamond worth Rs.10,000 some days ago. It has just disappeared without a trace. Will I find it?

Question time: 3-06 p.m. on 13-4-1990 at Bangalore



Solution: Next month

Solution to Our June Teaser: Yes, he will pass the IV standard examination.

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HOW SATURN'S TRANSIT IN CAPRICORN AFFECTS YOU — III

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1990 From	16-10-1990	To	15-11-1990	by Sun
"	19-10-1990	"	7-11-1990	by Mercury
"	20-10-1990	"	14-11-1990	by Venus
1991 From	16-10-1991	To	5-11-1991	by Sun
"	11-10-1991	"	30-10-1991	by Mercury
"	7-10-1991	"	20-11-1991	by Mars
"	30-11-1991	"	26-12-1991	by Venus
1992 From	16-10-1992	To	15-11-1992	by Sun
"	3-10-1992	"	23-10-1992	by Mercury
"	30-11-1992	"	26-12-1992	by Venus

During these periods the bad results of Saturn in the 9th will not affect the native.

(ii) For Leo People:

Saturn suffers *vedha* as under by the planets shown:

1990 From	1-4-1990	To	7-6-1990	by Mercury
"	14-4-1990	"	13-5-1990	by Sun
"	5-6-1990	"	16-8-1990	by Mars
"	25-5-1990	"	19-6-1990	by Venus
1991 From	14-4-1991	To	13-5-1991	by Sun
"	26-3-1991	"	15-4-1991	by Mercury
"	4-5-1991	"	1-6-1991	by Mercury
"	13-3-1991	"	7-4-1991	by Venus
1992 From	14-4-1992	To	13-5-1992	by Sun
"	5-6-1992	"	17-7-1992	by Mars
"	7-5-1992	"	23-5-1992	by Mercury
"	26-4-1992	"	21-5-1992	by Venus

During the above time intervals Saturn in the 6th will not give good results to these people.

(iii) For Virgo People:

Saturn suffers *vipareetha vedha* as under:

1990 From	16-7-1990	To	15-8-1990	by Sun
"	4-7-1990	"	25-7-1990	by Mercury
"	17-7-1990	"	23-8-1991	by Jupiter
"	6-8-1990	"	31-8-1990	by Venus
1991 From	15-7-1991	To	14-8-1991	by Sun
"	15-5-1991	"	5-7-1991	by Mars
"	30-6-1991	"	14-7-1991	by Mercury
"	30-5-1991	"	3-7-1991	by Venus
1992 From	15-7-1992	To	14-8-1992	by Sun
"	17-7-1992	"	26-8-1992	by Mercury
"	2-11-1992	"	21-12-1992	by Mars

During the above time gaps Saturn in the 5th will not give bad results for these people. It may be noted that Jupiter's presence in the 11th relieves these people from the grip of evil effects of Saturn nearly for an year which is of special importance.

(iv) For Scorpio People:

Saturn suffers *vedha* as under:

During the above time gaps Saturn in the 3rd will not give good results for these people.

1990 From	16-10-1990	To	15-11-1990	by Sun
"	18-10-1990	"	6-11-1990	by Mercury
"	21-10-1990	"	12-11-1990	by Venus
1991 From	16-10-1991	To	15-11-1991	by Sun
"	10-10-1991	"	5-11-1991	by Mercury
"	30-11-1991	"	27-12-1991	by Venus
"	7-10-1991	"	20-11-1991	by Mars
1992 From	15-10-1992	To	15-11-1992	by Sun
"	3-10-1992	"	23-10-1992	by Mercury
"	21-9-1992	"	14-10-1992	by Venus

(v) For Aquarius People:

Saturn suffers *vipareetha vedha* as under:

1990 From	14-4-1990	To	13-5-1990	by Sun
"	1-4-1990	"	7-6-1990	by Mercury
"	5-6-1990	"	16-8-1990	by Mars
"	25-5-1990	"	19-6-1990	by Venus
1991 From	14-4-1991	To	13-5-1991	by Sun
"	26-3-1991	"	15-4-1991	by Mercury
"	9-5-1991	"	1-6-1991	by Mercury
"	13-3-1991	"	7-4-1991	by Venus
1992 From	14-4-1992	To	13-5-1992	by Sun
"	5-6-1992	"	17-7-1992	by Mars
"	7-5-1992	"	23-5-1992	by Mercury
"	26-4-1992	"	21-5-1992	by Venus

During the above time gaps these people will not suffer due to Saturn in the 12th.

(vi) For Pisces People:

Saturn suffers *vedha* as under:

1990 From	16-7-1990	To	15-8-1990	by Sun
"	4-7-1990	"	25-7-1990	by Mercury
"	17-7-1990	"	31-8-1990	by Venus
"	17-7-1990	"	23-8-1991	by Jupiter
1991 From	15-7-1991	To	14-8-1991	by Sun
"	15-5-1991	"	5-7-1991	by Mars
"	30-6-1991	"	14-7-1991	by Mercury
"	30-5-1991	"	3-7-1991	by Venus
1992 From	15-7-1992	To	14-8-1992	by Sun
"	17-7-1992	"	26-8-1992	by Mercury
"	2-11-1992	"	21-12-1991	by Mars
"	8-7-1992	"	2-8-1992	by Venus

During the above time periods the good effects of Saturn in the 11th will not be felt by the native, especially for a longer period, may be even as much as one year during 1990 to 1991 which may be noted as to be on the alert.

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Who should perform remedial measures?

The following people should perform remedial measures to avoid evil effects of Saturn as indicated.

(i) As per conventional aspect:

(a) Capricorn people for Janma Sani.

(b) Libra and Gemini for Ardhashtama and Ashtama Sani respectively.

(ii) *As per Stellar Transit:*

(a) While Saturn is passing through Uttarashadha (for periods refer beginning of the article)

1. Krittika, Uttara and Uttarashadha people will have to do remedial measures for Anujanma, Trijanma and Janma star transit respectively. Uttara 1st pada people need not worry since Saturn in the 6th will be a benefic for them. Uttarashadha men will suffer more due to Janma Sani.

2. Aridra, Swati and Satabhisha people for transit of Vadha star, 7th from birth star giving very bad effect.

3. Sravana and Dhanishta people will have to perform remedial measures since Saturn will transit their anus giving very bad results. This also coincides with Janma Sani of *sade sathi* which is also very bad.

(b) While Saturn is passing through Sravana (for periods refer beginning of the article)

1. Rohini, Hasta and Sravana people for passage of Saturn through Anujanma, Trijanma and Janma stars. Sravana people will suffer much due to Janma Sani.

2. Punarvasu, Visakha and Poorvabhadrapada people for transit of Vadha Tara transit (7th star). Poorvabhadrapada 4th pada people will not get affected since Saturn will be passing through their 11th house giving good results.

3. Dhanishta and Satabhisha people for passage of Saturn through anus, (refer table - Nakshatra Anga Sani). Dhanishta will suffer more due to Janma Sani also.

(c) While Saturn is passing through Dhanishta 2nd half (for periods refer beginning of the article)

1. Mrigasira, Chitta and Dhanishta people will have to perform remedial measures due to passage of Saturn through Anujanma, Trijanma and Janma stars. Dhanishta will suffer much due to *sade sathi* sani also.

2. Pushya, Anuradha and Uttarabhadrapada people for Vadhatara transit (7th star). Anuradha and Uttarabhadrapada people need not worry since Saturn will be passing through the 3rd and the 11th signs giving good results.

3. Satabhisha and Poorvabhadrapada people should also perform remedial measures for passage of Saturn through the limb, anus (refer Table 5).

8. Remedial Measures

Opinions differ regarding the modes of performing these remedial measures due to the simple fact that literature and traditions on the subject are vast and many. Any remedial measure recommended should be short and effective since today people are caught up in the fast pace of life. I have found in my experience the following programme of remedial measures to be useful.

1. The following *yantra* (talisman) has to be inscribed on a thin gold or copper plate one-and-a quarter inch square. This may be consecrated by chanting either of the following two *mantras* 23 thousand times spread over 40 days. This *yantra* is based on *Yantra Chintamani* which describes it in a *sloka*.

The ancient sages being adepts in applied numerology had used key numbers as codes to signify letters pertaining to a particular sound vibration called *mantra*.

The *puranas* recommend the following *mantra*:

Hreem Neelanjanam samaabhaasam raviputram yamaagrajam
Chaayaamaartanda sambhootam tam namaami sanaischaram

The *tantras* recommend the following *mantra:*

Om praam preem proum sanaischaraya namaha

The *yantra* is as follows:

12	7	14
13	11	9
8	15	10

I conclude this article with a prayer to the Almighty to give peace and prosperity to all during Saturn's passage through Capricorn.—20.90.

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TABLE - 3: OCCUPATIONAL EFFECTS OF SATURN THROUGH 3 STARS FOR EACH BIRTH STAR

Your Birth / Occupation of Saturn in stars and transit period	Aswini Makha Moola	Bharani Pubba Poorvashadha	Krithika Uttara Uttarashadha	Rohini Hasta Sravana	Mrigasira Chitta Dhanishta	Aridra Swati Satabisha	Punarvasu Visakha Poorvabhadra pada	Pushya Anuradha Uttarabhadra pada	Aslesha Jyeshta Revati
Uttrashadha 2, 3 and 4th padas From 19.3.1990 to 6.7.1990 again from 8.10.1990 to 13.3.1991 and again from 24.7.1991 to 10.12.1991	Lord Ketu Vipath BAD	Lord Venus Sampath GOOD	Lord Sun Janma BAD	Lord Moon Paramamitra GOOD	Lord Mars Maitra GOOD	Lord Rahu Vadha VERY BAD	Lord Guru Daivanukula GOOD	Lord Sani Pratyak BAD	Lord Budha Kshema GOOD
	Accidents diseaces all works delayed, enmity with father	Gain, success financial status increased, help from others, all-round success	Fear, fear of death for 7 1/2 years, harassing by government, ills, mental	Help from others, senior partners, government, all-round success	Help from VIPS all-round success, improvement in all aspects	Very bad time, fear of death for Maraka Dasa people, chronic illness, accidents	Good, provides initial help, all failures succeed, easy. comfortable living	All work delayed, quarrel with others, misery, difficulty suffering	Comforts, easy job, help from others, good food and sleep
Sravana 13.3.1991 to 25.7.1991; again from 11.12.1991 to 14.4.1992; again from 11.7.1992 to 6.7.1993	Kshema GOOD	Vipath BAD	Sampath GOOD	Janma BAD	Paramamitra GOOD	Maithra GOOD	Vadha VERY BAD	Dhaivanukula GOOD	Pratyak BAD
	Easy life, happy comfort, help from elders & aged women, bhojana, sukha, sthree sukha, all-round success, malefic effect reduced for 7 1/2 years Saturn	Accidents, drow ning, plot by women, scandal 7 1/2 years Sat. period, very bad for Poorvashadha vadha, roga etc.	Financial status increases, help of money from women 7 1/2 yrs. Saturn less, malefic for Uttarashadha, all-round success	Very bad, 71/2 years Sani for Sravana, fear of death, ills loss in business punishement	Help from VIPS partners, success in all fields, comforts happy life, sex-ual happiness	Help from others, partners, help froom widows, flow of money, all-round success gain in business etc.	Very bad time, accidents, epdemics, heavy loss, punishment, humiliation, consipracy, by women, all failures	Providential, help spontaneous easy success, improvement, gain in business, promotion, all success	Impediment, all delayed, plot by women, scandal, all failures, slow motion in every way
Dhanishta 1, 2 padas From 15.4.1992 to 10.7.1992; again from 7.1.1993 to 4.3.1993	Prathyak BAD	Kshema GOOD	Vipath BAD	Sampath GOOD	Janma BAD	Paramamitra GOOD	Maithra GOOD	Vadha VERY BAD	Daivanukula GOOD
	All delayed, impediment, accidents (fire) trouble from brothers, liti-gation, failure, bad time for Dhanishta, 7 1/2 years' Sani, difficulties, sorrow & pain	comforts, happy life , help from women and brothers, all-round success, partnership, trade improves, all-round success	Accidents (fire cuts, fractures quarrels with brothers, part-ners, heavy loss harassing by government, tax raids, 7 1/2 years' Sani very bad for Uttarashadha	Easy, happy life, good income financial status, improves, part-ners, help all-round success, help from women	Very bad for Dhanishta (Janma Sani), fear of death, serious illness, litigation all-round failure, sorrow, misery, calamities, difficulties in every way	Easy time, com-forts, happy life, help from VIPS and others, less sufferings for 7 1/2 years' Sani, help from part-ner, brothers, all-round success, gain	Help from friends, priests, highly placed men, gain, financial increase, help from partners, brothers, all happy comfort, all-round success	Sorrow, misery, calamities, accidents, fear fear of death, loss in business, punishment, unwanted change in job, all failures	Providential help from every corner, comforts, happy, easy life, all gain, success, improvement, good health, good time

Note: First column vertical shows - period of transit of Saturn through stars mentioned. *Cross column effects for the same given for the 27 stars down the columns* of stars mentioned in first cross column. You find your effect at the meeting square of both.

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TABLE - 4: SATURN'S PASSAGE THROUGH STARS - PERIODS AND EFFECTS

Sl. No.	Your Birth Star	Periods Showing Saturn's Passage Through Stars		
		Uttarashada Last 3 Padas	Sravana	

TABLE II SATURN'S PASSAGE THROUGH STARS - PERIODS AND EFFECTS

Sl. No.	Your Birth Star	Periods Showing Saturn's Passage Through Stars					
		Uttarashada Last 3 Padas		Sravana		Dhanishta 1st Half	
		From 19-3-1990 to 6-7-1990 From 8-10-1990 to 13-3-1991 From 24-7-1991 to 10-12-1991		From 14-3-1991 to 23-7-1991 From 11-12-1991 to 14-4-1992 From 11-7-1992 to 6-1-1993		From 15-4-1992 to 10-7-1992 From 7-1-1993 to 4-3-1993 ---------	
1	2	3		4		5	
		Part of body	Effect	Part of body	Effect	Part of body	Effect
1.	Aswini	Head	Gain of Status	Head	Gain of Status	Head	Gain of Status
2.	Bharani	Right shoulder	Fear	"	"	"	"
3.	Krittika	"	"	Right. Shoulder	Fear	"	"
4.	Rohini	"	"	"	"	Right Shoulder	Fear
5.	Mrigasira	"	"	"	"	"	"
6.	Aridra	Heart	Gain of Money	"	"	"	"
7.	Punarvasu	"	"	Heart	Gain of Money	"	"
8.	Pushya	"	"	"	"	Heart	Gain of Money
9.	Aslesha	"	"	"	"	"	"
10.	Makha	"	"	"	"	"	"
11.	Poorvaphalguni	Legs	Mental Illness	"	"	"	"
12.	Uttaraphalguni	"	"	Legs	Mental Illness	"	"
13.	Hasta	"	"	"	"	Legs	Mental Illness
14.	Chitta	"	"	"	"	"	"
15.	Swathi	"	"	"	"	"	"
16.	Visakha	"	"	"	"	"	"
17.	Anuradha	Left Shoulder	Success	"	"	"	"
18.	Jyeshta	"	"	Left Shoulder	Success	"	"
19.	Moola	"	"	"	"	Left Shoulder	Success
20.	Poorvashadha	"	"	"	"	"	"
21.	Uttarashadha	Face	Fear, Loss	"	"	"	"
22.	Sravana	Anus	Fear of Death	Face	Fear, Loss	Left Shoulder Success	
23.	Dhanishta	"	"	Anus	Fear of Death	Face	Fear, Loss
24.	Satabhisha	Eyes	Comforts	"	"	Anus	Fear of Death
25.	Poorvabhadrapada	"	"	Eyes	Comforts	"	"
26.	Uttarabhadrapada	Head	Gain of Status	"	"	Eyes	Comforts
27.	Revati	"	"	Head	Gain of Status	"	"

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meaning, if all the seven planets beginning with the Sun (Sun to Saturn) are posited in Pushkara Navamsa, the native born earns much wealth, enjoys all comforts of life, is very rich, fmamous (well-known) and happy.

Other verses for reference:

(4) *Chandrakala Nadi* Vol. I, Page 268, V. 2966: पुष्करांशगते जीवे राज्येशे कुजवीक्षिते।

चम्पकांशे प्रजातश्च यावदायुष्य भाग्यवान्।

(5) *Chandrakala Nadi* Vol. I, P. 272. V. 2737:

पुष्करांशगते जीवे राज्येशे स्वेच्चराशिगे।

त्रैलोक्यांशे प्रजातः स यावदायुष्य भाग्यवान्।

(6) *Chandrakala Nadi* Vol. I, P. 239, V. 2427:

पुष्करांशगते जीवे राज्येशे धनराशिगे।

जीवे कुजयुते दृष्टे योगश्चामरसंज्ञकः॥

Examples:

(1) N. T. Rama Rao (Ex-chief Minister of Andhra) has his Moon, Jupiter and the rising Navamsa in Libra sign, Pisces Navamsa: also Ketu, the Sun and Mercury are in Pushkara Navamsa. The Sun and Mercury are also Vargottama. In all five planets and the rising Navamsa are in Pushkara Navamsa. (It may be noted that rising Navamsa sign falls in Rasi chart in the 6th house — Shastamsa)

(2) Amitabh Bachan has Jupiter in Cancer sign and Cancer Navamsa, and Venus in Virgo sign in Taurus Navamsa — two planets in Pushkara Navamsa.

(3) K. M. Kharegat has his Sun in Cancer sign, Cancer Navamsa; and Ketu in Leo sign, Libra Navamsa.

(4) Our Prime Minister V. P. Singh has Jupiter in Cancer sign, Cancer Navamsa (Vargottama) and Saturn in Sagittarius sign, Sagittarius Navamsa (Vargottama) - both planets in Pushkara Navamsa also.

(5) In the scribe's chart the Ascendant falls in Cancer sign, Cancer Navamsa (Pushkara Navamsa).

I have observed that natives having their rising Navamsas (*Uditha Navamsa*) falling either in Vargottama or in Puskara Navamsa are outstanding in their careers.

I fervently hope that this article will prove useful to all ardent students of Sidereal Astrology.—86.90. (Copyright reserved)

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formed. Since two Argala signs are involved by the occupancy of the Sun and Mercury in the 2nd P.A.S. and the Moon in the 4th P.A.S., the Padargala Yoga becomes the Ardhargala Rajayoga. He was the P.C.C. of Tamilnadu.

Chart 9: Mr. Karunanidhi. Born 3-6-1924. Birth Ascendant Cancer= 18° and Sun 1° 19'.

The J.L. is Cancer. The Sun aspects J.L. in Rasi chart and N.L. in Navamsa chart. Hence the Sun becomes the Yogada. From the Sun the 9th S.A.S. is occupied by the exalted Mars. Hence the S.A.Y. is Padargala. The S.A.P. of the Padargala is far superior, because, the Yogada is associated with the exalted Moon and aspected by two exalted planets *viz.*, Mars and Saturn and because the 7th is occupied by the benefic Jupiter. The native is the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu.—13.90.

	MERC.	SUN MOON	VENUS
KETU	Chart 9 RASI Karunanidhi		ASCDT.
MARS			RAHU
	JUPIT.	SAT.	

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tates dramatically announced at very short . The Congress (R) was ousted from power he Centre and the Janata Party came to er in March 1977 when Jupiter was in Tau- and Saturn in Janata Party Government out of power. In January 1980 in the 7th Sabha poll, Mrs. Gandhi came back to power Jupiter was in Leo and Saturn in Virgo. In 1980 when Jupiter combined with retro- Saturn in Leo, Sanjay Gandhi died in an rash paving the way for Rajiv Gandhi's into politics. On 31st October 1984 when Indira Gandhi was assassinated, Mars and er combined in Sagittarius while Saturn in Libra. In June 1984 at the time of the Star Operation, Mars and Saturn were ined in Libra while Jupiter was in Sagitta- The 8th Lok Sabha poll held in December gave absolute majority to Congress (I) at Centre. Jupiter was in Sagittarius, Mars in icorn and Saturn in Libra at the time of the The 9th Lok Sabha poll was held in ember 1989 when Jupiter in Gemini was sed by Saturn in Sagittarius. Mars was in ra.

From the examples cited above, it is difficult come to any definite conclusive rule. It, ever, appears that Jupiter-Saturn in Dwird- asamsa and Jupiter-Mars-Saturn in square position have been found to give surprising lts on the political scene. Jupiter in Gemini most cases has been found to give erratic and pected results. Sagittarius is also an er- sign. The Cancer and Capricorn axis is not ratic as the Gemini-Sagittarius axis but it itely plays a significant role in reshaping scene that emerges after the transit of im- nt planets from the former axis. Planets in -Libra axis too have the capacity of drama- g the situation. The other three axes too their own significance. Jupiter and Saturn position give surprising results but they try to balance the situation. If Mars and -Ketu join the Jupiter-Saturn axis certainly situation may get quite explosive.

Jupiter-Saturn in Gemini-Sagittarius in 1989- may be compared to a similar opposition in when the Gandhi-Irwin Pact promising a dominion status to India baffled Mahatma Gandhi so much so that he had to resort to another Civil Disobedience Movement as soon as Jupiter-Saturn opposition across Cancer and Capricorn began. This was accompanied by turmoil in Kashmir and Alwar. It was during the Jupiter-Saturn opposition in Cancer-Capricorn axis that the British declared a policy of separate electoral system on communal basis which was an indication for a separate Muslim Homeland, a separate Sikh homeland, a separate Harijan homeland etc. Seeds of communal divisions sown by the then British Government later on fruitified into the shape of Pakistan. The present demand for a separate homeland of Sikhs, Kashmiri Muslims, Gorkhas, Naga Christians are all the off-shoots of the same British policy outlined some 58 years back.

In 1931 and 1932 Rahu-Ketu were away from Jupiter-Saturn axis but in 1990-91 when Jupiter and Saturn will be in Cancer-Capricorn axis Ketu will be combining with Jupiter and Saturn will be combining with Rahu. Mars will be in Capricorn during March and first half of April. Saturn will be entering Capricorn on 21st March. The period between 21st March and 12th April may be highly explosive, for the nation as a whole.

The king of the new Samvat, Mars, and prime minister, Venus, indicate inherent contradictions and inner feuds in the party in power. In July and August Mars will be squaring Cancer/ Capricorn axis which is definitely a very explosive situation for the nation. In 1959 Saturn in Sagittarius gave birth to Swatantra Party which has now faded away from the political scene. An era of minority Government rule at the Centre beginning in Saturn's transit of Sagittarius in 1989 may not be a lasting one. Between June and July Jupiter and Saturn in retrograde motion will be opposing each other. This is also not a good period. Between December 1990 and August 1991 Jupiter and Saturn will be opposing each other in Cancer-Capricorn axis. When China made an invasion on India in 1962 Saturn was in Capricorn and when the Indo-Pakistan war broke out in 1965 with the sad end of Lal Bahadur Sastri, Jupiter was in Gemini.

India has to be very very watchful during 1990 and 1991 as far as national interests are concerned. Party interests lose all their force when they come in conflict with national inter-

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Kashmir continue to be a grave threat to national integrity. It is significant to note that in 1967 when Jupiter was in Cancer the coalition Governments came into being in several states but most of them collapsed within a year. In 1977 when Saturn was in Cancer the Janata Party made up of four major parties came to power at the Centre and in several states but collapsed within three years. From that point of view 1990 and 1991 denote continuance of coalition Governments. But in 1967 and 1977 Rahu-Ketu were not involved in Cancer sign. In both these years there was no opposition between Jupiter and Saturn. In 1979 when Rahu combined with Saturn it paved the way for the ouster of the Janata Party. In 1990 Rahu is already waiting to welcome Saturn into Capricorn. Saturn in retrogression leaves Capricorn and enters Sagittarius on 21st June. It means boiling of the political scene between 21st March and 21st June and then a sudden turn back in the political situation. It is difficult to anticipate the exact nature of changes to take place between 21st June and 15th December 1990. It may take the shape of a new coalition pattern at the Centre or a new Government of a different pattern as a result of some fresh Lok Sabha poll.. There may be some other possibilities also such as a national coalition Government to face some unexpected challenges.

The planetary positions denote possibility of B.J.P. and Akalis dominating the scene from one side due to Jupiter-Ketu in Cancer and Communist-Muslim opportunist-alliance on the other side due to Saturn-Rahu in Capricorn. The years 1990 and 1991 may perhaps be marked by a trial of strength between these two forces. A decisive result before 15th August 1991 appears to be highly probable. It may herald the beginning of something like a Ram Rajya in India when Jupiter enters Leo in August 1991. Communists may read the writing on the walls. They will not be able to save their old bastions in India and may face the same fate as the Communists in East Europe during Jupiter's transit of Cancer and Leo. Even Congress (I) must have learnt the lessons of its wrong appeasement policy. The dual policies of all political parties must have a sad end by July 1990. One should not feel surprised if the B.J.P. comes to power at the centre within two years from August 1990. Political analysts may have different views on the future prospects of the B.J.P. and similar-minded parties. But one fact known to every student of history is that Hindu passions are roused slowly but once roused grow steadily until their objectives are fulfilled. The planetary combinations in 1990 and 1991 like Jupiter-Ketu/Saturn-Rahu opposition denote great tussle of power between emancipators of three sacred relics of the Hindus and their opponents but emancipators represented by Jupiter-Ketu may win over the opponents.

Ketu represents Sikhs. Jupiter represents Hindu deities. Saturn represents parties of leftist ideas and Rahu represents Muslims. Ketu is the emancipator and Rahu is the grabber. Jupiter will be exalted but Saturn will be in own sign. The language of the stars can be deciphered this way. "In the next two years both the Hindus and Sikhs will succeed unitedly in getting back their three important holy shrines. A judicial verdict may also help in restoring of the Hindu shrines on account of the same planetary configurations."

In India such questions as "How long will the present Government of minority party remain in power?" are being raised. Such doubts are genuine as in the past the Janata Party could not remain in power even for three years although it had an absolute majority. This time political analysts speculate even an earlier come-back of the Congress (I). Astrologically the possibility of a mid-term Lok Sabha poll between 21st March and 20th July does not appear to be an impossibility when Saturn and Jupiter will be in a mood to give a more durable Government.

If the Congress does not come back to power before 20th July 1990 it may prove still more difficult for it to come to power when Jupiter-Ketu will be transitting the 8th and Saturn-Rahu are in the 2nd, in the Congress (I) chart. This combination may prevent the Congress (I) from coming to power for another 13 months. Rechristening of the Congress (I) at some auspicious hour with some fresh policies following the ideals of Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel may help in redeeming its position. It is high time the Congress (I) took a more pragmatic view of things if it wants to save itself from further ruin.--275.89.

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THE WAR OF MAHARABHARATA

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is does not apparently include officers and als and buglers, heralds and others imme- y connected with the fighting troops. e total fighting strength was 371790 x 18 = 0 or about 67 lakhs of troops with 1180980 s, 393660 chariots and 393660 elephants. atter must have been a formidable arm at ime and they also seem to have been of rose size and great strength. Including the followers, commissariet pioneers and dents, it may safely be asserted that the ring of 10 or 15 crores of men at the place heir complete destruction, seems to have an undoubted fact.

e present war in Europe promises to draw its vortex, nations from different coun- and the armies gathered may even prove numerous than what the *Mahabharata* recorded. Some, however, doubt the cor- ss of the above figures given for Akshonhin- in stanza 9 of Chapter 26th of Striparva in *bharata*, Yudhistira, to a question put to by the blind king Dhruta Rashtra as to the bers of the troops killed on the battlefield, rs distinctly that the number of men of ary fame exceeded 76 crores of men and the roll included 25000 generals and warriors at renown. Probably the figures in the *bharata* have not been properly under- d.

e present conflagration in Europe may within the field of battle the following ber of troops. These estimates are roughly but anyhow they show the colossal nature struggle which is being so furiously waged e contending parties in the political arena.

rmany	41/2	millions of men
ssia	5	do
stria	31/2	do
gland	3	do
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key, Servia, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, y, Swtizerland, Albania, Spain, Portugal her states, about 5 millions or about 30 ns of men and the war, if continued long, es to be the grandest in the annals of the during the last 5 or 6 thousand years. the great Emperor Vikramaditya was invaded by the Sakas and Hunas, they numbered more than six millions of fighting men and Vikramaditya who slew them in a great battle, must have gone at the head of an almost equal number of troops, to oppose and defeat that formidable invasion. When the great Satyasriya of the Chalukyan family was invaded by Harsha Vardhana of Kanouj, king of all North. India with 60,000 war elephants, the troops engaged seem to have been over two or three millions. When the planets are in an ordinary mood, though great nations enter into war, they put forth ordinary numbers of troops into the field and after one or two sharp encounters, wind up the war with some concessions and treaties. During such times the people will be against war and the King will be compelled to patch up a hasty peace. But when the planets are cruel and shed a larger quantity of evil influences, the mania for war becomes greater, people join in confoundingly large numbers and the destruction of life and property will be immense. But such seem to be the decrees of Providence that in spite of all these horors of war before them, Nations wage them.

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OUTLOOK FOR THE LUNAR YEAR PRAMODUTA (1990-1991)

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in Bangladesh. A strong typhoon in October-November could cause heavy loss of life and property.

The King of Nepal would initiate steps towards democracy.

In Burma, opponents of democracy would receive a jolt and General Ne Win could be dislodged from power.

Sri Lanka would to some extent succeed in containing her ravaged economy, and would resort to parliamentary democracy at a not too distant future. The LTTE would continue to resort to violence and make the life of the Tamils miserable. DR. RAMAN cautioned that India should beware of LTTE's sinister role in disturbing peace in Tamil Nadu and causing more violence.

A major crisis in the U.S.A. industry would occur. President Bush and the Congress would be on a line of war in many major issues bearing on international matters. Unfortunately, the U.S. would also be the cause of many international troubles. A major disaster was indicated in the area of nuclear waste. The U.S., however, would not get involved in a major war in 1990. The President would be exposed to danger when Mars was in Gemini, cautioned DR. RAMAN.

In the Soviet Union, Gorbachev would face tremendous pressure from the military (Mars) complex, and he might even be betrayed by his so-called friends. The transition from communism to some sort of a capitalism would be a slow process involving the rolling of many heads. Attempts on the lives of some leading political personalities were not ruled out. The Saturn-Rahu conjunction in 1991 could hasten the disintegration of the Soviet empire.

About October-November, North China could be hit by a serious storm and a severe earthquake resulting in considerable loss of life. China's rigid stance towards Tibet would further harden. Sino-Indian border clashes could increase in frequency. There would be no improvement of relations with India. More turmoil was foreseen in China by DR. RAMAN.

Cambodia would be pushed into a fresh round of uncertainty with China playing a significant role in the game. South Korea would see more repression. The South might face an insurgency. The trend in Thailand and other countries in the area whatever the Governments, would be towards correction of political despotism and economic dishonesty, said DR. RAMAN on a hopeful note.

Severe tidal waves and other natural calamities would take a large toll of life in Japan. Relations with U.S.A. would be good. An economic erosion would gradually set in.

Referring to the changes in Europe, DR. RAMAN said, Romania, Bulgaria and Czevhoslavakia would continue to be three hold-outs against peace in the communist empire. The August eclipse could cause a temporary setback to the democratic process in Eastern Europe in the form of a back-lash from hard-liners facing extinction and a Soviet Union worried about its security interests. In Western Europe England's economy would flounder. High inflation would made a mockery of Thatcher's economic miracle. The prime-minister would skip over one more crisis. France's continuing effort to dominate European thinking would be partly successful and some important changes in the Government were likely. West Germany could be torn between being a key player in United Europe and a the intriguing possibility of reunification with East Germany. A militaristic group could attempt to revive Nazism and a trend towards dictatorship was likely. The Pope's health could cause concern and the political influence of the church would decline.

Moving on to West Asia, DR. RAMAN said, Israel's relations with U.S.A. would deteriorate over the proposal for elections in the West Bank. The Soviet Union could come closer to Israel; the latter would continue to collaborate with South Africa on the development of nuclear weapons.

Lebanon's 14 - year old civil war would defy any solution and the Israel-Syria-Lebanon equation would continue as before.

Rafcanjani's position in Iran was threatened about the time of Rahu-Saturn conjunction, Egypt faced turmoil and unrest. Cairo-Jerusalem ties would come under severe strain.

Passions in West Asia in general would continue to boil over with fanaticism taking the better of political wisdom.

For South Africa happy indications spelt the beginning of the end of apartheid, said DR. RAMAN. The new Pretoria Government would embark on measures to end racial discrimination but the whites would put up strong resistance.

Summing up, DR. RAMAN concluded the lunar year Pramoduta (1990-91) promised to be extraordinary because of the conjunction of Saturn and Rahu (on 21-1-1991). It would become evident that the new harmonious relationship between Russia and America would not quite work. The world would not witness real peace which was possible only when leaders chanelled their *arishadvargas* as enunciated in the ancient scriputres. He repeatedly asserted that astrological forecasts were only indicative and implied no fatalism. With the right efforts on the part of leaders much of the negative effects of 1990-91 could be diffused.

Prof. Ramesan, in his presidential remarks, referred to the importance of Jyotisha and the role it could play in one's life. Tracing the history of astronomy in Europe, he also dwelt at length on the development of astronomy in India and the greatness of Bhaskara and other astronomers.

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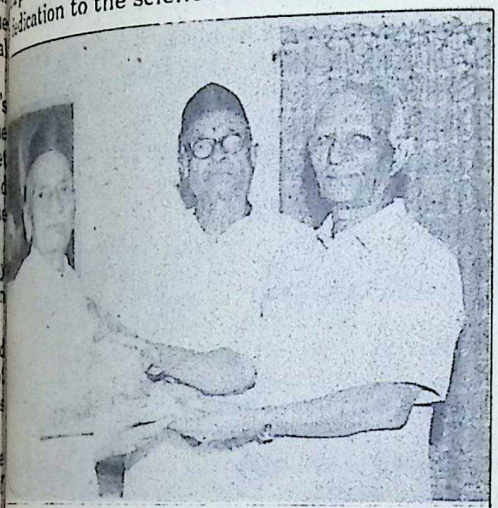

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...Jawakhedkar has written more than 6 ...on Astrology in the regional language. Other ...s present at the felicitation were Mr. Suhas ...e, Mr. V. D. Kulkarni, Mr. Navinkumar ...and Ms. Rajashri Pathak.

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...man who had been instrumental in bringing ...the Hindu almanac in Oriya for the last ...years is a Muslim. Mr. Aminul Islam who ...recently at Cuttack at the ripe age of 80 ...the almanac published by him all those ...to Lord Jagannatha of Puri, revered as the ...ing deity of the State.

...1935 Mr. Aminul Islam started publication ...ndu almanac in the cause of a faith to which ...not belong. A devout Muslim manifesting an ...allel gesture of respect for the other's reli... ...ought the blessings of the Lord Jagannath in ...ture. This brought him praise from the Hindu pandits who held him in respect. He was regarded by many as Salbeg - the Muslim saint poet in Oriya singing the glory of Lord Jagannatha - of the current century.

During his life-time Aminul Islam got recognition from the Mukti Mandap Pandit Sabha, the highest seat of Hindu religion, attached to the Jagannath temple at Puri for his almanac. He had also been getting commendation letters from the Gajapati King of Puri who is respected among the Oriya Hindus as the moving Lord. In a rare gesture the Mukti Mandap Pandit Sabha condoled the death of Mr. Aminul Islam.

Aminul Islam as the publisher of the almananc had been paying due regard to the pandits of the Mukti Mandap Pandit Sabha during his life-time. He also created a fund in the said Pandit Sabha for the Brahmins to discharge a particular ritual.

Such service in reverence of a religious faith other than one's own in today's context would be a glaring example of mutual sharing of a greater human value, a truth that is fondly affirmed through the ages. *-Zahlu Islam*

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Mr. Ranjith Ramachandra was awarded the special Commemorative Bi-Centennial Award in appreciation of his services to Hindu Astrology in Australia by the *Australian Astrological Review*. The Bicentennary celebrations were held in 1989 to commemorate the landing of the first Europeans in Australia. Mr. R. Ramachandra has been running successfully classes in Hindu Astrology since February 1986 in N.T. Australia.

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फलानि ग्रहचारेण सूचयन्ति मनीषिणः।
को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकम् वेधसम् विना॥

Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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ASTROLOGY AND PREVENTION OF CRIME

WHEN planets move in the sky they sometimes overtake other planets. Sometimes they fall behind. But in both cases there is a point where they seemingly meet before again moving away from each other. This phenomenon is described as war between planets. It is a complete subject unto itself and there are many kinds of war. Who wins this war and who loses? There are many rules to determine the victor and the vanquished and these become important in mundane Astrology. But there is a simple ground rule which can be used to assess the merits and demerits of this phenomenon in an individual chart.

केन मन्दः शनिना महीसुतः कुजेन जीवो गुरुणा निशाकरः।
केन शुक्रो सुरमन्त्रिणा बुधः बुधेन चन्द्रः खलु वध्यते सदा॥

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This *sloka* from *Jataka Parijata* simply means that in planetary war, Saturn is overpowered by the Sun, Mars by Saturn, Jupiter by Mars, the Moon by Jupiter, Venus by the Moon, Mercury by Venus and the Moon by Mercury.

Applying this simple rule, many facts, may be small ones but important sometimes, get explained easily. For example, an Aries native with Jupiter in the Ascendant was vicious, evil tempered and mean-minded to the extreme. It was always a mystery because no matter what the lordship of Jupiter, he gives one a minimal expansiveness and pleasantness of disposition and these were lacking in the person in question. Saturn is in the 4th in this case and Mars in the 7th aspects Lagna. Saturn is afflicted by Ketu and is no benefic and also makes for a cunning nature with manipulative tendencies. Mars aspects Jupiter and is able to successfully push jupiterean qualities to the background and stamp his own dominating, boorish characteristics on the psyche of the native.

This little rule has been very helpful in understanding charts where the commonly used rules do not sometimes seem to work.

In Chart 1, Scorpio rising has Jupiter, Mercury and Mars in it. Jupiter seems to have

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been overpowered by Mars especially as the latter is in his own sign and, therefore, strongly disposed. The native was extremely dominating, egoistic and self-centred. There was, as is sometimes the case with Scorpio natives, an element of narcissism which could, under adverse planetary trends, shoot to dangerous levels, levels that could drive the native to reach his goals at any cost. Mars is primarily the planet of greed and the greed aggravates, if he is in Scorpio, the baser of the two martian signs. Here "The energy, the pushing force which Mars gives through the sign Scorpio (which is emphasised here, being the Ascendant) which at the same time rules Mars, **should not be restrained but guided into the right direction** in order to reach something. Otherwise this force which can at most be driven back temporarily, all the same manifests itself and finally may even turn against itself, like the 'scorpion' which kills itself with its own sting.... Mars in Scorpio makes the native courageous, energetic, strong, positive, ingeneous, autocratic, undaunted, once an aim has been set it will be reached whatever the cost." All these traits were found in the hero of our story (Chart 1) but the aim he set himself also made him the villain of the piece. In fact, Jupiter who should have been a positive ennobling influence by reason of his 2nd and 5th lordship, turned out into quite a spineless factor pitted against a formidable Scorpio Mars.

On January 4th, 1990, the native of Chart 1 leapt over a bridge railing into the harbour to his death leaving behind a suicide note which said he could not face the allegations that would be made against him. This was at the beginning of Mars Bhukti of Ketu Dasa. Mars is the Lagna lord and Ketu reflects martian results (Kujavad Ketu). Mars in Scorpio is in a watery sign signifying the scorpion moving to its final date with self-destruction. The Dasa and Bhukti lords are related to the 2nd lord Jupiter, a Maraka. Jupiter, in turn, is the 7th lord both from Navamsa Lagna and Navamsa Chandra.

Transit-wise, Saturn was on natal Saturn which is generally a traumatic period. The two days preceding the suicide were intensely stressful days when the Moon in Aquarius was *a chandrashtama* period made worse by the

KETU				RAHU	VENUS	SUN	
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aspect of Mars on him from Scorpio.

The disposition of Mars is described as being one "of anger, violence, and apparently an eager wish to be in quarrels and mischief, the countenance is extremely vicious and unbending, rude, unkind, ferocious and bitter. They expect and exact universal submission, and although often generous and magnanimous, they are never kind nor even sociable....." And these were some of the traits that drove our martian native to take the course of action he did.

The story of our hero begins many years back when during Saturn and part of Mercury Dasas, he was indifferent to his studies and never was really interested in college. Mars in Scorpio in Rasi and the 10th lord Sun in Taurus Navamsa gave him a flair for culinary skills and he began working as a cook in a small restaurant. He was impatient for quick results, worked hard and by 1981 was general manager of a big store earning fabulously. This was in Mars Bhukti of Mercury Dasa. Mars as Lagna lord joining 11th lord Mercury is a good sign for financial success. It was during this same period he realised the importance of a good education or rather academic qualification, and began to pose as a graduate in business administration. He was good-looking and smart and people believed what he said.

In October 1985 at the end of Mercury Dasa he married the native of Chart 2 after many years of courting. It seemed an extremely fortunate match. He was successful and so was she. He was not sociable but she was friendly and outgoing. And both earned well, making jointly a six-figure income. It was exactly at this stage when nothing could have been better, that the wife was found shot dead in their car on October 23, 1989. The husband was also alleged to have been attacked by the gunman

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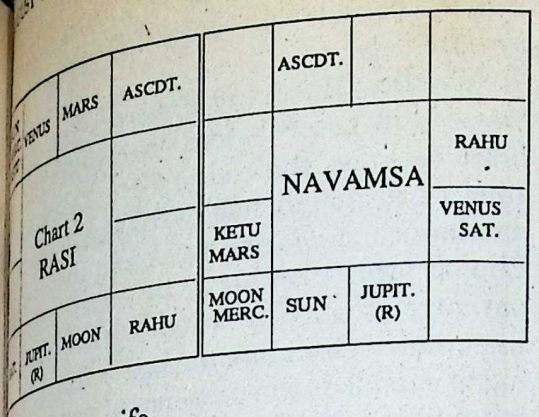

killed the wife.

The Ascendant in Chart 2 is Gemini as-ted by the 8th and 9th lord Saturn and the endant lord Mercury is in the 10th with the lord Sun and Ketu. The wife was described a very hard working girl who did well in ge. The Moon, the 2nd lord, in Libra is ected by benefic Venus and gave her close ly ties with her parents. The Moon well-ed and waxing in the 5th made her warm-rted and as 2nd lord, talkative.

The 7th lord Jupiter is in Scorpio, not a nice e at all and retrograde. Aspected by Mars, iter also aspects trinally the Lagna lord cury. This gave her a happy marriage le it lasted and she never knew the lurking pion in her husband during her life-time. After finishing her law studies, she became lawyer and earned well.

Everything seemed to be going well for the ple until January 1989 when she found she ted a child. The husband, afraid she would up her job if the child came, tried to wean away from her desire. But the wife insisted going ahead and having a baby. At this ge, the husband began to get afraid, in ical Scorpio-fashion. For the first time, he s afraid he had been sidetracked and his on their husband and wife relationship slackened. He was frustrated he could not his way, for a Scorpio-native, if the sign is nated by Mars, must have his way. Un-ling, and relentless, he feels it is his right ract submission from others. The Moon g the mind is in the 9th and well-placed even aspected by Jupiter. But between the g sign and Moon-sign, the former has ed strength especially that the Dasa is of (Kujavad Ketu) afflicting the house of tions. And in such planetary circumstances, the afflicted martian is impatient of any resistance and has little or no respect for social or moral laws when they seem to stand in the way of his liberty of action, any kind of action.

In July 1989, he tried again to talk his wife out of having a child and when she did not submit to his demands, he made up his mind. The martian greed for money had obviously assumed frightening proportions as he began to insure his wife for huge sums of money.

On the fateful day, after he and his wife returned home after a class on child-birth exercises, while still in the car, he shot her dead at point-blank range. He then, it is alleged, inflicted injuries on himself and reported to the police of an attack on his wife by an unknown gunman. The story made immediate head-lines.

The wife's chart has all the ingredients for a violent end. The 8th lord Saturn is aspected by the 6th lord Mars by his adverse 8th house aspect.

आयुर्विलग्नाधिपती बलेन हीनौ घरासूनुर्रणेशयुक्ता ।
युद्धे मृतिं तस्य वदन्ति तज्ज्ञाः शस्त्रेण जातस्य मृतिं विशेषात् ॥

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If at a person's birth, the lords of the 8th and 1st Bhava be both weak and Mars be in conjunction with the 6th lord, death occurs by a blow inflicted by firearms.

The Ascendant lord Mercury is with Ketu and the 8th lord Saturn is weak by virtue of his sign-dispositor occupying the 12th from him. Mars, instead of being in conjunction with the 6th lord, is the 6th lord himself in a martian constellation.

Here, the Ascendant lord, though in the 10th, is strongly afflicted by Ketu. The 8th lord in the 7th has Digbala but is in the 12th (house of loss) from the 8th. The 3rd lord Sun too is afflicted. From Chandra Lagna, the 8th lord Venus is in the 12th therefrom while the 3rd lord Jupiter is in the 12th from the 3rd, all of which combine to bring down longevity.

The tragedy occurred in Rahu Bhukti of Jupiter Dasa. This coincided with Dasa-chidra as also transit Saturn's movement over natal

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Saturn. The Bhukti was of Rahu in the 12th from the 5th and the Daṣa, of Jupiter, in the 2nd from the 5th. The wife never had the pleasure of delivering the child she had so fondly looked forward to. Jupiter is an obvious Maraka (killer) and Rahu, also. The 6th lord Mars influencing Jupiter who is also retrograde gave a husband who proved to be the native's worst enemy. The trinal aspect between the Lagna and 7th lord as also the favourable disposition of Saturn as 9th lord in the 7th and Karaka Venus gave her a happy marriage until her death.

Chart 1 is an interesting study in crime. Malefics Sun, Mars, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu as also a sufficiently afflicted Mercury are said to play a major role in charts with potential for crime. The 4th house rules *mens rea* and afflictions to the 4th provide the all-important motive for a crime. Mercury is *buddhikaraka* and the blurring of his sharpness by evil association leads to miscalculations and an exaggerated picture of the dividends the offence may bring in and which invariably precede the actual commission of the crime.

The Ascendant here is dangerously poised for a plunge into crime, at the slightest pretext. We have already discussed enough of the base qualities of Scorpio and we will not go into it again. The 4th house is Aquarius and its ruler Saturn is with the Sun. The 4th house is aspected by Lagna lord Mars who, in this case, is no redeemer. Mercury is with Mars and this is a standard affliction that gives a fraudulent brain. Mercury is with Jupiter too and displays the careful planning that preceded the murder of a loving and adoring wife. The Sun-Saturn combination is also the reason why the husband showed no emotion during the four months when he went about his meticulous fiendish plan of doing away with his fine wife.

सुखास्पदसेरशुभैर्ग्रहिन्द्रैस्त्रिकोणगौर्वाथ विलग्नराशौ ।
रंध्रेश्वरे भ्रातनयने सार्द्धमुद्धन्धनात्तस्य मतिं वदन्ति ॥

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When malefics occupy the 4th and 10th Bhavas, or Trikona positions and when the lord of the 8th Bhava being in conjunction with Mars occupies the rising sign, astrologers say that the person concerned will commit suicide by hanging.

Malefics Mars and Saturn aspect the 4th house and the 8th lord in conjunction with Mars occupies the rising sign. Death was by suicide, although not by hanging. The predominance of watery signs and the Dasa and Bhukti lords also being in watery signs, the native met with a watery grave. Another combination that has worked in this case leading to suicide is the presence of malefics in the 5th and the 9th from Chandra Lagna (Moon-sign).

The husband had told his younger brother about the murder but guarding this terrible secret was sheer torture. So, on January 3, 1990, he told his parents who immediately contacted the police. With the police entering the scene the husband knew it was the end and killed himself.

Was the husband fated to perpetuate this heinous crime? There will never be a simple answer to this question. Perhaps if the aggregate of his Arishadvargas had been kept in harness, such a tragedy may never have been. But when does one start on the preventive measures in a chart such as this? Right from infancy. From Day One, the right atmosphere not only by precept, but also by personal example could have made our hero aggressive and ambitious but definitely not an avaricious monster who could ruthlessly kill a trusting wife. He had not imagined he would himself die so soon after without a chance to enjoy the thousands of dollars her insurance policies would bring and which he had coveted so badly. Perhaps he need not have died at all for Astrology is not a science of determinism. It is only indicative of the trends as the following *sloka* from *Jataka Parijata* (Chap. V - Sl.110) so clearly states.

लग्नाषृमे पापयुतेष्टमेशे रिःफोपयते यदि केन्द्रगे वा।
लग्नेश्वरे हीनबलेन युक्ते दुर्मार्गदोषात्प्रवदन्ति मृत्युः ॥

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meaning, when a malefic planet occupies the 8th Bhava (Mars aspects the 8th, so do the Sun and Saturn) and the lord thereof (Mercury)

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Yoga Somersault

MENTION of *Panchanana Yoga* in the June 1990 issue of *A.M.* set the sleuth in me on the track of an astonishing metamorpho- of an ostensibly criminal Yoga turning into a gentleman" Yoga after a lapse of time.

While *Panchanana Yoga* is said to need 9 ets in 5 houses, good old *Pasa Yoga*, one of the *dhya Yogas* wants the seven major planets upy five houses. In this reckoning, Rahu and are ignored as in Ashtakavarga and hence I that the two Yogas must be identical. I must, ever, own I have not come across *Panchanana* ch in any classical work. Whether they are same or not, they are as common as the *Pancha ha Purusha Yogas*, one or more of which most pride in having without, often enjoying their essed gifts. Both great men and goons do have 7 or 9 planets in 5 houses: Can't these planets upy 5 houses arithmetically?

Let me start from Parasara. He defines *Pasa* as (पञ्चराशिस्थितैः पाशः) *i.e.*, (seven) planets upying five houses give rise to Pasa Yoga. ribing its effects, he states:

पाशे बंधनभाजः कार्ये दक्षाः प्रपञ्चकाराश्च ।
बहुभाषिणो विशीला बहुभृत्याः सम्प्रतानाश्च ॥

Those born in Pasa Yoga suffer imprisonment, clever in action, master illusionists, talk too much, lack character, have many servants and are talent.

The word *Pasa* means the noose. Possibly the ever who christened it must have done so by ion of its effect.

Accepting the same definition, Varaha Mihira ains its gifts.

पाशे धनार्जन विशील भृत्यबन्धुः *i.e.*, one with Pasa Yoga earns money, is characterless, and has like servants and relatives.

Bhattotpala in commenting on this verse states:

स्वयमेवा धनार्जने विशीलः असन्मार्गेण धनार्जने करोति। तथाभूता अस्य भृत्याःकर्मकरा बान्धवाश्च भवन्ति ।

He is incapable of earning money by honest effort. He does so in the improper way. His servants and relatives aid and abet him.

Kalyana Varma lifts the verse of Parasara *in toto* in respect of the effects and of course along with the same meaning.

Dundi Raja and *Manasagari* have the following identical verse between them:

दीनाकाराः तत्पराश्चापकारे बन्धेनार्ताः भूरिजल्पाः सदव्याः ।
नानानर्थाः पाशयोगप्रजाता जाताश्च प्रीतयः स्युर्मनुष्या ॥

Those born in *Pasa Yoga* will look miserable, be intent on doing evil, suffer imprisonment, prattle too much, proud, be visited by myriad misfortunes and love forests.

Then I see a sudden somersault in its effects for the better. It starts with Prithuyasas. Says he:

पाशे बहुव्ययार्तो निपुणो जनवल्लभोति मेधावि ।
उत्साही नृपतीष्टो जातो गृहकार्य संस्थितो भवति ॥

One born in *Pasa Yoga* will find it difficult to meet his heavy expenditure. He will be scholarly, loved by the people, highly intelligent, enthusiastic, friend of the king, and will be occupied with his own domestic affairs.

Strangely enough, in the Trivandrum edition of *Brihajjataka* two vital words in the original text have been changed: विशील (Visheela) has

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been changed to सुशील (Susheela) and सबन्धु (Sabandhu) सुबन्धु into (Subandhu) which turn the table on the original meaning. Characterless becomes, of good character; bad relatives become good ones.

Now the word *Pasa* means (Kaala Paasa) or the noose carried by Yama as well as the *pasa* which the Mother Goddess weilds (Pasaankusa) indicating Her affection. Possibly later writers opted for the latter based on the rule of *anvartha*. Did they? I wonder.

And from here onwards the stock of Pasa rises steeply. Writes Vaidyanatha on the effect of this Yoga:

पाशे शीलाधनार्जनं अतिचतुरो वाचालकः पत्रवान् ।

One born in *Pasa* will be a man of character, earn money in a dharmic way, be very clever, eloquent and blessed with son.

He is followed by Mantreswara:

पाशो भोगी साथः सच्छीलबन्धुः

He will enjoy life, wealth, be of good character and like relatives.

And Mahadeva winds up:

पाशे धनार्जन सुशील सुभृत्यबन्धुः

One born in *Pasa* will earn money in righteous ways, be of good character and be blessed with good servants and relatives.

One need not be non-plussed by these diametrically opposed interpretations of the same Yoga on the part of classical writers. It is not new: It is just a parallax error in our perception.

In these matters, the accredited mode of rationalisation is to accept the adverse interpretation when the concerned planets lack strength, occupy evil signs and house, be aspected by malefics etc., and the good effects when strong. And this norm in cases of contradictions must never be lost sight of, as none of the above quotations admit of cavil.

It follows that effects of *Pasa Yoga* or if you accept, *Panchanana Yoga* should be taken with a large pinch of salt and not at its face value. I am penning this note because, readers have already started asking me whether, in view of their charts answering the requirement of *Panchanana*, they could claim the full benefit offered for it.

Ticket to Moksha

A reader has sent me the following note and wants to know whether people listed in it will get a ticket to Moksha.

Here is the text of that note:

Having been a reader of your valued magazine, it is time that I realised the necessity of finding some answers to the following questions:

*To reach salvation many paths are prescribed in the **Vedas/Sastras** etc. I want to know whether the following categories of individuals will reach God in spite of other handicaps:*

*Singers (who sing **bhajans** or any other type of songs including western pop music), people who conduct Katha Kalakshepas, temple priests, artistes who play on accompaniments to music, instrumentalists (violin, veena etc.), people who teach in Universities and colleges on philosophy and other religious subjects, tantriks who practise Atharva Veda rituals, Sanskrit school teachers and temple paricharakas who do services to Gods in the temples.*

Each one of these above categories of individuals is devoted to utterance of God's name and or worship in his own way. If you have some horoscopes of such persons in diverse groups above who are dead and gone and who were considered saints please give a comparative study so that future generations can attain God through practice of such kind of worship.

I have given only a little thought to the configuration on how to attain Moksha and it occurred to me that these are possible through the above methods.

Pathways to *moksha*, say the learned, are legion.

Our epics and *puranas* are full of illustrations of men who have attained it in diverse ways.

In the historic past, we have had in the Alwars, Nayannars, the Sants of Maharashtra, Saints of Karnataka and those of the Hindi belt, who were no doubt realised souls, men of all categories and vocations — as potter (Gorakhnath), tailor (Eknath), weaver (Kabir), the tanner (Nandanar), Bhajankar (Tukaram) etc.

"Colour and sound as indeed artifacts are certainly forms of God," says Dr. R. D. Ranade, the philosopher saint. They call it *Nadopaasana* etc. He also testifies, "There are no racial, no communal, no national prejudices among them. Time and Space have nothing to do with their mystic experiences."

Hopefully, therefore, there is nothing stopping their modern counterparts who figure in the above list from aspiring to the *summum bonum* of life. They can get at least a second class ticket to Moksha!

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Astrological Miscellany

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In this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed astrologically. They may be about anything - birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, weather, animals and the list is endless - so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are invited to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa to **Astrological Miscellany**, *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)*

Hair-breadth Escape

I MET with an accident on 17th October 1989 at around 12.30 p.m. I as driving a Luna with a friend on the pillion. Suddenly a pig cut across and before I could brake the cycle, we fell off it. But we got away with very minor injuries. The accident occurred on a bridge and could have been dangerous.

"Again on 23rd October 1989 (around 1.30 p.m.) I was riding a mobike, when a small child crossed my path throwing me out of gear. A truck coming from the opposite direction stopped just inches from me. Otherwise it could have been a very big accident in which I could have even lost my life. I had to pay heavily for the damage to the cycle which was not mine.

"I have a feeling that God always saves me just in time. Is there any indication in future for a major accident?"

This question is from reader Vipin Kumar Vohra of Jabalpur.

Mars, the Protector

Born 8-5-1966 at 4.45 a.m. (IST) at 23 N 10, 79 E 0.

Rasi: Aries - Ascendant, Mars, Mercury and Venus; Taurus - Rahu; Gemini - Jupiter; Scorpio - Saturn; Sagittarius - Moon; and Pisces - Venus and Saturn. *Navamsa:* Gemini - Ascendant; Leo - Saturn and Ketu; Libra - Mars and Venus; Scorpio - Rahu; Sagittarius - Jupiter; Aquarius - Rahu; and Pisces - Moon and Mercury with a balance of 5 years 0 months and 5 days of Ketu Dasa at birth.

Mars in the Ascendant makes one accident prone. The same result follows if the Ascendant lord also comes under martian influence. If the *dustanas*, the 6th, 10th or 12th, are involved it further intensifies this proneness. In this case Mars is also the 8th lord and Mercury who is in the Ascendant Aries with its lord Mars is the 6th lord. So, the ideal conditions for accident-proneness are present. But this is diffused by the fact Mars is the Ascendant lord and therefore, a highly potent and protective influence on the Ascendant which is why our native had such a narrow escape both times.

The two accidents were squeezed into the space of a week in Mercury Bhukti of Venus Dasa. Venus is a *maraka* and with malefic Saturn in the 12th house. Mercury, of course, is the 6th lord and the Dasa and Bhukti lords are in mutually adverse positions. Further, transit Saturn was on natal Moon which is always a sensitive period but held in check not only by natal Jupiter but also transit Jupiter. Mars, in transit, was in Chitta in Virgo during this period and was squaring radical Moon and transit Saturn and aspecting both the Dasa and Bhukti lords. The transit of Moon in the 6th, 7th and 8th from natal Moon is also significant.

Since the Lagna lord is well-placed, reader Vohra need not fear any further major accidents. Mars in Lagna can give little casualties — like a little nick somewhere or bruise due to tripping etc., but no real accidents. Jupiter's aspect, as 9th lord, on the Moon is of course his best mantle—faith in God.

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Indifferent to Studies

Reader K. S. Subramaniam of Madras is justifiably worried over his son's future. The boy, now in high school, is indifferent to his studies. Asks reader Subramaniam why it should be although "Vidyakaraka Mercury is exalted in the 12th and aspected by Jupiter. Further, Mercury is in the 4th from the Moon. Saturn, Yogakaraka, aspects the 4th house as also Mercury. And Lagna lord Venus too, is well-placed in the 11th house."

Born 26-10-1975 at 7-08 a.m. (IST) at Madras.

Rasi: Libra - Ascendant, Sun and Rahu; Pisces - Jupiter; Aries - Ketu; Gemini - Mars and Moon; Cancer - Saturn; Leo -Venus; and Virgo - Mercury with a balance of 6 years 1 month and 5 days of Rahu Dasa at birth.

The boy has a basically strong chart. The Lagna lord Venus is well-placed in the 11th. The sign is Leo and its lord Sun is in debility in the 1st but gets cancellation of debility. The Moon in the 9th has three planets in *kendras* from him. Yogakaraka Saturn in the 10th is a big plus point. Coming to the Dasas, the boy is running Jupiter Dasa. Jupiter is a malefic and not conducive to favourable results. But being in the 6th in his own sign, he loses the sting of his evil lordship. Saturn Dasa will begin next and Saturn is very well-placed. So, although at the school level the boy's performance may not be very satisfactory, once he steps into college and during post-graduation, an excellent phase can be anticipated. The next three years approximately come under *ashtama sani* when the boy may have difficulty concentrating and will need much patience and moral support from his parents.

Purifying Baths (*A.M.*, March 1990)

"The dictum gives a combination of the 9th house and Kumbha Rasi and planets Mars, Mercury, Saturn and Rahu. In the case of reader Narayanan, the 9th house contains Moon and Kumbha Rasi has Mars and Saturn.

"Thus the common factors between the dictum and the reader's chart are Mars and Saturn in the 9th and Kumbha combination. Rahu and Mercury have nothing to do with either the 9th or *karaka*. Lagna is Kanya in place of Taurus.

"The dictum states that when Saturn's house (Capricorn) is the 9th with Rahu in it and Aquarius is occupied by Saturn, Mars and Mercury, dips in Ganga take place. Because Aquarius, the 9th house, Saturn and Rahu all lead to purification.

"In the reader's chart, Saturn and Mars occupy Capricorn and Mercury is in Aquarius (the 5th and the 6th houses). Besides Rahu is in the 4th. Does it mean that reference to 9th house can be substituted or even omitted?" asks reader R.R. Vadavi of Belgaum.

No Omitting

No, the reference to the 9th house and Aquarius cannot be omitted. But when we are applying dicta from classical works, there is always room for a liberal interpretation. The technical details are indeed important but interpretation can rarely, if not never, be literal.

The conditions for purifying baths, *i.e.*, in *tirthas*, are one, Saturn, Mercury and Mars should be in the 9th and secondly, Rahu should be in Aquarius. Here, in the chart in question, Mars and Saturn are in Kumbha, Mercury is in the 9th from the Moon, Saturn though not in the 9th is the 9th lord and Mars, though not in the 9th is with 9th lord Saturn (with reference to Chandra Lagna). Rahu is not in Aquarius but Saturn whose results he is said to reflect (according to *Sanivad Rahu*) is in Aquarius. So, the dictum applies in a very generalised version. But the point is, since the native has already had such baths, this fact cannot be disputed. Therefore, we try to see if the planetary positions are available at least in some form or the other, but within the broad framework of the dictum to explain the fact. This is the only way we can try to practise from post-mortem studies if we want to succeed in deciphering future trends. A verbatim application everytime is not possible in real life.

So, next time, there is a chart and we want to find out if there will be purifying baths (*teerthasnana*), what we should try to find out is a connexion between Mars, Saturn, Mercury, Rahu, the 9th house and the sign Aquarius.

Murderous Melee (*A.M.*,March 1990)

Reader N. K. Venugopal of Thalayalaparamba writes

"*Son:* From Lagna, the lord of Lagna Mars occupies the 8th with Mercury, the 8th lord both from Lagna and the Moon, in a constellation of Rahu. The Moon-sign lord Saturn is placed in the 8th and aspects Mercury, the 8th lord. The 8th from Lagna and the Moon are aspected by Saturn and Mars respectively. The Atmakaraka Sun is eclipsed. Hence the chart loses one of its basic strengths.

"The Dasa lord Saturn has debilitated Navamsa. Saturn takes on himself the power to kill whenever he is joined with a *maraka*. Here he

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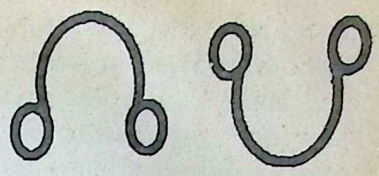
ahu and Ketu n Predictive Astrology



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VARIOUS authorities on Astrology, both oriental and occidental, have given but scant attention to the nature and influ s of the Moon's Nodes — Rahu and Ketu. ncepts of the ancients lie scattered and there- many students miss important points when ing predictions. Undoubtedly the Moon's des have a predominant power in all depart- ts of horoscopy. They could nullify all the Raja-Yogas or neutralise many an apparent ta Yoga. Rahu has also the ability to suck e energy of planets making them "vikala" rapeeditha" as in a nativity vitiated by the Sarpa Yoga.

A correct estimation of the several strengths of the Nodes is required. Also an under- ding of their disposition (Samaya) at birth. too have strengths, *viz.*, Ucha, Trikona, shetra, Mithrakshetra, Pumsthri Rasi, Dig, msaka, Kala, Naisargika and Cheshta; utes that come to them either by associa- or aspect. They translate either much good d when in exaltation, own house, trine, d's sign or own *Navamsaka* in relation to whole planetary array.

There are some who say that Rahu and Ketu no aspects but only power by association the major planets. This is not correct. In ystems the aspects to certain areas of the ms or "Padha-Drishti" are given pride of Rahu and Ketu when standing in the 4th th houses, aspect the first and second er of an asterism. Three *padas* are as- d when occupying the 2nd and 10th houses. 5th, the 7th, the 9th and 12th houses they ce all the four quarters of the Nakshetra. stics must be consonant with the three stages of influence.

Visha-Shula-Dosha is noted in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 22nd and 25th asterism from the point where Rahu stands. In its Maha Dasa or Antardasa when Rahu comes to these points by Gochara untoward events may be foreseen, other things being equal. When Rahu or Ketu stands in the first quarter of Aries, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces then there is Sarpa-Visha-Dosha, another unfavourable indication. The evils will be lessened if Rahu occupies the 9th to the 12th Rasis, in which places it becomes mild-mannered. Thus Rahu and Ketu have special aspects. The following stanza from Yavanacharya's *Manasagara Paddhati* is further proof.

Rahu vrushe thribidrushte
Ketu drushte chatushtaye
Vrusheche guru shukrabhiyan
Dirgakalanse jeevathi

Another essential factor is to determine whether the Nodes are in close aspect with planets in Deeptha, Harshatha, Swastha, Shantha, Athishreshta, Looptha, Deena, Peeditha, Bala, Kumara, Yuwa, Tharuna, Vurdha and Murtha. The strength of planets in terms of the Ascendant (Bhavadhipathi Bhawaya) determines whether a Dasa-lord is auspicious or not. Rahu and Ketu must be understood in a similar manner. This is in line with the aphorism in the *Saravali* that the Nodes influence mankind in relation to the sign occupied or in association with a lord of a sign. Planets are good or evil according to the Ascendant.

Rahu has *sthana-bala* when posited in the 3rd, 6th, 10th and 11th and *Rasi-bala* when in Taurus, Gemini, Cancer and Virgo. Ketu has similar influences in the 3rd, 6th and 11th and

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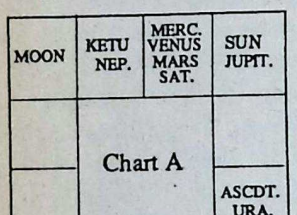
in Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn and Pisces. Rahu is exalted in the 3rd decanate of Taurus and Ketu in the 3rd decanate of Scorpio. In Mercury's signs Rahu has greater power for evil and in Saturn's signs it conduces to be more friendly. Another source informs us that Rahu is fruitful from Aries to Virgo, Ketu from Libra to Pisces.

Rahu's nature is like that of Jupiter and Venus and Ketu's like Saturn and Mars. Some writers say that Rahu is like Saturn when in Libra. I have noted that this influence seems to operate when Rahu stands alone in Libra in the third in an afflicted horoscope reducing merchant princes to utter beggary. The example horoscope (A) is that of Pierre Laval, a French half-caste who rose to be France's quisling under Hitler and later met with an ignominious end.

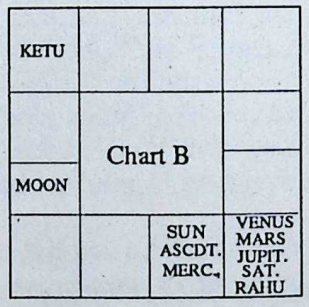


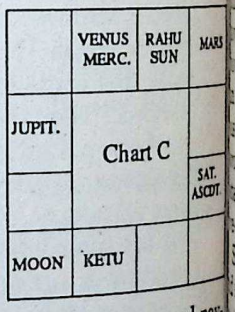
Western astrologers of former days estimated Rahu to be like the Part of Fortune, of propitious signification in whatever house it is placed unless impeded by preference of an evil planet. The rare work "Astrology Brought to Light" by Samuel Penseyre, the 18th century seer of Lausanne, Switzerland, says: "The Dragon's Head is accounted a Fortune and doth increase the good of fortunate planets and abate the force of evil ones. Dragon's Tail is reckoned an Infortune, and doth increase the evil of bad planets and abateth the good of the fortunate stars" (Pp. 3-4). Although most occultists have praised Rahu and condemned Ketu yet in actual practice the entire chart must be studied before pronouncing the Nodes as really good or bad.

The same writer gives two aphorisms which have also proved useful in Electional Astrology. They are: (1) "Gemini and Sagittarius obey Dragon's Head and Tail more than the other signs; therefore, they work more mischief in those signs than the rest". (2) "The Dragon's Head with Infortunes denotes terrible mischief; but with fortunes, much good. Of the Dragon's Tail, note contrary." (Pp. 192-195). Penseyre's assertion that Ketu with auspicious stars show much good has proved true despite the prophecies to the contrary. A subject born under Capricorn had Ketu in the 2nd house with a waxing Moon. Several astrologers had foretold losses, robberies and ill-health in Ketu Dasa. Instead the subject got much money and success attended every department of life. His health was excellent.

At this stage one is led to remark that the Rahu-Ketu Dasa pointers given in the *Bhavakuthuhala* apparently refer to influences when the dark bodies are in evil places. Else one cannot reconcile them either with observed facts or with the opinions of other writers. The *Bhavakuthuhala* says that during Rahu Dasa there will be losses of money and health, vexation through kings, loss of mental equilibrium, death or danger to father, wife or children, annoyances through friendships and social affairs and secret desires, troubles from friends and enemies alike and many other upsets. During Ketu Dasa peace of mind is lost, there is many a sorrow and regret, quarrels arise with friends and relations, diseases of the stomach appear, travels prove profitless, wise action and money is lost and there is much displeasure.

When there is Rahu Dosha in a horoscope there is danger for serpents and water, spinal troubles and venereal diseases. The latter indication is quite true when Rahu stands with Venus in Virgo in the 6th house. Ketu Dosha points to haunted houses, evil spirits, madness, black-magic and general debility in many spheres





of life. Sarpa Dosha bringing misery and poverty is also indicated when Rahu and Ketu with Sun, Mars and Saturn occupy three angles in a chart. But the worst is the Kalasarpa Yoga which occurs when the planets are all hedged in by Rahu and Ketu. Death or loss through snake bites or poison are ever present dangers. In the example horoscope (B) the subject has Rahu in the 12th with no planets, from the 6th house

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Composite Approach to Predictions—II*

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		MARS	
KETU	Boy RASI		SUN 8° 01' VENUS MERC. RAHU
ASCDT. SAT.(R) JUPIT.			MOON

RAHU	VENUS	MOON	ASCDT. SAT.
	DASAMSA		MARS
			MERC.
JUPIT.		SUN	KETU

Was it an earth-shaking event? Yes it was and it could be for anyone who had made such a huge fortune at so young an age. Against this should be remembered the background, that twice, once in 1987 and then in 1989 I had made advance predictions about the Wall Street Crash of USA. The first was made when I was doing work on astro-meteorology and in the *Hindustan Times* interview of September 1987 I had gone on record saying that. The second is contained in my book. In all these cases I had got my clues from the horoscopes of the Italians who consult me whenever they visited India and whose heavy investment in stocks in USA has been to them both their source of joy and anguish.

My story, of course, here revolves round an Indian family. Here I have the advantage of having three horoscopes through which I can show respectively how the composite approach can be done. A prediction was given. When it was fulfilled the event was traced through other horoscopes, first of the father and later of the elder younger to the young man whom I had earlier warned.

So it is a combination of a prediction fulfilled and supplementary details gleaned through post-mortem examination of other horoscopes.

The Prediction

First see the horoscope of the boy.

The father of the boy whose horoscope will be given later was Chief Secretary, Delhi Administration in October 1984. I had given him a prediction of some elevation and on 17th October 1984 he was appointed Chief Secretary. He has two children, elder one a son and the younger, a daughter and his wife have been taking astrological consultations from me for nearly eight years now.

It may have been March or April 1987 or slightly later when the son whom I will call A visited India from London and wanted to know something about himself. He was passing through Rahu-Saturn period both of which are aspected by Mars, the 5th lord in the 6th house. Two questions struck me and I asked him. "Are you neglecting your studies and are you buying shares?" The sub-sub periods could be of Venus, followed by the Sun's (October 1987). Saturn-Rahu in Dasamsa are in Lagna and the 10th house while the Sun, debilitated in Libra, was aspected by debilitated Mars. He said that he had been neglecting studies and that he did indulge in speculation. I had no inkling that he had been doing it on so large a scale as to neglect his studies totally.

I advised him not to indulge in speculation for sometime as neither the Dasas nor transits were favourable for earning money. Heavy losses could prove disastrous, I told him.

I had three other reasons to come to this conclusion:

(a) In Chara Dasa he would be running Thula-Kanya. From Kanya concentration of planets in

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the 12th house could not be a period of gains.

(b) If I tried Trikona Dasa starting from Simha and calculated it like Chara Dasa between the 26th and the 28th year it would be Makara Dasa from where a concentration of planets would be in the 8th and 12th houses.

(c) If I went by Vimshottari Dasa he was soon to run into the sub-sub-period of Sun which was in the *Mrityu-bhaga*. The Sun in M.B. as 9th lord could be creatiing an upsetting experience for his father. The 9th also being the house of higher education could prove bad for him. It being a Lakshmisthana would it affect finances, in this case, speculation? The placement of the Sun in the 5th house in Dasamsa aspected by debilitated Mars seemed to confirm it.

Anyway, the boy left for London.

Sometime towards the fag-end of the third week of October 1987 the father of the boy came to consult me. The boy had lost 250 thousand sterling, he told me. How did he have so much money? Speculation, was the answer.

And the boy had also failed in his examination and would have to wait to become a chartered accountant.

I told him that the boy would pass his examination soon and make a career. On 28-2-1988 the boy became a qualified chartered accountant in London and is now employed in a big bank.

Upto this was the prediction given and fulfilled.

Father's Horoscope

My curiosity stirred, I tried tracing the event in the horoscope of the boy's father.

He had just started the Dasa of Mercury, his 5th lord which was in the 8th house. If the boy

JUPIT.		ASCDT. RAHU MOON	
	Father RASI		
SUN MERC.	SAT. MARS VENUS KETU		

	ASCDT. RAHU	SUN MOON MERC.	VENUS
	SAPTAMSA		
	MARS	KETU	SAT. JUPIT.

did badly in examination in Mercury-Mercury-Mars (October 1987) it did not surprise me. But Mars is, from Mercury also the 12th lord in the 12th house. More interestingly, from the 5th house Mars is also the 8th lord. So in the sub-sub-period of Mars there was a double disaster in the career of the boy.

In Saptamsa, Mercury (the planet of business) is the 6th lord and Mars, the 8th lord.

In Chara Dasa it was Kanya-Makara from where Putrakaraka (Mercury) in the 12th house and the Moon and Rahu in the 5th did show the distinct worry of the father for the son.

Variation on a Theme

A well-known combination for financial disasters is Mercury in the 2nd house aspected by the Moon. A variation of it in the Saptamsa could be Moon-Mercury with malefic association in the 2nd house saved by Jupiter's aspect. That is what happened exactly. The boy saved whatever he could and has now made a career.

Sister's Horoscope

Now what does the sister's horoscope reveal?

		RAHU	MOON 12° 38' JUPIT.
SAT.(R)	Sister RASI		
			MERC.
	ASCDT. KETU	MARS VENUS	SUN

ASCDT. KETU	MERC.		SAT. JUPIT. MARS
	DREKKANA		
		MOON	SUN RAHU

She was passing through Jupiter-Moon (1986 to 1988) and her Moon is in M.B. But how will it explain the distress of her elder brother?

This can be seen in three ways:

(a) In Drekkana, the Moon is in the 8th house and Mercury in the 2nd fitting into the classical dictum of Mercury in the 2nd aspected by Moon from the 8th house spelling financial ruin.

(b) In Chara Dasa it was Makara Dasa from where her Bhratrukaraka, Saturn, is in the 2nd house aspected by Mars, the 11th lord from Capricorn while the 11th house contains Ketu.

(c) The sub-period in Chara Dasa was of Cancer from where the Bhratrukaraka is in the 8th house aspected by Mars and Venus, the 11th lord. The 11th house in turn, with Rahu there, is again aspected by Mars and Venus.

Before I conclude this article let me respectfully mention here that I have applied Chara Dasas to female horoscopes exactly as I do to male horoscopes without taking the different sex of females as done by Mr. Iranganti Rangacharya. I have verified by now in thousannds of horoscopes that Chara Dasa need not be applied differently to female horoscopes. But I will keep my mind open and try the method of Mr. Rangacharya whose method may be superior. A genuine scholar stimulates in me much greater zest for astrological research than those that merely theorise and do not illustrate with practical horoscopes.—67.90. □

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Predicting Setbacks in Career

R. M. BANERJEE, M.A.

WHEN a man enters his service life he has the normal expectations of a (1) congenial atmosphere in the office, (ii) promotions in due course (iii) support and favour from superior officers and (iv) reaching a certain height at the end of his career. For some people however actual experience in their place of work runs contrary to these expectations. They suffer setbacks in service which assume various forms like (i) delay and denial of due promotions, (ii) reversion, suspension and under extreme circumstances, and (iii) even termination of services. They may become victims of conspiracy and incur the wrath of their higher officers. In essence, setbacks in career have a complex structure which denote sudden downturn in career due to some extraordinary and abnormal events. The purpose of this paper is to make an astrological investigation into reasons for such unexpected and sudden setbacks in career.

1.1 Astrologers usually judge prospects relating to service life in a horoscope from its 10th house, the lord of the 10th house and the Karaka planet, the Sun. It is true that other planets like Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury also play a decisive role in shaping a man's career. Again, besides the 10th house two other houses *viz.*, the 2nd and the 6th are often considered because of their visible trinal linkage with the zenith of a horoscope but empirical evidence based on cross-section data indicates that setbacks in service usually owe their origin to the (i) weakness of the 10th lord, (ii) weakness of the 10th house and also weakness of the *karaka* planet, the Sun. So in this paper these weak elements will be separately examined. Such compartmentalisation as attempted below is a permissible analytical device for understanding the problem in broad terms though in reality the saga of service misfortune is intricately interwoven into a complex horoscopic framework when all the weak elements interact against the backdrop of adverse Dasa and transit to produce disastrous results.

1.2 Weakness of the 10th lord

Weaknesses of the 10th lord usually arise out of the following factors:

(i) When the 10th lord gets combust in that it is too near the Sun to produce any good result.

(ii) When it remains retrograde at the time of birth of the native because a retrograde planet has been empirically observed to complicate matters relating to the house over which it has lordship and also the house where it is posited.

(iii) When the 10th lord is conjoined with Ketu as it acts as a depressant and renders the planet with which it associates functionally inoperative. In fact, it can be shown that victims of conspiracy in service life have mostly their 10th lord either retrograde or coiled with Ketu in their natal chart

(iv) The 10th lord is also considered weak if it gets defeated in planetary war. This happens when the 10th lord is aspected by either Rahu, Mars or Saturn without aspecting them in turn. For instance, Saturn in Aquarius with Mars in Cancer is deemed defeated by Rahu.

(v) The 10th lord is also rendered weak if it is placed in either the 8th or the 12th house from the Ascendant without the presence of other compensating factors in the chart. According to *Sarvartha Chintamani*, a Bhava lord produces unfavourable results with regard to the Bhava if

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it occupies an evil house reckoned from the Bhava itself. Can we therefore conclude that the location of the 10th lord in the 3rd, 5th and 9th houses which represent the 6th, 8th and 12th houses respectively from it is not a happy sign for good service career? The whole issue can be looked at this way. When a natural malefic as the 10th lord like the Sun, Mars or Saturn occupies the 3rd house it definitely imparts strength to the horoscope but its location in the 5th and 9th houses does not hold out good prospects for service life. Similarly if a natural benefic as the 10th lord tenants either the 5th or the 9th house in a birth diagram, we may expect good results with regard to these houses but the prospects for the 10th house are, in all likelihood, to suffer due to such placement.

(vi) Lastly the 10th lord is deemed weak if it interchanges houses with the lords of 8th and 12th houses and if in addition to being placed in the 8th or 12th houses from the Ascendant it gets debilitated in these houses. Two classic examples on this point are (a) The debilitated Jupiter (the 10th lord) in the 8th house in Capricorn under the Ascendant sign Gemini and (b) the debilitated Sun (the 10th lord) in the 12th house in Libra under the Ascendant sign Scorpio. The debilitated Saturn in Aries under the rising sign Taurus is the third example.

1.3 Weaknesses of the 10th House

All planets independent of their nature as a natural benefic or a natural malefic are apt to produce good results in the 10th house. Though this is a generally valid proposition, it is not valid in all cases. For example, a debilitated Mars in the 10th house under the Ascendant Libra has been observed to create uncertainities in service and professional career. A debilitated Sun in Libra with Capricorn rising in a chart also tends to produce similar instability. A retrograde Saturn in the 10th house functionally linked to either the Sun or Mars or both can create sudden upsets in service-life specially during its own Dasa. A debilitated Ketu in the 10th house may delay promotion. A planet in the 10th house with Ketu may create knotty problems in service.

Like other houses, the 10th house also becomes weak if it is hemmed between malefics. This factor along with a weak 10th lord usually gives rise to problems in service life though in isolation it does not constitute a serious bottleneck to service career.

1.4 Weaknesses of the Sun

The following factors may contribute to the weakness of the Sun.

(i) Its placement in either the 8th or 12th house from the Ascendant. (ii) Its occupation of either the 5th or the 9th house in a horoscope. The houses as already mentioned represent the 8th and 12th places respectively reckoned from the house of service or profession. (iii) The Sun feels extremely uncomfortable when it stays with Venus, Saturn or Rahu in the same sign. When it is aspected by Saturn and Rahu or gets entangled in an exchange relationship with Saturn or Venus, it invariably gets polluted.

1.5 Disturbing Astrological Factors

Several propositions may be framed with the help of the factors outlined above as disturbing factors.

(A) Firstly, intensity of stress and strain in service life varies directly with the numerical strength of these disturbing elements. The greater the number of such weak elements present in a chart, the higher will be the degree of disturbance in service life.

(B) Secondly, intensity of distress of misfortune varies inversely with the presence of other compensating elements in a horoscope. For instance, a strong Jupiter's aspect on a damaged 10th house or its lord or the Karaka planet Sun can repair the damage. The strong 9th lord can avoid a disaster. A favourable Dasa can temporarily suppress an inbuilt weakness or manifest itself.

(C) Thirdly, the overall planetary build-up in a chart may be such as to weave these weak elements into an integrated framework for facilitating their interactions. Such interactions may prove fatal.

(D) Fourthly weak elements of interesting nature raise their ugly heads either during their periods or during the period of planets related to them. Timings mostly coincide with Saturn's transit upon the radical Sun or its transit aspect on the radical Sun, radical Saturn or even during Saturn's 7 1/2 years' cycle.

(E) Lastly, misfortunes to the native's father or his own misfortune in service and professional career bear almost identical indications in the chart. The difference is that one event occurs in childhood years while the other at an advanced stage in life depending on the nature

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oga in aily Life — III*

MRS. RAJESWARI RAMAN

ditative Poses

hen the breath wanders, nd is steady, but when the t is still, so is the mind.
Hathayogapradipika

HESE poses are so designed by the ancient sages who discovered that they enable one to the same pose for hours er at a stretch steadily ithout jerks. This steady e enables one to attain intedness of mind.

dmasana is the famous pose commonly known as iddha pose. Siddhasana her pose generally used editation.

ractise each pose starting few seconds in the begin- nd gradually increase the to 15 minutes and more. hours is the maximum allowed for a layman, can sit in the asana for eriod only after years of e.

ll these meditative poses, k with the head, neck nk in one straight line. assuming the pose gaze at any fixed object without letting your eyes dart about restlessly. Or else, close them and concentrate on your breath.

Padmasana (Lotuspose)

This is the best pose for meditation and japa. The soles of the two feet upturned and resting on the thighs resemble the petals of a lotus and hence, the name.

(1) Spread a blanket or carpet on the floor. If available, a deer skin can also be used and is always highly recommended if it is for dhyana or japa.

(2) Sit erect on it with the two legs out-stretched.

(3) Take hold of the right

Dear Guruji/Amma,

I take utmost pleasure to inform you that my health has improved very much after attending the Yoga classes.

You are aware that I was suffering from sinus, allergy, giddiness, high blood pressure (170/110), high pulse rate (110 per minute), blood sugar (250 mgs.), blood cholesterol (280 mgs.), lack of sleep, nervousness, body pain, swelling, increase in weight, joint pains, loose motion, indigestion, lack of appetite, sight problem etc., for the past 10 years. I also had chest pain, heaviness in the heart and gasping for breath. I have undergone various pathological tests and ECG was taken once in every 3 weeks. I had bed rest for 3 months and doctors prescribed 3 tablets for my heart BP per day and 2 tablets per day for my thyroid problem. After this, I was able to resume my duty (I am employed in a public limited company for the past 5 years).

I came to your Institute at this juncture and you took utmost care of me and treated me as your daughter and gave me the privilege to call you *Amma* with pride. I wish to state that at the completion of the Yoga course my pathological report (urine, sugar, cholesterol) came to absolutely normal. My blood pressure has stabilised at 135/90 mg. Now after a span of 2 more months after completion of these classes, my blood pressure is normal (120/80) and →

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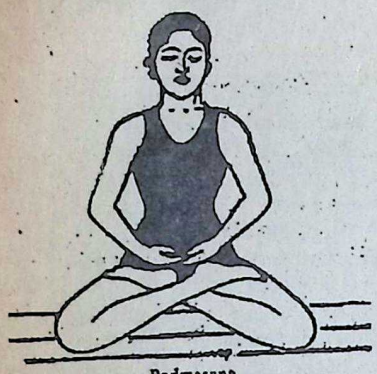
foot and bending it at the knee, place it high on the left thigh, the sole upturned.

(4) Now, catch the left foot and place it symmetrically across the right ankle so that the foot rests on the right thigh.

(5) Adjust the feet high up against the thigh so that the upturned heels are as near the abdomen as possible.


Padmasana

(6) Place the palms one on top of the other over the upturned soles.

(7) Make sure the head, the neck and the trunk are in one straight line and the back is straight.

(8) Also make sure both the thighs and knees are pressed against the floor. You will find in the beginning one of the thighs slightly off the ground. Slowly and carefully press the thigh against the ground and retain the pose for a few seconds.

Benefits: Padmasana is an excellent posture for all meditative and pranayamic practices. It loosens the joints in the lower parts of the body and removes rheumatism. It tones up the three humours (wind, phlegm and bile) in the system harmonising their functions. It strengthens the nerves and muscles of the legs and thighs.

If you are used to eating on the floor as we do in India, Padmasana will be easy to assume. Otherwise, do not force yourself as this can injure you. By gradual practice, train the legs to assume the pose. However, three months should be enough even for one with very stiff legs to assume Padmasana properly.

Siddhasana (Pose of the Adept)

Siddha means an adept. Siddhasana is the pose of an adept.

1. Sit erect on the carpet with the legs outstretched as in the previous pose.

2. Take hold of the left foot, bend it at the knee and place the heel such that it presses against the anal aperture.

3. Next, bending the right foot also at the knee, place the right heel against the root of the reproductive organ taking care to see no pressure is felt on the delicate organs.

Siddhasana

4. Place the hands with the palms one on top of the other on the feet as in Padmasana.

5. Make sure the head, neck and trunk are in one straight line.

Benefits: Siddhasana is also one of the best postures for meditation and concentration. It is supposed to help one get established in Brahmacharya or celibacy.

Siddhasana is easier to assume than Padmasana. Novices can practise this first before attempting Padmasana particularly if they are not used to squatting on the floor.

(to be continued)

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thereby my 3 tablets per day dosage is reduced to one tablet a day.

This improvement was possible only due to your blessings, attention and the Yogasanas. I also wish to recollect that in the first few classes I was unable to close my eyes for meditation whereas now I can meditate at length for 15 minutes. The Omkara, Meditation, Pranayama and Savasana have helped me a lot. It has restored my confidence and concentration. I do not suffer anymore from weakness, exhaustion and forgetfulness. I also wish to state that earlier I had tried various treatments—allopathy, homeopathy and ayurvedic medicines but in vain.

I hope Guruji will continue to bless me and look upon me as her daughter and spare me some time in spite of her tight schedules. Elders say that "God is great, he helps the needy persons". I really go by these words since it is true in my case. God came in your form to help me during my suffering and I am sure I can attain the much wanted philosophical bliss from you.

With Pranams,

K. Lalitha, M. Com.,
Bangalore.

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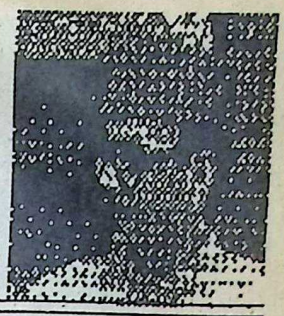
Planets and the V. P. Singh Government



D. V. RAMAN

THE swearing-in ceremony chart justifies the developments that have taken place after the new government took over.

The vital plus points in the swearing-in chart are the *sthira* Lagna (fixed Ascendant) Aquarius, Vargottama Moon and a Budha-Aditya Yoga in the 10th house.

Mercury is the owner of the 5th house and the Sun, owner of the 7th and the Yoga is formed in the 10th house. The effect of this Yoga in the 10th is reflected in the bold scrapping of the Gold Control Act which was long overdue and the introduction of the Donee based Gift Tax in the new budget proposals. Even Morarji Desai, who is the architect of the Gold Control Act, welcomed this measure.

P. D. GOYAL

WE HAVE had 8 prime ministers including Mr. V. P. Singh, since independence. Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Indira Gandhi and also Mr. V. P. Singh are Cancer-borns. Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda was an Aries-born, Mr. L. B. Shastri and Mr. Charan Singh were Sagittarians, Mr. Desai was a Geminian and Mr. Rajiv Gandhi was born in Virgo Ascendant.

In the past only Cancer-borns (Mr. Nehru and Mrs. Gandhi) enjoyed prime ministership for more than fifteen years.

In the Independent chart for 00.00 hours of 15th August 1947 the 10th lord is in Cancer in the 3rd. In the Republic chart of 26th January 1950 for 10.20 a.m. the 10th lord is in the 11th in Capricorn. Capricorn is the 7th house from Cancer.

We hope that Mr. Singh will be able to keep the post for a long time.

BINODHANAND JHA

V. P. SINGH is now in the sub-period of the Moon in the period of Mercury (25-4-1990 to 25-9-1990). Mercury, being 12th lord, with the Sun has lost his effectiveness to some extent. The Moon being the lord of the Ascendant in the 4th house (ruled by Venus who is in his own house in the 11th) is also definitely good. But unfortunately from the Moon-sign Venus is placed in the 8th house and is known to give disappointments.

In V. P. Singh's chart Ketu is in 12th house with reference to Moon-sign and Rahu in 6th which gives similar results as in Rajiv Gandhi's case. In V. P. Singh's chart, the sub-period of Mars will be from 22-9-1990 to 22-9-1991. Mars is in the 3rd house from Mercury and the Sun which will increase his power and provide

S. B. R. MISRA

IN V. P. SINGH'S horoscope, Jupiter is not only exalted but also Vargottama. Mars and Rahu are Vargottama. Venus is in his own house.

The Lagna lord in the house of environment and merit and exalted Jupiter in Lagna have bestowed upon him kingly life, dignity, high rank, providential help. The Lagna is quite strong though it comes under Papakartari Yoga.

The current Bhukti is of Venus in Mercury (4-3-1988 to 14-7-1990) placed in 2/12 from each other indicating change in position. The Kashmir and Punjab issues will keep him in turmoil and tension. From 14-5-1990 to 14-7-1990 in Ketu antar when Jupiter will be over natal Jupiter, the native should exercise all precaution in his work and try to maintain unity in Morcha. June and July 1990 will be crucial for him.

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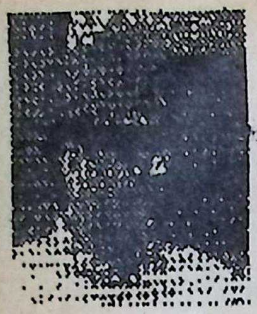

» T. D. V. RAMAN

A minus point of the chart is that the swearing-in ceremony has taken place in Uttarashada 2nd *pada*, which spells *arishta* for father. What this exactly means is as yet not clear. Another minus point is that the Moon is conjunct malefic Rahu in the 12th. But let us hope that the exception mentioned in *sloka* 7/11 of Chapter XXX of *Brihat Jataka* obtaining here due to waxing Moon conjunct Venus nullifies the bad effects, at least partially. The third minus point is the *shashtashtaka* position of the Moon and Jupiter. The new Government started with the second phase of *sade-sathi* about to begin.

The eager expectations of the old coterie that there would be a debacle for the National Front in the Assembly elections and this would have a backlash on the new Government has been belied as there is no Balarishta and the swearing-in Lagna is *sthira*.

A real threat to the National Front government will arise around 21-1-991 due to the exact conjunction of Rahu and Saturn as at the time the natural benefic Jupiter will be transitting Pushya, the star of Saturn. In the Navamsa of the swearing-in chart, the 9th place from the Moon is occupied by these 2 malefics Rahu and Saturn though Jupiter aspects them. These 2 malefics are also in the 10th from the Ascendant. So the period between 21-1-1991 to 27-1-1991 will be the one to watch out and ensure that the egoistic tendencies of certain constituents of the ministry do not result in their being used as pawns in any toppling game that will be tried. (Received: 10-4-1990)

» P. D. GOYAL

We cannot forget here the three major undeclared wars, the first in 1962 when India faced a shameful defeat with China due to the overconfidence of the ruling leaders of that time. In 1971 we achieved a great victory over Pak army in East Pakistan.

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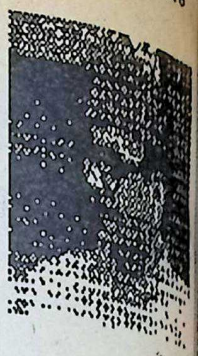

success in his efforts. Mars is the 2nd and 7th lord from the Moon. Mars in the 2nd house creates *maraka* yoga. February 1991 to April 1991 will be a very critical period for Mr. Singh to survive.

The sub-period of Rahu will run from 22-9-1991 to 10-4-1994. Rahu is in the 9th house of fortune and will not be a good period and he may have to lose power. Mercury, the 12th lord with the Sun is inauspicious but the Moon being the lord of the Ascendant in Libra (the house of Venus who is in own house in the 11th) and Jupiter in Cancer form Raja Yoga. Saturn in the 6th house as per transits with Venus aspected by Jupiter made him the prime minister.

The present period of Rajiv Gandhi is Ketu in Rahu till 9-5-1990. Rahu in the 11th house is good but Ketu in the 5th is bad. In *gochara* Rahu in the 6th house and Ketu in the 12th is bad for Rajayoga. Venus Bhukti will run from 9-5-1990 upto 9-5-1993. Venus is the 3rd and 10th lord and auspicious for successful efforts. Rahu and Saturn in the 6th house in Capricorn in *gochara* will lead him to victory against his opponent.—91.90

(Received 12-4-1990).

» S. B. R. MISRA

The next Bhukti will be of the Sun in Mercury which will last upto 20-5-1991. It is *maraka* also. Saturn will be in Capricorn which will strengthen the opponents. During Rahu-Mercury-Ketu during October 1990 and February-March 1991 he should exercise precaution in all his work as well as in his health.—98.90

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In these circumstances we may conclude Mr. Singh will hold the post for a long time, and if a war occurs, India will get a great victory.

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...delights on ...ractical Astrology — IV*

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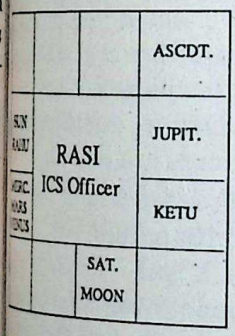
...s Transformed

ANY planets in the 8th house or associated with the 8th lord would give ...results during its Dasa. But ... a planet which is placed in ...th house when aspected by ...th lord gets transformed ...gives the Yoga of the 10th. ...I would like to illustrate ... yet another horoscope ...g Panchanana Yoga.



...is is the chart of an ICS ... He has a Panchanana ... The 1st and 4th lord ...ry is in the 8th. Venus ...s the only Yogakaraka, is ...n the 8th; Mars, the 6th ...11th lord, is in the 8th, ... The strength of Venus ...ced being in 8th and for ...th and 4th lord Mercury, the 8th house is not a good place. But, the placement of Jupiter in the 2nd (7th and 10th lord) exalted, and aspecting Mercury, Venus and Mars has given Raja Yoga in Mercury and Venus Dasas.

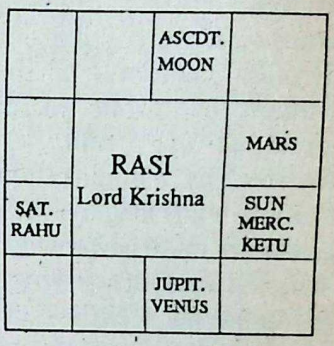
(ii) Further, Saturn is the lord of the 8th and the 9th. He is placed in the 5th exalted. He is combined with the 2nd lord Moon (Dhanadhipati). Thus, the combination of the 2nd and the 9th lord in the 5th gives Dhana Yoga. Further, the 5th house Saturn is auspicious for long life and wealth.

(iii) We can also see that Jupiter is exalted and so is Mars. Both are directly aspecting each other. This gives rise to Raja Yoga.

(iv) Jupiter, Saturn and Mars are in exaltation. If at least 2 to 3 planets are exalted or in debility the person concerned will become wealthy, famous and important.

(iv) The 2nd house Jupiter is very good for the development of wealth and family. This position has great merit.

This is the potentiality in the horoscope. The person did post graduation and passed ICS and occupied important positions in the government.



I have many more Panchanana Yoga charts whose natives enjoyed wealth and obtained prominence in their field of work. I would therefore conclude that Panchanana Yoga is a Yoga of considerable power, its results varying according to the placement and combination of the planets and other Yogas. Even if there are no other Yogas, a simple Panchanana Yoga is enough to give the individual longevity and a decent living. Lord Krishna was also born with this Yoga. Lord Krishna's horoscope as recorded in my father's book is as above.

Adhi Yoga

Another Yoga which is seen in the horoscope of persons occupying very important positions is Adhi Yoga.

If natural benefics are in the 6th, 7th and 8th houses from Chandra (Moon) in a horo-

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scope, Adhiyoga is formed. By natural benefics are meant Jupiter, Venus and Mercury. They may be in any order but the best order is for Jupiter to be in the 6th, Venus in the 7th and Mercury in the 8th. It is also further said that even if the three natural benefics are not in a row in the 6th, the 7th and the 8th from the Moon but if all the three are either in the 6th or the 7th or the 8th, then also it is Adhi Yoga. People born in this Yoga are supposed to become ministers, judges or occupy high positions in the government or public sector undertakings etc., and will become wealthy, conquer their enemies and enjoy long life. The Yoga assumes more power when it is coupled with other Yogas in the horoscope. While it is said that the Yoga should be formed from the Moon, it is seen that the Yoga seems to operate even when the benefics are in the 6th, the 7th and the 8th houses from the Lagna as well, with the same force.

In order to illustrate this Yoga I would like to give an interesting incident that took place in Rayagada when my father was serving there between 1947 and 1949.

Mr. Suryanarayana, a leading advocate of that place, was a short man with a very fair complexion. He was a good orator too. He had political leanings, though not that openly. His earnings were quite good by the standards then.

Once my father saw Mr. Suryanarayana's horoscope and told him that very soon he would bid good-bye to both the advocate's profession and Rayagada and enter government service.

Soon after, there was an advertisement for open selection of I.A.S. officers and Mr. Suryanarayana was one of the applicants. In fact, the salary those days of an IAS was probably a pittance of his monthly income as an advocate. He was invited for the interview and selected. Later, after some years, my father told me how he had predicted the change.

RAHU		SAT.	MOON
	RASI Suryanarayanan		
VENUS			ASCDT.
SUN JUPIT.	MARS MERC.		KETU

(1) From the Moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Venus are in the 6th, the 7th and the 8th houses respectively. This constitutes Adhi Yoga.

(ii) The lord of the 1st house Sun and the lord of the 5th house combine in the 5th. This combination gives rise to a good Raja Yoga.

(iii) Combination of the 4th and the 9th and the 2nd and the 11th lords in the 4th, and above all,

(iv) The 6th and 7th lord in the 10th and the 3rd and the 10th lord in the 6th by which the individual would have people at his beck and call to serve him.

The sudden change came in Rahu Bhukti, Saturn Dasa. Rahu is in the 11th house from Saturn. Further, Jupiter and the Moon directly aspect each other. This constitutes Gajakesari Yoga. People born in such a Yoga become wealthy, learned, have good qualities and will be liked by people.

It is the time that works. At any point of time you are in the hands of some planet. Good associations, aspects and positions give good results; bad associations, aspects and positions, bad results. Situations create men. And these situations are all the work of planets.

3rd and 6th lords

It is said that the planets assuming the 3rd, 6th and 11th lordships are the worst malefics (*papas*). In their Dasas or Bhukthis (sub-periods) they would give the native the worst results. This is the rule. However, as I have already told you the results of such planets may be modified according to the combination of these planets with benefics like the 5th and 9th lords and their placement. What I am trying to explain here are, however, the exceptions to the rule I have illustrated above—that 3rd, 6th and 11th lords are the worst.

For Libra Lagna, Jupiter is the 3rd and 6th lord; and for Aries Lagna, Mercury is the 3rd and 6th lord. According to the above rule, they are the worst lords for those Lagnas. But, for Libra Lagna when Jupiter is placed in the 3rd house, that is, Sagittarius and for Aries Lagna, when Mercury is placed in the 3rd, *i.e.*, Gemini, and their Dasas come, the planets will bestow on the individual unexpected Raja Yoga. Note what I am mentioning is Raja Yoga — power, glory, importance, respect, fame and what not!

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In Hitler's horoscope, the owing Yogas are present.

	MERC. SUN MARS VENUS		RAHU
	RASI Hitler		SAT.
JUPIT. MOON KETU		ASCDT.	

(i) Combination of Jupiter d the Moon in the 3rd house, ajakesari Yoga.

(ii) The 10th lord Moon in e 3rd house raises the indi-dual to a very good position of ower.

(iii) The 3rd and 6th lord upiter in the 3rd house. This the point I was trying to plain. The worst malefic for ra Lagna, Jupiter in this sition becomes all powerful give unprecedented Raja ga.

(iv) Rahu in the 9th from Lagna and aspected by the a Yogakaraka planets like piter and Moon.

(v) The 4th lord Saturn in 10th, Simhasana Yoga. But h Saturn is not good and ultimately be responsible his downfall and loss of wer, position and disgrace.

(vi) The Sun Mercury com-ation in Aries constitutes ha Aditya Yoga.

Hitler was born in Pur-da Nakshatra in the Dasa venus. He went through the s of the Sun, Moon, Mars, and Jupiter. The rise fall of Hitler is a story of recent past. He came from utters of Austria and ruled Germany and shook the world. Persons who were once his staunch followers are still being hunted out and hated by the world. Such persons who are alive today are in hiding and at large. No doubt, as an individual he achieved what he wanted to! We must know that he was a person born with the 4th lord in the 10th and the 3rd lord in the 3rd and the 10th lord in the 3rd. What does it matter where he was born - gutters or slums?

Obscurity to Fortune

That the placement of the 4th lord in the 10th constitutes Simhasana Yoga is evident from the horoscopes I have brought out heretofore. Yet, I would like to bring out another chart of a person, who from obscurity become a king. Besides, the 4th lord being in the 10th, the 3rd and 6th lord Mercury is located in the 3rd house. That is, the individual was an Aries Lagna native.

There was not even a remote chance for Sri Vikrama Deva Varma to become the Maharaja of Jeypore (Orissa) for he was not in the lineage at all after the death of Maharaja Ramachandra Deo. But, he was asked by the British to ascend the throne when Mercury Dasa began. The horoscope and the Yogas contained therein are listed below:

	ASCDT. JUPIT.		SUN MERC. VENUS
	RASI Sri Vikrama Deva		RAHU
MOON KETU			MARS
	SAT.		

(1) The 9th and 12th lord Jupiter in the Lagna; (2) the 3rd and 6th lord Mercury in the 3rd; (iii) the Sun and Mercury in Gemini constituting Budha Aditya Yoga; (iv) The Moon, the 4th lord in the 10th, Simhasana Yoga; (v) Saturn in the 8th bestowing long life and wealth late in life. (vi) Mercury and Venus in the 6th from the Moon forming Adhi Yoga.

Sri Vikrama Deva Varma was a benevolent king, a man of high learning and a linguist. He was loved by the people of his Samsthanam. He loved to have discussions with learned men and would invite erudite scholars to his court and honour them with valuable gifts. Festivals were celebrated with great pomp and regality. He gave scholarships to good and indigent students. He helped people in need. He never harboured ill-will against anybody. He lived for over 80 years and in his death, every citizen of the town felt as if he had lost his pillar of support. Unfortunately, he had no sons. He adopted one. This Yoga can be seen from the position of Mars in the 5th house and the aspect of Saturn on that 5th house. The Dattuputra Yoga occurs when the *putrasthana* the 5th house, becomes the house of Mercury or Saturn, and if Mars or Saturn is either situated there or aspects the 5th house.—211.89.

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PREDICTING SETBACKS IN CAREER

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of the Dasa the native gets at two different points of time. Similarly, the probability of occurrence of both the events at different points of time are also not absolutely ruled out.

1.6 With these observations, I propose to turn to the empirical part of my paper. The Table below represents horoscopes of six persons in a condensed form, who reportedly suffered various types of setbacks in their career. The horoscopes provide the requisite material for thought and discussion.

1.6.1 Horoscope No.1: The 10th lord Venus is retrograde in the Ascendant, combust and aspected both by Saturn and Rahu. The Karaka planet Sun is similarly afflicted. The 10th house is aspected by Mars. The native faced the most severe disturbance in his place of work which commenced at the beginning of 1985 when Saturn left Libra for Scorpio from where it aspected his radical Sun. At that time he was under Sun-Saturn. The trouble continued till the end of 1987 and completely subsided with the departure of Saturn from Scorpio. By that time his Sun Dasa was also over. During the turmoil, the native was humiliated, put under suspension and had to seek legal redress.

1.6.2 Horoscope 2 reveals (i) debilitated Mars in the 10th house sandwiched between malefics on either side, (ii) the 10th lord's occupation of the 12th house from the 10th and (iii) a pernicious Saturn aspecting the house of service and profession. The native was forced to declare a lock-out in his factory due to labour unrest in 1985 and the same status has been continuing without visible signs of breakthrough in near future. The entire episode, interestingly, took place during Saturn-Ketu when Saturn in transit in Scorpio aspected radical Saturn. The Dasa lord is aspecting the high strung Mars in the 10th and the sub-Dasa lord is in a saturnine sign in the 8th from the 10th. At present the native's radical Sun is under aspect from Saturn in Sagittarius. Hence the stalemate.

1.6.3 Horoscope 3 is characterised by a Saturn-Sun conjunction, the 10th lord's placement in the 8th house and also the occupation of the 12th lord in the 10th coiled with Ketu. The native fell victim to conspiracy in his office at the very beginning of the major period of Saturn. The critical period was 1978-80 when Saturn in

TABLE

Sl. No.	Date of Birth & Bal. of Dasa	Ascdt.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
1.	12-9-1935 Bal. of Saturn 24 d 10m 1y	Leo	Sun Ven. (R)	Merc.	Jupit.	Mars	Rahu	-	Sat.	Moon	-	-	Ketu	-
2.	17-7-1944 Mars 11d 7m 1y	Lib	-	-	-	-	Ketu	-	-	Sat. Ven.	Moon Sun Merc. Jupit.	Mars	Ketu	-
3	19-2-1937 Mars 11d 0m 6y	Leo	-	-	Mars	Ketu	Jup.	Merc.	Sat Sun	Ven.	-	Moon Ketu	-	-
4.	6.7.1935 Sun 0d 6m 4y	Pis.	-	-	-	Sun Merc. Ketu	-	Moon Ven.	Mars	Jup. (R)	-	Rahu	-	Sat. (R)
5.	28-5-1945 Merc. 2d 4m 6y	Can.	-	Jup.	-	-	Moon	-	-	-	Mars	Ven. Merc.	Sun	Sat. Rahu
6.	14-3-1946 Bal. of Sun 18d 11m 4y	Sagit.	Ketu	-	-	Sun Merc.	Ven.	-	Sat. Rahu	Mars	Moon	Jup. (R)	-	-

N. B.: 1st means the Ascendant, 2nd-2nd house from the Ascendant and so on.

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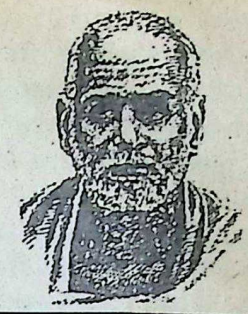
ri Narayana Guru — n Astrological Potrait



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N THE eternal march of time there appear on the mundane stage certain great personalities who confront the course of tory and shake the conscience of the people h their life and teachings. Sri Narayana ru was one such great personality who occu- s a unique place in shining galaxy of the illus- us sons of India. He inspired and organised greatest social as well as cultural revolu- Kerala has ever seen, and through his life teachings brought light and hope to mil- s of downtrodden people. His advent into Hindu community of Kerala was a historical t. In those days untouchability and caste udices were quite rampant in Kerala. The alled "untouchables" had already started king in terms of religious conversion to ape humiliation and the prevailing social quities. The practice of untouchability was rulent that Swami Vivekananda was forced escribe Kerala as the lunatic asylum of a.

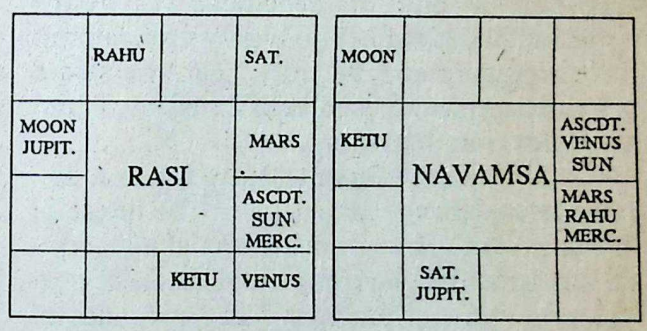
Against such a tragic background, Sri Naray- Guru, whose astrological portrait we are mpting now was projected into the 19th ury-Hindu community of Kerala by Destiny mighty revolutionary challenge to the pre- ng evil customs and caste prejudices. This mic soul with his explosive ideas, wrested of the cesspool of caste prejudice a new l order with the motto "One Caste, One ion, One God" and thus prevented the adation of the Hindu society of Kerala.

abindra Nath Tagore who visited Sri Naray- Guru Swami at Siva Giri, later wrote about Swami as follows:

"I have been touring different parts of the world. During these travels I have had the good fortune to come into contact with several saints and Maharshis. But I have never come across one who is spiritually greater than Sri Narayana Guru; nay, a person on par with him in spiritual attainment."

Sri Narayana Guru was born on Tuesday the 28th of August 1855 (1031 M.E. Chingam 14) at the time of sunrise in the fourth quarter of Satabhisha at Chempazhanthy, a suburb of the city of Trivandrum.

He was the only son of Madan Asan and Kutty. The horoscope of Sri Narayana Guru is as follows with a balance of 1 year 9 months and 18 days of Rahu Dasa.



The Lagna is Leo, a fixed and fiery sign and it is occupied by the Sun and Mercury. The Lagna and its lord Sun receive the evil aspect of Saturn but the benign aspect of Jupiter, lord of the 5th house placed in the 7th, has rendered the Lagna and its lord very strong. In his physical features the Sun and Jupiter were prominent. The native had an attractive personality, a dignified stature, a strong will, frankness and was of noble spirit. The jovian aspect on Lagna was responsible for his generosity of character and fair complexion. The intermin-

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gling of solar and jupiterian influences moulded the Guru's personality into a happy blend of tact, wisdom, courage and determination. The fine disposition of Mercury in mutual aspect with the Moon, endowed him with talents of a very high order.

A powerful Rajayoga is formed in the 7th house by Jupiter who is in mutual aspect with the Lagna lord. The Association of full Moon, a natural benefic, with Jupiter is deeply significant as it adds dignity to the Rajayoga, by forming an extremely powerful Gaja Kesari Yoga. This combination is of vital importance as it brings to light the great intellectual and yogic achievements of Sri Narayana Guru. The above combination also indicates abundance of *poorva punya* and an extra-ordinary mental make-up. The Sun, Lagna lord, as well as Atmakaraka gets influenced by Jupiter representing *poorva punya*, the Moon representing *Moksha*, Mercury the *gnana karaka*, and Saturn, the *pravajya karaka*. He was a profound thinker and a man of broad intellectual gifts and this is clearly brought out by the situation of both Jupiter and the Moon representing mind in the mystic sign Aquarius under the aspect of Yogakaraka, Mars. Saturn aspecting the 5th house and Lagna lord gave him real knowledge and transformed him into a *parivrajaka*. The fine disposition of the Moon, Mercury and Jupiter coupled with Venus in the 2nd house made him highly proficient in Vedic literature and Vedanta. He was also a poet and a profound scholar of Sanskrit, Tamil and Malayalam literature.

The lord of *punyasthana* Mars forms a distinct Neechabhanga Rajayoga in the house of *Moksha*. Venus, free from any malefic association, accounts for the complete absence of passions and sensual feelings. The presence of Saturn, significator of downtrodden people, in the 11th house has great bearing on the influence he wielded amongst the masses. Neechabhanga (cancellation of debility) of the 10th lord indicates his humble beginnings and the gradual rise to the exalted position of a revolutionary social reformer as well as philosopher.

Now let us take a look into the important events of his life.

'Nanu' was the childhood name of Sri Narayana Guru. Apart from Malayalam and Tamil which he learnt from his father, he studied Sanskrit and Ayurveda from his uncle Krishnan Vaidyar. In his adolescence itself he came into conflict with the crude life-patterns of people due to the natural ingenuity he had in discerning right from wrong. He preferred to be alone, composed songs and hymns and very often experienced mystical frenzies. One of the most important features of his personality was his capability to silence any argument with a thoughtful query or a witty remark. These extra-ordinary boyhood features were characteristic of his inner unfoldment and growth caused by the Dasa of an extremely well-placed Jupiter.

Attracted by the poetical talents of Nanu his uncle Krishnan Vaidyar decided to send him to the family of Varanappally for further studies under a well-known scholar Raman Pillai. This important event took place in Saturn Dasa, Mercury Bhukti. The Bhukti lord Mercury owns the 2nd house and is ideally placed from the Dasa lord. Mercury is also well placed in the constellation of Venus who in turn occupies the 2nd house representing *vidya*.

Raman Pillai was a distinguished scholar of that time who had studied Sanskrit under Kailasa Sastri, Astrology under Mathur Panicker, medicine under Kattachira Champakasseri Potti and Vedanta under Sreedhara Yogi. Attracted by the horoscopic features of Nanu, Raman Pillai got Nanu initiated into the study of Vedanta. In the third year, he terminated his studies to make a still deeper plunge in his search for the non-dual one. This occured in Ketu Bhukti of Saturn Dasa. Ketu gives the results of his dispositer Venus, the 10th lord. Also Ketu receives the aspects of 9th lord Mars and 5th lord Jupiter.

In 1882 during Venus Bhukti of Saturn Dasa his marriage was conducted in proxy by his sister and during the same period of Venus, Nanu left his home and village. The marriage got dissolved automatically, therefore. His desire was not to escape from the realities of the world but he was keen to experience the mysterious spiritual forces that governed the life of man.

Nanu renounced all worldly attachments to gain knowledge and if possible to rectify in some measure the evils of the then existing socio-economic and politico-cultural set-ups. It is to be noted that the event occured in Saturn Dasa,

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V. P. Singh at the Crossroads: Tarot

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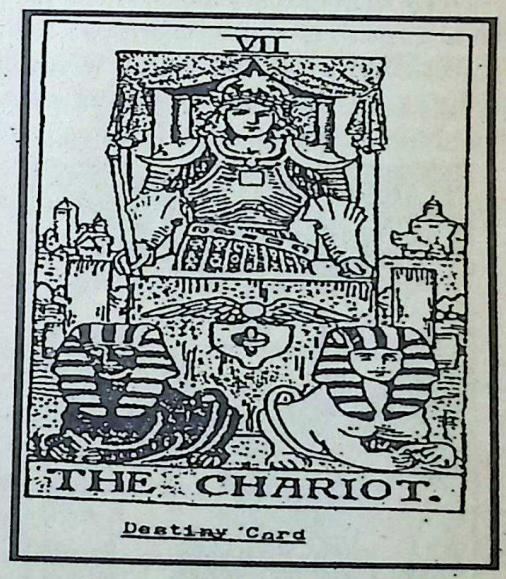
TAROT is an ancient occult art which was practised extensively in the Middle Ages in Europe for prophesying the for- of individuals and nations on the basis of a of 78 cards, of which 22 bore allegorical sentations and constituted the Major Ar- 56 resembled normal playing cards and known as Minor Arcana. On the basis of cards and linking them with name, day date of birth many aspects of the individual revealed, the inner forces propelling him ds a particular direction deciphered and estiny predicted. This method of fortune- takes recourse to the Kabbalistic prin- of converting phonetic values of the name umericals of the date of birth and linking numbers with allegorical and mythologi- ymbologies and an attempt is made to the inner and future conditions of life.

sed on this method of prediction, the fu- f prime minister V. P. Singh presents very sting reading. The Kabbalistic value of anath Pratap Singh, taking into account umerical value of every alphabet of his is 240. His birth date is 25, whilst the ay is 25th June, 1931. From these, one s (i) Destiny Number, (ii) Character er and (iii) Divinatory Number. His Destiny er works out to 7, his Character Number which can be resolved as 2 + 6 + 7 = 15 in the same manner becomes 6. But for special purposes, the primary 15 itself is hilst 6 is used for interpreting his special teristics. The Divinatory Number which for predicting the future events is ob- by subtracting the key of the Destiny er (in the present case 15) from Destiny Number 267, dividing the resultant by 9 and adding one to the final product. On this formula, V. P. Singh's Divinatory Number works out to 11.

The Destiny Number indicates the purpose for which the individual is born; Character Number, as the name indicates, shows the features of one's personality and the Divinatory Number is connected with success and failure of the person. In the case of V. P. Singh, his Destiny Number 7 represents the chariot. As it would be seen from the illustration on the card representing the chariot, the chariot is represented as square shaped, it has a canopy which in the original card is coloured blue with starry



cloud around it. The prince on the chariot is seated with cuirass around his body, he has a sceptre in one hand whilst a brilliant star shines forth from his forehead. Black and white coloured sphinxes are sitting in front in readiness to

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carry the chariot further. On the chariot itself, one could notice as its insignia the Zoroastrian spread-wings over the tiny gyrating instrument. The original card has much of blue and white colours excepting for the two sphinxes.

Allegorically, the individual with this destiny card is indicated to be very powerful with inherited crown and sceptre; his chariot is ready to be drawn by white as well as black forces which suggest that all through his life he will be surrounded by opposing forces making his decisions very difficult. But, in all his activities, there would be some kind of Divine purpose and Divine benediction represented by the star at the head of the prince and the blue starry canopy over the chariot. The square shape of the chariot indicates practical down-to-earth attitude of the person. V. P. Singh in his personal life has truly been plagued by many adverse conditions though there has always been some kind of supernatural force guiding his actions and leading him to success. He was born in a Thakur family which was a ruling community. He was adopted by the Raja of Manda when he was very young. The Raja died when V. P. Singh was a young boy and the adoption was challenged. But the cuirass protected him and when he went to Daiya a new life started. His political life has shown that at every stage he was surrounded by insrcutable black as well as white forces as a result of which no one could foretell the direction in which his chariot would move. The blue canopy with starry cloth revealed the tremendous supra-physical forces which surrounded him. He has been a brilliant student, a poet, a visionary and an effective speaker all represented by the quality of the Moon prominently displayed in the card. V. P. Singh can never have a planner progress; he will be moved to his destiny in an unpredictable manner.

Character Card

The character of V. P. Singh is represented by the 15th card in Major Arcana represented as a Devil Card. The devil card represents a diabolic figure with bat's wings, hairy legs, eagle's claws and a goat's head. There is a male and female figure chained to the rock. The human figures have tails and the diabolic figure has an inverted pentagon converging at the base of the eye-brow of the central figure whilst one of his hands is in the posture of bestowing benediction. The superficial interpretation of the diabolic figure gives a wrong impression that the person concerned is diabolic. In fact, the abundance of black colour on the card representing illusory subconscious fear is hinted at. The real clue to the card lies in the representation of the chained human figures and the raised hand of the mysterious figure. Applying the symbols to the life of V. P. Singh, one distinguishes between the external and the internal psychological processes working on him. Such a characteristic can be deciphered from some of the poems written by him, such as,

"Let me lie where I am
It is only dust that I have gathered
If you manhandle me
Even this may go out of hand and be scattered.

This shows that V. P. Singh is aware of the bondage within which he has to work. His fight against the dacoits, his war against corruption, his effort towards value-based politics are indicators of this realisation of his limitations, but his aspirations are influenced by the benediction of the mysterious unconscious force represented by the central diabolic figure. The primary character number (15) can be resolved into 6 which is the final character number for him. The card represented by Number 6 symbolises the Lover characterising the inner nature of Mr. Singh. In this card, one can note the basic nature of the person converted to that of an angel and the pair of chained human being liberated. The original card number 6 has many hues of very pleasant influence: it has flowers

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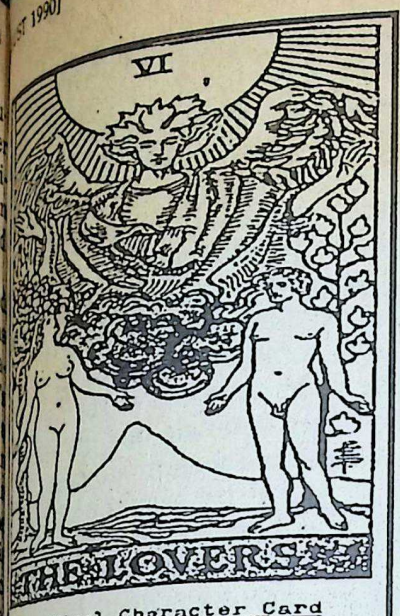
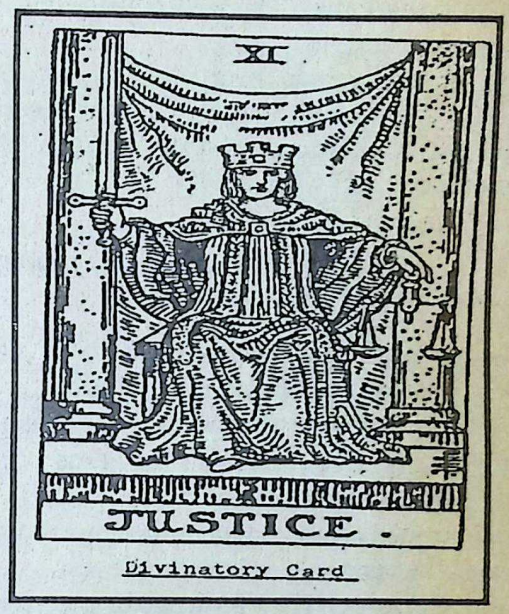


Final Character Card

s, mountains and the fiery head of the l figure. When the outer conditions are ended, the person becomes a liberated establishing a close relationship with er spiritual and harmonious nature. rdly, V. P. Singh may often appear crude, ssive, devastating, uncompromising, but these conditions he finally realises his harmonious qualities. He is a reservoir of deas, trying to shed beneficial influences surroundings. As a result of the marked diction in the primary and the final cha- cards, it is obvious that the inner good- Mr. Singh could often be misunderstood; ernal conditions of life could often disturb er self but finally, his ultimate nature of ed inspirational temperament would be ed.

e Divinatory Card on the basis of which ure of a person is foretold in the present named Justice. In this card, the well- d regal figure is seated on the throne of and is placed between two pillars while lding in one hand a sword and in another, es to do justice. The central figure on the presents a feminine personage suggest- plete passivity to the superior force of She wears a red robe indicating very display of energy; the crown on her head ents a high status bestowed on her. Such atory Card in the case of V.P. Singh to the fructification of his Destiny Card ented by the chariot which has carried him to the status where he is entrusted with the onerous task of dispensing Divine Justice, where he has to wield the power of the sword to protect or to destroy for the sake of justice. He is not represented as a blind goddess of justice but as a clear-seeing, active, thoughtful and spiritual power. His present role could begin the rule of law and impartial justice for all and protection of the righteous. The chariot card shows the vehicle guided by unseen powers holding unseen reins leading the prince to the quest of unseen self-realisation. Now the stage has been reached when the self-realised Singh will have



Divinatory Card

to carry forth the Divine purpose of Justice. The scales decide the programme and the sword gives him the authority to act.

The task before V. P. Singh is to steer clear between the two pillars — the forces of opposite nature. He stands at the centre of opposing political parties, opposing interests in the country, opposite temperaments of the people, and amidst the problems of contradictory natures difficult to reconcile. Amidst them, he will have to steer clear to the goal of Divine and natural justice without any favour or fear. The challenge will be met courageously: The sword in his hand will carry him through difficult situations. Discriminating between the various alternatives and the varied situations of illusions and pretensions, his task will be to remove false veils, distorted images and to stabilise the chaotic country with peace and harmony. Clear sight, balanced judgement and right action will

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enable prime minister Singh to give protection to the righteous and destroy the wicked in the country.

The scale is not rigid, inflexible like the sword held upright in the right hand. It suggests proper assessment of various conditions of life according to different prevailing situations; there will be no rigid approach under V. P. Singh to different problems confronting the country. He will weigh each event as it presents itself to him and to the country. He will avoid hasty decisions, impulsive actions and thoughtless responses. He will be open to the suggestions of others provided they are well considered and rationally presented.

The vertically held sword and the horizontally held scale form a cross which represents the mysterious balance and protective power. But this force will often lead V. P. Singh to the crossroads of conflict; he will have to face the trial between idealism and practicality, spirituality and human limitations. At the time of such stress, he will receive spiritual insight rather than act on his own intellectual eye-sight. The figure in the Divinatory Card looks ahead with gaze fixed at the distant spiritual fountain of energy rather than at the scale or at the sword. The visionary Singh will have his courage and power from some unknown source of energy. One thing for him to avoid will be 'justice proneness' as it may entangle him in fruitless legal battles sought and fought in courts. The principle of universal harmony and psychological equilibrium with trust in the Unseen Power will inspire V. P. Singh through thick and thin for the ultimate achievement of his destiny for which he has of course to traverse through such difficult terrain.—85.90.

PREDICTING SETBACKS IN CAREER

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transit through Leo aspected the Saturn-Sun conjunction and the Moon in the natal chart. So both the luminaries in the natal chart were affected through this transit. This horoscope offers another instance of how weak elements in the horoscope become active under appropriate Dasa and transit.

1.6.4 Horoscope No.4 is owned by a man having an extremely unstable service and professional career hopping from job to job, from service to profession and again back to service — without revealing any discernible trend. It is interesting to note that Jupiter Dasa from 1970 to 1986 practically encompassed all these futile changes and the most volatile period in this regard coincided with Saturn's 7 1/2 years' cycle from August 1975 to October 1982. The retrograde 10th lord Jupiter's tenancy of the 8th house reinforced through its own Dasa presumably created so many ups and downs and in career.

1.6.5 The owner of the birth chart No. 5 is blessed with a stable Sun in his 11th house. His 10th house however is highly disturbed first due to occupation of the 12th lord therein but more due to its being flanked by malefics. The Yogakaraka planet's stay in the 12th house from the 10th house is also not a happy indication. The native, a bank employee, was held responsible in a fradulent case of overpayment. The event started with the commencement of Venus - Saturn in the middle of 1974. Venus is with the 12th lord Mercury in the 10th hemmed in between malefics and Saturn in the 12th house, the house of Mercury. The trouble was over in 1978 with the end of Venus Dasa. The most critical period of the entire event fell within the period of May 1971 to June 1973 when Saturn conjoined with the natal Sun during its movement through Taurus.

1.5.6 In the last horoscope No.6 we find a debilitated 10th lord which has interchanged houses with the lord of the Ascendant and the 4th house. The Ascendant lord remains retrograde in the 10th house and its Dasa commenced in April 1986. The native's Sun in the birth chart stands blemished through Saturn's 10th aspect. With the start of Jupiter-Saturn in May 1988 when Saturn in transit fortified the radical Saturn in his birth chart, the native faced serious trouble from subordinates in his place of work. He was forced to go first on leave and then on compulsory waiting for fresh posting. The uneasy stalement has been continuing at the time of drafting the paper.—25.90.

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eflections on amayana — VII*

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THE two epics, the *Ramayana* and the *Mahabharatha*, are not y the eternal scriptures of duism or Sanatana Dharma of all mankind. In fact, they the universal treasure-ses of knowledge whose sur-s have just begun to be tched by modern society. It take decades, may even be turies, to reach the entire th of information and know-ge that is embedded in these and other monumental ptures. Mankind has also ly begun to recognize that *Ramayana* and the *Maha-ratha* also have within nselves all the knowledge, dance and information, cov-g every trait, attitude and aviour ever exhibited by any man as one faced a variety of llenges and opportunities came under the umbrella fe or existence.

s indicated in the earlier ussion, the great author i Valmiki has done a won-l and immortal job in pre-ing as lively as possible the plete picture of the story of Rama. The minutest details are provided for us to understand the *Ramayana*. Sri Tulsidas' *Ramacharithamanas* retells the story of Sri Rama. Sri Kamban presents Ramayana in Tamil. Tulsidas, Kamban and others have more or less faithfully followed Valmiki in re-telling the story of Sri Rama, and yet they have provided in their own unique and elaborate way details for the faithful to understand the *Ramayana*. It is necessary to know that the basic source for all of these versions is Valmiki's *Ramayana*. Scholars such as Tulsidas and Kamban were also well versed in Sanskrit. Modern political, parochial and/or linguistic considerations tend to cloud some people's judgement to fully accept or acknowledge that there is one and only authoritative source and that is Valmiki's *Ramayana*. In some instances where there are some differences with Valmiki's *Ramayana*, it is because the commentator might have been influenced intentionally or otherwise by his or her own feelings, perceptions and experiences. In studying scriptures one must remember that sometimes even simple words that were used centuries ago may denote or connote different meanings today. The fact of the matter is that the passage of time sometime limits us from fully understanding the totality of the situation and personalities of those times. It is also possible that the views and opinions of commentators may often be mistakenly expressed or even misunderstood by some as mere facts. The womb of time is in no position now to demonstrate which one of those certain characteristics or descriptions of events that differ from commentator to commentator have been based or influenced by one or more considerations. Certainly, none among us has any fear or doubt about the high standards of ethics that early scholars like Tulsidas and Kamban practised in their lives. Their main objective was to present Valmiki's *Ramayana* in regional or local language to people who were not familiar with Sanskrit. Yet, some differences, even though not significant, exist when their versions are compared to those of Valmiki. Once we understand that the source of every recognised commentator is Valmiki's *Ramayana* one can then move away from making a

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mountain out of the mole hill of a commentator's variation from that of Valmiki.

In our study sometimes re-emphasis, reiteration and repetition are necessary for fuller and better understanding of the story and the events. Many commentators and scholars, including those of the twentieth century, have by and large overlooked a very significant and critical aspect in their study and discussion of our scriptures. It may even be an obvious and glaring error. Sri Rajagopalachari has also overlooked this aspect in his popular and abridged book on *Ramayana*. The story has been presented by almost all without discussing the important aspect of the law of nature, or what we commonly understand as the Vedic axiom of Karma. The law or axiom of Karma is an established natural law of observation, based on thousands of years of experiences of the greatest sages and seers from time immemorial. Jyotisha or Astrology is the common and modern nomenclature for this eternal law which is Sanatana Dharma's boon or gift to all of mankind for all times. It is a universal law that binds every human to Nature, regardless of a person's affliation to any organised religion. God did not create religion. The modern organized religions are institutions that are mainly the creations of man. One may call Hinduism a religion in the context of modern times. The truth is that Hinduism or Sanatana Dharma is simply a way of life established by sages and seers from time immemorial. The fundamental principles of Nature, such as Karma, are neither afflicted nor influenced by one's affiliation with one or the other organized religions. We must understand that our sages and seers propounded natural laws and not merely formulated fashionable or popular ivory-tower theories. Natural laws are products of exhaustive observations and intensive experiences of wise men and women of ancient India, who led exemplary lives that combined the best of spirituality with minimum of materialism, and a lot of introspection. **Materialism without spiritualism reduces the best among us to mere matter. Then, the human is no more different from any animal specie.**

Many aspects of the practices in modern world religions emphasise or provide very limited spirituality. The shortcomings in today's religions are pointed out, not for decrying any modern religion, but to clearly indicate that spiritual values must be based on strong foundations and also have to pass the eternal test of truth. Karma has stood the test of time and Truth. As said earlier, many commentators have unwisely not considered in their discussion the important aspect of Karma or Jyotisha. Their discussions are not complete. A person who reads an incomplete commentary experiences many voids in understanding or accepting the characteristically uncommon and even cruel behaviour of persons, coupled with saddening and shocking events that we find in the *Ramayana*. For example, in our discussion of Kaikeyi it is clear that the law of Karma alone explains the trials and tribulations in Ayodhya that not only deprived the throne to Sri Rama but banished him from Ayodhya. The law of Karma that banished him was also responsible for the fulfilment of the Divine Ordination to eliminate the suffering of the people at the hands of Ravana and other *rakshasas*.

The modern materialistic view propounded by some that man alone is the absolute and complete master of his destiny is based more on intellectual theories than on facts. However, it does make a good subject for a classical ivory-tower classroom teaching. Human expeirence simply confirms the information found in scriptures that **one's destiny is a combination of fate and free-will.** This subject is of deep discussion and cannot be covered in a paragraph or two. Perhaps, there may be a future occasion for a further, if not a comprehensive, discussion on the matter. However, there is a suggestion for all who want to get more out of understanding as well sharing with the near and dear ones the story and events in Sri Rama's life. During the next discussion, look at the story with the inclusion of and emphasis on the Law of Karma or Jyotisha. One will have a clearer, broader and fuller understanding. Keep writing your comments and views to the Editor. They are very essential and so necessary to continue our discussion of the *Ramayana*.

May Sri Rama's Blessings Be Upon All!

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Down's Syndrome from the Palm

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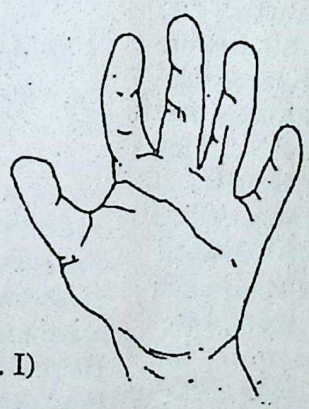
A NORMAL cell of human being consists of 23 pairs of chromosomes. These omosomes are divided into o groups. Autosomes which e common in male and fe- les are 44 in number *i.e.*, 22 irs. The remaining two chro- somes decide the sex of her as male or female. Due some or other reasons (due to netical errors, cell divisional ns etc.) some human beings are either more or less than 46 omosomes. This condition sults in severe genetical and ntal disorders. Genetically, se persons are called idiots. e such disorder includes a drome called Down's Syn- me or Mongolain idiocy. In is case, it is 47 chromosomes. e 21st pair is made of three omosomes. This genetical order is most common (1 out 00 births will be a mongo- idiot) and is seen in the dren of women who are mar- d late.

The study of the palm as l as other physical charac- stics play an important role iagnosing this syndrome. clinicians and geneticists sider palm characters of e individuals confirmatory the diagnosis of this syn- drome. This syndrome was first described by Langdon-Down in 1866.

Prime importance is given to the left hand in which no lines are seen except a Heart line, starting from the Mars (+) mount and reaching upto Mars (-) mount. This is considered one of the diagnostic features of this syndrome and this type of line is called "Simian line" (Fig. I).



(Fig. I)

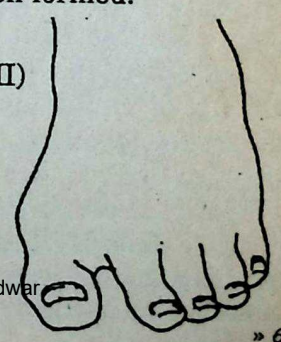
In the right hand even though all the lines are there (but not in same condition) the prominent feature is that the life-line is too short and can be said to be a rudimentary line. Sometimes this feature can also be observed in the left hand also, indicating that the life span of these people is very low (between 8 to 16 years). Even scientific data support that life expectancy of

(Fig. II)

mongolian idiots ranges between 8 and 12 years.

The palm is flat and very ill-developed (it falls under the category of primitive hand) with satin skin. The mount of Mercury is poorly developed and is marked with insane symptoms. Even the Mercury finger is too small which is strong evidence of mental retardation. The absence of Head Line in one of the hands is another indication of this nature. Of the other mounts Jupiter and Venus bear negative marks and also are not well formed.

(Fig. III)



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SRI NARAYANA GURU — AN ASTROLOGICAL POTRAIT

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Venus Bhukti. The Dasa lord is the significator of *pravajya* and the Bhukti lord Venus gives rise to a Neechabhanga Rajayoga in the house of knowledge.

During the subperiods of the Sun, Moon and Mars he wandered extensively on the coastlines of Kerala as well as in the eastern hilly regions. After achieving the desired knowledge he reached Aruvippuram at the age of 31. During the subperiod of the Sun he came into contact with Chattampi Swami and studied Hatha Yoga. By the time he reached Aruvippuram he had a blueprint ready for his mission of a social revolution.

This young *yogi* of spiritual excellence very soon started attracting people from far and wide. Through them he realized the problems that assailed Kerala. He felt convinced that he was ordained to find a solution to their problems and he started in right earnest.

In Saturn Dasa, Rahu Bhukti (Rahu occupies the 9th house) he installed the 'Sivalinga' at Aruvippuram. To the people who raised objections and who questioned the validity of his act he gave the answer: "I have installed only the Ezhava Siva". This revolutionary act of the Swami brought the first ray of light into the life of certain sections of the people of Kerala who were for centuries wallowing in darkness and slavery. During the entire period of Mercury and Ketu, the Swami travelled constantly all over Kerala to add momentum to his movement.

With the advent of Venus Dasa his fame spread far and wide and many distinguished personalities came to Siva-giri to meet him. Rabindra Nath Tagore met the Swami on the 22nd of November 1922 in Venus Dasa, Mars Bhukti. At the time of this meeting transit Mars was in Capricorn and aspected the Bhukti lord Mars of the natal chart. The Dasa lord Venus owns the 10th house while the Bhukti lord Mars owns the 9th house and this powerful influence of the 9th and 10th lords was responsible for the following description of Sri Narayana Guru by Rabindra Nath Tagore:

"I shall never forget that radiant face illumined by the self effulgent light of divine glory and those mystic eyes fixing their gaze on a far remote point in the distant horizon."

In 1925 during Venus Dasa Rahu Bhukti, Mahatma Gandhi visited Sri Narayana Guru. A public meeting was held on the day after and the Swami shared the platform with Gandhi. In his speech Gandhi spoke about the greatness of Sri Narayana Guru and described the meeting with him as his greatest fortune. Other distinguished visitors of the above period were Mr. Watts, the Dewan of Travancore and Swami Shradhananda of the Arya Samaj.

The life and personality of Shri Narayana Guru are aptly described in the following words of Romain-Rolland.

*Glasenap does not say anything regarding new religious manifestations in south India which are not negligible: such for example is the great Guru, Sri Narayana, whose beneficent spiritual activity has been exercising its influence during the past forty years in the State of Travancore on nearly two millions of his followers. (He passed away in 1928). His teaching, permeated with the philosophy of Sankara, shows evidence of a striking difference of temperament compared with the mysticism of Bengal, of which the effusions of love (**bhakti**) inspire in him a certain mistrust. He was, one might say, a Jnanin of action, a grand religious intellectual, who had a keen living sense of the people and of social necessities. He has contributed greatly to the elevation of the opressed classes in South India, and his work has been associated at certain times with that of Gandhi.*

The Swami's health became a cause for concern by the end of 1927 during Venus Dasa, Jupiter Bhukti. It is to be noted here that the Dasa lord as well as Bhukti lord are in 6th positions. Also Jupiter is the 8th lord and occupies the 7th house. Venus is debilitated. Hence the cause for ill-health was hernia. From the beginning of 1928 the Swami's health condition oscillated between improvement and relapses. Finally he entered Maha Samadhi on the 20th of September, 1928.—138.89.

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...ow Jupiter's Transit in ...ancer Affects You

PULIPPANI

JUPITER'S entry into a sign definitely can bring about significant changes both at the mundane and individual level. ...ndividuals, it is more impactful especially ...reference to his position from Janma Rasi. ...so helps to counteract the evil effects of ...sit Saturn.

...upiter enters Cancer* at 9.36 a.m. IST on ...1990. His movement through the 3 stars ...arvasu (4th pada), Pushya and Aslesha after ...g retrograde twice in that Rasi is as ...ws:

...arvasu	from 20-07-1990 to 3-8-1990
...shya	from 04-08-1990 to 13-10-1990
	from 16-01-991 to 08-06-1991
...lesha	from 14-10-1990 to 15-01-1991
	from 09-06-1991 to 14-08-1991

...neral Effects

According to an ancient Tamil work *Choo...mi Ullamudaiyan 'Kadagam Singam ...pasi Noai'* which means Jupiter is said to ...ce starvation and hunger among people ...o scarcity of grains and also cause many ...mics and diseases. Saturn also produces ...r effects during his passage through the 2 ...Uttarashada and Sravana (THE ASTROLOGI...AGAZINE, April 1990 page 351) which will be ...the same time.

Another ancient Tamil Samhita work ...raswamiyam also declares that "when ...Saturn, Rahu and Jupiter join together or ...each other by opposition, the economic ...ion in the world will be disturbed and there will be heavy loss of human life." (Refer *ibid* pages 351 and 352)

Though such bad effects are given for various combinations involving Jupiter, the Samhita *granthas* however give good effects for Jupiter's passage through the 3 stars in Cancer.

1. Varahamihira in *Brihat Samhita* (8-5) says:

शुभकृज्जगतः पौषे निवृत्त वैराः परस्परं क्षितिपाः ।
द्वित्रिगुणो धान्यर्धः पौष्टिक कर्म प्रसिद्धिश्च ॥

which means, that during the jovian year of Pausha (passage of Jupiter through Punarvasu and Pushya) the world will be happy and prosperous, kings will be free from enmity among themselves, the prices of foodgrains will come down to half or less than half of the existing rates.

Most scholars interpret it as prices of pulses going up, two-fold or even three-fold. But the learned commentator Bhattotpala says that one will get twice or thrice the amount of pulses one used to get before for the same amount.

धान्यस्य यन्मूल्यं आसीत्ते नैव द्विगुणं
त्रिगुण वा धान्यं लभ्यते ॥

In the context of Jupiter going through his own star and those of his friends and also his exaltation sign, this seems more logical.

2. *Adbutha Samhita* quoting sage Garga declares

पुनर्वसुष्च पुण्यञ्च चरेध्यदि ब्रहस्पतिः ।
ञ्च पौषःसंवत्सरः सस्यानि सवौषदि समन्वितः ॥
शस्यं सम्पद्यते सर्वं सम्यग्वर्षति वासवः ।
[illegible] सौभिक्ष्यं सत्यधर्मस्तदा सताम ॥

*As per Raman Ayanamsa enters Cancer on July ...1990.

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which means, when Jupiter passes through Punarvasu and Pushya crops grow well. There will be good rain. People will be very comfortable. The yield will be high. People will follow righteousness and justice.

3. Varahamihira gives the following results for the transit of Jupiter in Aslesha (8-6)

पितृपुजा परिवृद्धि माधेहार्दिष्च सर्व भूतानाम् ।
आरोग्यश्च वृष्टिः धान्यार्धं सम्पदो मित्रलायश्च ॥

which means, that when Jupiter passes through Aslesha and Makha the people will worship their departed souls and respect parents as well as elders with great devotion. All beings in the world will enjoy happiness, contentment and sound health. There would be good rain and pulses will be available at cheap prices. People will live in greater friendship and cordiality.

For the same transit of Jupiter, *Adbutha Samhita* quotes Garga as follows:

आष्लेषाञ्च मधाञ्चैव चरेद्यदि बृहस्पतिः ।
सम्यग्वषति पर्जन्यः शस्यमुत्तमतां व्रजेत् ॥
माध संवत्सरः सस्यात सर्व भूत हितोदयः ।
क्षेमारोग्य सुभिक्षानि प्रजा धर्मकरी तदा ॥

which means, that when Jupiter passes through Aslesha and Makha the jovian year is called Magha when all living beings will be comfortable. There will be good rain and yield. The world will pass through very good time. All people will observe righteousness and justice.

Considering these results given by our ancient writers we can surely say that the present tensions between India and Pakistan may not culminate in actual war as anticipated. Jupiter will also soothen the evil effect of the Saturn-Rahu conjunction which continues upto 23-4-1991.

II. Individual Effects

The transit of Jupiter will affect people in four ways which can be classified as under:

1. The results of the cyclic transit of Jupiter (Paryaya)
2. General conventional effects.
3. Effects due to Moorthi Nirnaya.
4. The effects of stellar occupation of Jupiter with reference to one's birth-star.

1. Cyclic Effects (Paryaya)

Jupiter passes through the 12 signs of the zodiac roughly in 12 years. Each round is called a Paryaya. In most cases, Jupiter may not complete more than 6 Paryayas in an individual life. The effects of Paryayas given below are according to Tamil classics:

(a) When Jupiter is in the 1st round he is said to cause danger to life when he comes to the 8th house. It is also said that the father will enjoy quite contrary results getting all comforts, elevation etc., while the native himself will suffer.

(b) If during the 2nd round Jupiter is in Aries or Taurus, irrespective of its position from Janma Rasi, there will be no bad results if the above signs happen to be 1, 3, 6, 8, 10 or 12 from the Moon-sign and there will be no good results in the other houses. This will apply to natives below 24 years.

(c) During the 3rd Paryaya he does good in 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12 from one's Moon-sign.

(d) During the 4th round, in Janma Rasi, he gives fear from government, gain of wealth in the 2nd house, comforts in the 4th house, gain of property in the 9th house and gain of money in the 11th and 12th houses from Janma Rasi (Moon-sign).

(e) During the 5th round he gives mental anxiety in Janma, gain of wealth in the 2nd and comforts in the 4th from Moon-sign.

(f) During the 6th round he gives good effects in 2, 5, 7, 9 and 11 houses from the Moon-sign and gives danger to life in the 8th house (provided there is *maraka* Dasa or 3rd round of 7 1/2 years' Saturn).

For example, let us assume Jupiter is in Gemini during its first round for a person born during July 1930. If the Moon-sign is in Virgo, Jupiter will be in the 10th house from the Moon-sign. When he passes through Taurus the Paryaya will end. Now, when the native is 60 years, Jupiter will be in the 6th round. During this round, he is said to give good results in 2, 5, 7, 9 and 11 houses from the Moon-sign as usual. If he passes through the 8th house this time, if the 3rd round of 7 1/2 years' Saturn also coincides with *maraka* Dasa, there will be danger to the life of the native which will happen only when Jupiter passes through Aries again in this round, namely, 9 years from then.

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neral Conventional Aspect

) Jupiter gives very good results when he s through 2, 5, 7, 9 and 11 from the Moon-. The results can be described briefly as s:

piter in 2nd adds to wealth (Gemini this) in 5th he gives birth of children (Pisces), he gives marriage or harmonious conjugal Capricorn), in 9th he gives help from father, and good fortune (Scorpio) and in 11th, he gain of income (Virgo this time).

Jupiter is said to give bad effects when he 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 12 from the Moon-sign. As ned in an ancient Tamil verse quoted in A.M. (Jan. 1988, page 93) Jupiter gives the results in the 3rd house (quarrels, fear of onment, loss of respect, humiliation, af- n from many diseases, danger to life) subject er conditions (Taurus this time).

According to another ancient Tamil verse, er passing through bad houses from the -sign gives results as follows:

When Jupiter was in Janma Rasi, Sri went to the forest and Sita was kept in ity by Ravana. This means those born in er will be forced to shift to unwanted places ing to exile with fear of imprisonment. may be danger to women from men.

When Jupiter was in the 3rd house dhana died along with his men. This that those born in Taurus may suffer fear of life if *maraka* Dasa period runs. There loss of status.

When Jupiter passed through the 6th house amuni was crucified on a steel pillar for ged theft of the queen's necklace which rown around his neck by passing thieves, h state he was arrested. This means that people born in Aquarius may have to face egations and endure untold sufferings.

When Jupiter was passing through the 8th Vali lost his life through Rama and also gdom. Those born in Sagittarius will ss of position and there will be danger to *araka* Dasa also prevails.

When Jupiter was in the 10th house, even va had to beg for food due to the *dosha* of severed one of the heads of Brahma. born in Libra will have much financial ies, lack of resources etc., decreased s.

6. When Jupiter was passing through the 12th, Ravana lost his kingdom and life through Rama. This means that those born in Leo may suffer loss of position and status.

7. When Jupiter was passing through the 4th house, Dharmaputra went on exile into forest after losing the game in die. This means that people born in Aries will be forced to go into exile transfered to unwanted places).

Moorthi Nirnaya Method

Planets give yet another special kind of effect according to what is called Moorthi Nirnaya, which is reckoned by the sign occupied by the Moon at the time of change of sign by a particular planet (Readers may refer to page 95 of my article on Saturn's transit in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE January 1988) The Moon will be in Gemini during Jupiter's entry into Cancer.

According to this rule:

1. Jupiter becomes Swarna Moorthi (gold) for Gemini, Leo and Capricorn Rasis. The good effects of Jupiter being in the 2nd and the 7th respectively for Gemini and Capricorn will be enhanced and bad effects for Jupiter in the 12th for Leo will be minimised, since as Swarna Murthy Jupiter is said to give very beneficial results.

2. Jupiter becomes Rajatha Murthy (silver) for Taurus, Libra and Aquarius this time. Due to this the bad effects of Jupiter in the 3rd, 10th and the 6th respectively for these natives will get minimised to a considerable extent, since Jupiter will give moderately benefic effects as Rajatha Murthy.

3. Jupiter becomes Thambra Murthy (Copper) for Aries, Virgo and Sagittarius. The bad effects of Jupiter in the 4th and the 8th for Aries and Sagittarius respectively will get somewhat minimised and the good effects in the 11th for Virgo will get slightly enhanced, since Jupiter is said to give benefic results as Thambra Murthy.

4. Jupiter becomes Loha Murthy (Iron) for Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces. As Loha Murthy the bad effects of Jupiter in Janma will get intensified for Cancer and good effects for Scorpio and Pisces will get neutralised atleast by 50% since Jupiter is said to give bad effects as Loha Murthy.

Summing up we may summarise the results of Jupiter's transit in Cancer for the 12 Rasis as given on the next page.

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Ancient Classical Writers of Jyotisha

Chitrabhanu

K. R. KRISHNAMURTHI

General

CHITRABHANU (1475-1550 A.D.) was a Nambudri Brahman of Gowthama *gotra* from Sivapuram, a village near Trichur. A follower and disciple of Gargya Neelakanta Somayaji Chitrabhanu was an able astronomer, mathematician and a geometrician. He was also a noted scholar in Sanskrit literature, as evident from his commentary on the first 3 chapters of *Kiratarjuniya* of Bharavi.

His Work

Chitrabhanu wrote his work *Karanaamartham* in 1530 A.D. when he was 55 years old. He wrote it mainly for the practical use of astrologers and for the computation of *panchangas*. *Karanaamrtham*, reflects all the essentials of the Drik system of Parameswara. But only a close and comparative study of *Drigganitha* and *Karamaamrtham*, will reveal how far Chitrabhanu's work could be a complement, supplement or an improvement or all these combined together, to Parameswara's *Drigganitha*.

Karanaamrtham is a short work on Astronomy comprising of 4 chapters and 134 *slokas*. The author begins the work duly bowing to the Sun god, Ganapathi, the dispeller of all obstacles, Saraswathi, the Goddess of knowledge and his Gurus like Gargya Neelakanta etc.

In the first chapter the author deals with all connected formulae, tables, astronomical constants, derivations of the mean and true position of the planets.

The second chapter containing 26 *slokas* reflects the author's knowledge of geometry. The use of *sanku* (Gnumon) for measuring the shadow of the Sun to determine time (*Sanku Chaya Ganitham*) is dealt with alongwith the fixation of the North South Direction from the Sun's shadow so studied.

For finding out the directions from the Sun's shadow, on any particular day, he directs us to take the measure of the hypotenuse in *angulas* of the right-angled triangle formed by the use of 12" *sanku* (Gnomon) and calculate the base by the formula, Shadow = $\sqrt{\text{Sanku}^2 + \text{Chaya}^2}$ (Root of Sanku SQ plus Chaya SQ). With this shadow as radius, he wants us to draw a circle and place the *sanku* in the centre.

Then the use of 2 thin sticks, one measuring double the *sanku* and the other double the *chaya* (shadow) is advocated. When the Sun's shadow just touches the circumference that point is then to be marked. If the two sticks are then set at right angles at this point and within this circle, the stick that measures double the *sanku*, it is said, will be in the East-West line and the other will show the North-South direction.

The third chapter with 26 *slokas* deals with the solar and lunar eclipses.

The fourth Chapter consisting of 34 *slokas* is devoted to the astronomical constants and the calculation of the elevation of the Moon's horns called *Sringonnathi*, calculation of the rising and setting time of the planets etc.

Karanaamrtham of Chitrabhanu is published by the Oriental Manuscript Library, Kerala alongwith a commentary in Sanskrit. This commentary long thought to be by the author himself is now belived to be written by the astronomer Takkutaveli Sankara Variar, a pupil of Chitrabhanu.—75.90.

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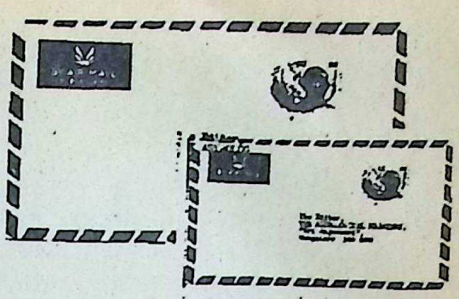

Letters to the Editor

ateful Combinations

Sir, - Whenever major planets change their atitudes, epoch-making changes in world affairs e bound to occur. Saturn changed its latitude m South to North in March 1946. Uranus anged its latitude from South to North in the fall 1945. Very soon, in 1947 India became independent and the star of British colonialism started ting. In 1985, Uranus changed its latitude from rth to South and the trend of decline of the mmunist doctrine became visible soon after. cently the world witnessed the crumbling of the fice of Communism in several countries including Russia.

On September 4th, 1990 at 10.54 (IST) Saturn changing latitude from North to South and this nomenon is likely to herald unforeseen changes forms of Governments in many countries. Nepal's th from monarchy to democracy is already visa. Study of horoscopes cast for the precise time change of Saturn's latitude can reveal future nds.

In London, Mars will be near the 10th house p. In Washington, Herschel will be in the 7th se aspected by Mars. In Beijing, Mars will be the 7th house. In Delhi, Mars will be in the 8th se. Disastrous happenings related to these ses in the corresponding countries are likely. ure.

Narendra Kumar Dixit.

scent of Kalki

Sir, - Many a letter have appeared in the cons of the *A.M.* regarding the fate of India by end of this century and the Avatar of Kalki and riably there is a quotation from Nostrada. Nostradamus when there are enough refer- es in the *Puranas* on the subject and that too in certain terms.

For example, twelfth canto of *Srimad Bhagavatam* very clearly states what will happen in Kaliyuga with specific reference to our country. According to it after the Moghul and English kings, there will be eleven Moona kings (*slokas* 1 to 30), an obvious reference to the Indian Presidents. Including Rajaji, the present President is the 9th.

But the most interesting forecast in it is the specific reference to the time and place of the Kalki Avatar, including astrological data.

1. *Sambhalagramukhyasya brahmana mohaatmanahah*
   Bhavane hishnuyashasah kalkis praturbhavishyati
2. *Yada chandrascha suryascha tathatipyabrihaspateem*
   Ekarashau sameshyanti tada bhavati tatkrutam

1. God will be born in a village called Sambhalagramam in the house of an enlightened Brahmin called Vishnuyasha who will also be an important figure in that village. He will be named Kalki.

2. The event will happen when the Sun, the Moon and Jupiter are in Pushya. Obviously Jupiter should be in Cancer when this Avatar takes birth. Incidentally, Jupiter is transiting Cancer from 20-7-1990. But though the Sun and Moon will be in Pushya on 22-7-1990, Jupiter on that date will be in the previous constellation *i.e.*, Punarvasu. So this combination will not occur at least for another 12 years, *i.e.*, till about 2002, unless this has already occurred earlier. Interested readers may please find out.

Hyderabad. *T. D. V. Raman*

[Jupiter will have entered Cancer by this date.—Editor]

Yoga in Daily Life

Sir, - I have been a student of Yoga since 1940 and have studied many books and commentaries

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: August 1951

Head Line and Suicides

Sir,- The head line plays an important part in considering the longevity of persons. It is the head line in palm which indicates the tendency towards suicide. If, it proceeds down towards the bracelet of the palm and when the Moon Mount is low with network of lines. According to the opinion of a few authors the Star at the end of fate line under the Mount of Saturn, is an indication of violent death.

I have come across with cases were the head line and Moon Mount are in the said condition. Such natives have not met with violent death, but have easily escaped from the worries through the gate-way of suicide. This is not applicable in the case of persons with double-head line. Here one head line always arrests the influence of the other. When a prominent star is found in the Lunar Mount drowning is indicated. When the Mars Mount is more prominent or the head lines are red in colour the incident is sure to take place.

Bangalore 2 S. G. AUGUSTINE.

on Patanjali's Yoga Sutras. But never have I ever come across a deeper or more profound study of the subject and a better condensed commentary than Mrs. Rajeswari Raman's article (*A.M.*, June 1990). She has excellently summed up all that could be possibly said for the practical guidance of a *sadhaka*. Indeed, I felt quite enlightened after reading this article. In fact, I have very carefully studied it many times over. I am heartened that the article is going to be continued.

May I suggest that Mrs. Raman write a commentary on the Patanjali Sutras or Yoga Darshana - a full book. She has made the most difficult subject a most easy one in amazingly simple language which even a teenager can thoroughly grasp to his life-long advantage.

Abohar. *Swami Yogeswara Ananda Saraswati.*

Sir, - The article by Mrs. Rajeswari Raman (*A.M.*, June 1990) is very good and informative. Such articles should be a regular feature of the *A.M.* in future.

Yamunanagar. *M. M. Lal Mehta.*

Arundhati's Column

Sir, - I am writing this letter with gratitude that Arundhati's prediction (*A.M.*, May 1989, Q.1) has materialised. I was separated from my husband and was awaiting transfer to Hyderabad from Madras. After 7 long years (in Guru Dasa, Sukra Bhukti) as per Arundhati's prediction, I was transferred in April and joined duty at Hyderabad on 7th May.

Hyderabad. *Mrs. S. N. Usha.*

Two More 'Quakes' in China

Sir, - Two more quakes of more intensity than the recent one will upset China in 1st week of September and by last week of November or 1st week of December 1990.

I expected the first quake in March 1990 but it occurred in April. This inadequacy in prediction can be set right if meteorologists, geo-physicists and astro-physicists co-operate in this respect.

I have successfully made predictions of Koyna earthquake (Maharashtra), a number of quakes in Japan (1986-87), the biggest quake in Armenia (1988) and in California (1989), U.S.A.

Poona. *S. K. Kelkar.*

The Astrological Magazine

Sir, - Your Annual Number was very informative and made good reading. It was an excellent issue. I enjoyed almost all the articles.

I wish you all success. I believe Astrology is gaining its original glorious position day by day through your internationally reputed magazine.

Kharagpur. *P. K. Chakrabarti.*

Sir, - I am a regular reader of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. The Editor's "My Early Experiences in Astrology", Ekalavya's "News and Views" and Argus' "Pandit Bolanath" are very good.

A number of articles including those by Messrs. H. R. Shankar, Bepin Behari and Ekalavya are worth going through for the language alone. In addition research papers and articles on the expanding horizons of the astrological world add to its worth. I am sure the magazine will grow from strength to strength under your leadership.

Bombay. *M. Srinivasan.*

Political Forecasts

Sir, - Rajiv Gandhi has already undergone the worst that was his share. Transiting Saturn will re-establish him in full glory. While it appears that it is unlikely that the transit of Saturn in

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should do so, it is almost certain that in 1992 will lead the nation again. The transit of urn and Mars through Capricorn during 1990 not appear to be so detrimental to the Central vernment as to oust it from power but a serious and important changes are very likely by mid-Rahu Dasa, Saturn Bhukti ended in Novem-1989 and account for the partial defeat of Rajiv dhi. Mercury in the Ascendant will ensure he plays his cards well and shows restraint The sub-period of Mercury ends in June 1992 the sub-period of Ketu and Venus will prove llent.

Gopal S. Chaturvedi.
abad.

rgala Application

Sir, - The article "Argala Application" by Mr. ganti Rangacharya (*A.M.*, June 1990) reveals deep insight in Jaimini aphorisms. Hitherto I d to give importance to Karakamsa Lagna in Navamsa chart reckoned by the highest longi- of a planet. But I did not know that the quite rent aspects propounded by Jaimini lead to g the aspecting planet to a Janma Lagna n round which the whole Argala theory re- es with the eight aphorisms. The method of rmining the potential of a chart is also lucid.

Guntur. *B. Venkateswara Rao.*

tching Doshas

Sir, - A few years back, I suggested to you to porate a few points about "Kuja Dosha" in works and this was done in the latest edition *hurta*.

I meant to write to you about "Sani in Mesha ha) which causes *Kalatra Dosha*" of which e is no mention in both the boy's and girl's oscopes just as "Kuja Dosha" must exist in both oscopes in case both have "neecha Sani". If it s only in one horoscope what should be the sponding "Dosha" in the other chart?

rabad.

Guru Pershad.

lections on Ramayana

Sir, - It would be appropriate to congratulate Bangalore Sureshwara for his excellent article ctions on *Ramayana*" appearing since May The Law of Karma has been very elabo- y dealt with, quoting the life of Kaikeyi and ki. It is very important to understand and in mind that the action of Kaikeyi was prede- ed in the exile of Sri Rama from Ayodhya. e events which follow the action of Kaikeyi ked very closely with the marching forward of Sri Rama to protect Dharma and destroying Adharma by putting an end to Ravana's life. There is no place in *Ramayana* to discuss whether the action of Kaikeyi was one of Dharma or of Adharma since the incarnation of Lord Vishnu was there only to protect Dharma. The action of Kaikeyi was Karmic and not due to *dussanga* of Manthara. In order to destroy Adharma, in each Avatara, the Almighty God creates certain characters and Kaikeyi was one such character.

Hyderabad. *K. V. Subba Rao.*

Sidelinghts on Practical Astrology

Sir, - I was somewhat upset by the following statement of Mr. M. V. Subba Rao (*A.M.*, May 1990).

"Both (Gandhi and Nehru) had never sought to gain personally from positions they were given by the people". While this is correct in respect of Gandhi in the case of Nehru this is not acceptable.

"Both spent their lives almost like Sanyasis." Nothing can be farther from the truth in respect of Nehru as he was, from all accounts, living in style.

Gandhi had great faith in God, humanity, democracy and Bhakti form of worship while Nehru had nothing to do with the above. The only common factor between the two appears to be the love for the nation and the people both had.

As an astrologer Mr. Subba Rao could have easily seen dissimilarities between the two of them, rather than similarities.

Bombay. *N. Srinivasan.*

On Rahu

Sir, - The answer given to question No. 8 on page 510 (*A.M.*, June 1990) may lead to misunderstanding. Mean Rahu is always retrograde but true Rahu, although mostly retrograde, sometimes becomes direct owing to mutation. That real Rahu has direct motion too, on rare occasions, would have been the correct statement.

Calcutta. *S. N. Sur.*

Sir, - A reader has asked for information on the antiquity of Rahu (*A.M.*, June 1990). Rahu is as ancient as the Vedas. He appears as Swarbhanu, a synonym for Rahu, in the *Rig Veda* (5-20, 5-9), *Panchavimsa Brahmana, Satapatha Brahmana, Taittireeya Samhita, Saankhyayana Brahmana* and as Rahu in the *Atharva Veda* (19-9-10) in the same role as we know him today.

There appears to be no separate mention of Ketu in the Vedas, and possibly the two were taken as a single unit inasmuch as the function of Rahu has repeatedly been mentioned as eclipsing

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the Sun's rays. The word Ketu in Navagraha *mantra* has no relation to the astronomical Ketu with which we are concerned presently.

Another reader wants some clarification on *Abhijit Muhurta*. I find the following statement in Vaidyanatha's *Muhurtha Parijata*.

Abhijitsarvakaryeshu shasthannaatropanayanam

i.e., Abhijit is praiseworthy for all auspicious ceremonies, but not for Upanayanam. Perhaps it is in this sense that it is cited as a *dur-muhurta* on Wednesdays. Interestingly, on Wednesday Rahu Kala operates at the *Abhijit Muhurta!*

Madras. *V. A. K. Ayer.*

House of Education

Sir, - Apropos Mr. K. K. Pathak's letter (*A.M.*, May 1990) considering the drastic overhauling the education system has undergone, it would not be proper to confine our studies relating to educational prospects to the 5th house alone. In the olden days when the whole system was operated on Gurukula pattern and education was aimed at enlightenment of the soul with a pious relationship between Guru and disciple, matters relating to spiritual enlightenment could be studied from the 5th house.

But now, universities are engaged in producing only literates and not educated youth. Their activity is limited to the conferring of degrees only. In such circumstances, the 4th house gives very good result pertaining to acquiring of degree certificates. In this context, I would like to draw the attention of the readers to the observation of our revered Editor, DR. B. V. RAMAN, in *How To Judge A Horoscope* (p.199), when he says "Consistent with the inherent nature and indication of a planet mainly connected with the 4th house either as a lord, occupant or associate, one has to infer the type of education one is likely to get".

This description highlights the importance of the 4th house in judging the educational prospects of the native which whenever the 4th lord or *karaka* Mercury are adversely placed has always been invariably marred.

Nadiad. *R. A. Parmar.*

Kumbha Mela Dates

Sir, - I draw your attention to my article "Kumbha Mela" (*A.M.*, January 1989). I am now informed that the Kumbha Mela is expected to be performed in two different years at Nasik and Ujjain. It will be in 1991 at Nasik (not 1992) and in 1992 at Ujjain. I regret any inconvenience this change in dates (as revised by concerned pandits) may cause your readers.

New Delhi. *Commodore S. K. Chatterjee.*

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are pertaining to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some other doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at a time. This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE—Ed., A.M.)***

Q. 1. Rasi: Gemini - Ascendant, the Moon 6 and Mars 5; Cancer - Rahu 8; Leo - the Sun 10 and Mercury 12; Virgo - Venus 14; Capricorn - Saturn 12 and Ketu 8; and Aquarius - Jupiter (R) 24. Is Gajakesari Yoga, Surya-Budha-Aditya Yoga and Lakshmi Yoga present?

Agarwal Ajaykumar, Bombay.

Ans: Gajakesari occurs when the Moon and Jupiter are in mutual kendra, but here they are not so, and hence does not obtain. For Budhaditya Yoga, to yield benefit, Mercury should be free from combustion which is not the case here and hence is ruled out. There is more than one Lakshmi Yoga and none of them is present. Why not you study a good book on Yogas, see for yourself and ask me in case of doubt? You will be highly benefited.

Q. 2. Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant; Aquarius - Moon; Taurus - Rahu; Cancer - Saturn; Virgo - Mercury; Scorpio - Ketu, Jupiter and Mercury; and Sagittarius - the Sun and Venus. Will Jupiter's entry into Cancer stabilise job prospects?

Dilip Kumar, Varanasi.

Ans: Cancer in your case happens to be the sign from 10th and Lagna lord occupies it. Hence Jupiter's entry into Cancer where he is exalted will certainly improve professional prospects.

Q. 3. Rasi: Ascendant 98-52; the Sun 321-35; Moon 71-51; Mars 203-01; Mercury 332-32; Jupiter 353-57; Venus 293-03; Saturn(R) 170-26; Rahu 306-51 and Ketu 126-51. The native is still unmarried, may be due to the following reasons: Rahu as a malefic in the 2nd without benefic aspect; 2nd lord in the 8th with Rahu; Mars, 6th lord, Mars, 7th lord, Jupiter and 8th lord natural malefic in the 4th in sukhasthana; Karaka Venus in the 7th (Karaka Bhava Naasaaya) and Mars, aspects to both the 7th and Venus.

G. Jayaram, Madras.

Ans: I have found that the Rahu-Ketu axis across or alongside of the Lagna, 7th, the Moon and Venus causes troubles like separation in marriage. Here it runs by the side of all three. Saturn's aspect to the Moon, the 5th and the 9th are additional deterrent factors. May be it is a blessing in disguise.

Q. 4. ***Rasi:*** *Gemini - Ascendant; Cancer - the Sun, Mercury and Rahu; Leo - the Moon; Virgo - Venus; Capricorn - Saturn and Ketu; Aquarius - Jupiter; and Taurus - Mars. (a) What is the result of Mars in the 12th, especially in Mars Dasa? (b) Venus is in the 4th in Virgo in debility. What result will it give?*

Sub. No. 10464

Ans: (a) Mars is the 6th lord in the 12th and causes Vipareeta Raja Yoga. It can give unexpected wealth. Secondly, it can cause physical hurt. Thirdly, being Karaka for co-borns, that Dasa may afflict them. (b) Venus' debilitation is cancelled by Jupiter, its exaltation lord, occupying Kendra position with reference to the Moon. Hence he could give a house, vehicle etc.

Q. 5. ***Rasi:*** *Gemini - Ascendant (Aridra), Moon and Mars (Mrigasira); Leo - Sun (Uttra) and Rahu (Pubba); Virgo - Mercury (Uttara) and Venus (Hasta); Sagittarius - Jupiter (Moola) and Saturn (R) (Poorvashadha); and Aquarius - Ketu (Poorvabhadrapada). Chandra-Mangala Yoga in the Lagna,*

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Saturn are in mutual aspect through 1-7 axis; Venus in the 4th is afflicted by the aspects of Mars and Saturn. Does it indicate incestous and perverted sexual tendencies? Or will the presence of Gajakesari Yoga and Venus, Mercury and Jupiter being in mutual kendras avert the immoral tendencies?

H. N. Uttamchandani, Nasik.

Ans: The 4th house governs chastity. Its affliction by both Mars and Saturn, their affliction to Venus as well as the 4th lord Mercury — both without direct relief from Jupiter—leaves much to be desired. Gajakesari can give a glib tongue and Guru-Mangala, money. Note that the 9th, the house of merit, is also afflicted by Ketu.

Q. 6. ***Rasi:*** *Libra - Ascendant; Capricorn - Saturn; Aquarius - Rahu; Pisces - Venus, Sun and Mercury; Leo - Mars, Jupiter and Ketu; and Virgo - Moon.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aries - Ascendant; Taurus - Mars and Saturn; Cancer - Mercury and Ketu; Virgo - Moon; Scorpio - Jupiter; Capricorn - Rahu and Venus; and Pisces - Sun. Will Mercury, as 9th lord, prove favourable for vehicles in his Dasa?*

S. P. Palaniappan, Tiruchirapalli.

Ans: The 4th house and Venus are the *karakas* for vehicle. Saturn's occupation of the 4th provides a positively slow answer. Venus is combust and occupies the 6th which is not favourable. Mercury can at best give an opportunity to run another's vehicle! The 9th is long journey and its lord occupying the 6th is not helpful. So is Mercury, treated as *karaka* for commuting.

Q. 7. The native born on 5-11-1926 with the horoscope given below lost his grandfather on 27th February 1927. His granddaughter born on 17th October 1985 has certain identical astrological positions in her horoscope with those of the grandfather. The native is therefore apprehensive of the granddaughter's horoscope being maraka to his life. Are his fears justified? ***Rasi:*** *Aquarius - Ascendant 3-15; Aries - Mars 18; Gemini - Rahu 18; Libra - Sun 19, Venus 13 and Moon 16; Scorpio - Saturn 4 and Mercury 12; Sagittarius - Ketu 18; and Capricorn - Jupiter 23.*

Granddaughters *- Born 17th October 1985, at 3.18 p.m.* ***Rasi:*** *Aquarius - Ascendant; Aries - Rahu 16; Libra - Sun 19; Mercury 14 and Ketu 16; Leo - Mars 29; Scorpio - Saturn 4 and Moon 15; Virgo - Venus 8.*

L. P. Deshpande, Nagpur.

Ans: This is a very common feature and many families have them. You can test your doubt this way: The 9th from the 9th or 5th is grandfather's house. In the girl's horoscope it is Gemini. Rahu is Karaka for grandfather. The 5th lord Mercury and Karaka Rahu are safely ensconsed in the girl's 9th. Hence she will not prove Maraka. On the contrary, she will add *punya* to the grandpa!

Q. 8. ***Rasi:*** *Leo - Ascendant; Libra - Saturn; Scorpio - Rahu; Capricorn - Venus; Aquarius - Moon and Mercury; Aries - Mars; Taurus - Ketu; and Cancer - Jupiter. Which are the factors responsible for delay in marriage? Is it likely when Jupiter comes to Leo?*

Atnu K. Mukherjee, Kanpur.

Ans: Venus in the 6th house, Mars' aspect to the 7th lord, Saturn's aspect to the 5th house and its lord are some of the delaying factors. Chances are bright when Jupiter transits Leo when he will aspect the 7th and the Moon.

Q. 9. ***Rasi:*** *Scorpio - Ascendant, Jupiter, Venus and Ketu; Sagittarius - Sun, Mars and Mercury; Taurus - Rahu; and Cancer - Moon and Saturn (R).* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant and Mars; Scorpio - Sun and Saturn; Sagittarius - Moon and Ketu; Gemini - Rahu; Cancer - Jupiter; Virgo - Mercury and Venus. (a) What are the effects if the native is born in Aslesha first pada (Moon constellation)? (b) What will be the results of Moon, Sun, Rahu and exalted Jupiter in Navamsa chart?*

Prakash, Kanpur.

Ans: (a) According to *Yavana Jataka*, Aslesha first *pada* does not conduce to fertility. In a woman's chart, this *pada* is harmless and fetches money. (b) The 9th, the 10th, the 7th, the 2nd and 5th Bhavas will prosper in latter part of life.

Q. 10. Saturn (retrograde) is afflicting the lunar lord Moon and is aspected by combust Mars and exalted Ketu. All Lagnas are afflicted. Though there is Rajayoga but simultaneously Rajayoga-bhanga is also there. The native in Venus Dasa Saturn Bhukti was disappointed being bereft of conjugal happiness, materialistic attainments, domestic peace with no help from family members including wife though the Yogakaraka Dasas of the Sun and the Moon are to follow. What would you suggest in this matter? ***Rasi:*** *Scorpio - Ascendant; Jupiter, Venus and Ketu; Sagittarius - Sun, Mars and Mercury; Taurus - Rahu; and Cancer - Moon and Saturn (R).* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Mars and Lagna; Scorpio - Sun and Saturn; Sagittarius - Moon and Ketu; Gemini - Rahu; Cancer - Jupiter; and Virgo - Mercury and Venus.*

Ms. Shashi Prabha, Kanpur.

Ans: The 4th is the house of domestic happiness. Its lord Saturn occupies the 6th from it, is retrograde and afflicted by combust Mars. Hence the experience. Better propitiate Saturn.

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Astronomical Notes for August 1990

AGASTYA

positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-8-1990

Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
128 31	130 56	0 00	18 N 08
244 57	242 04	4 S 41	25 S 44
42 39	40 50	2 S 01	13 N 43
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104 19	105 31	0 S 13	22 N 28
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SUN

this month the Sun moves forward Cancer to Leo 16° entering Leo on 15th. declination of the Sun decreases from 8° 27' at the end.

MOON

this month the Moon starts from 13° Scor- one complete circuit of the zodiac and 17° Sagittarius. The south declination of increases from 25° 44' till it becomes a at 26° 57' on 2nd; then the south decli- creases until the Moon crosses the equa- north on 9th. Afterwards the north of the Moon increases till it becomes a at 26° 56' on 15th. Thereafter the north decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 22nd. Then the south declination increases attaining a maximum of 26° 54' on 27th. Then the south declination decreases to 23° 45' at the end.

MARS

Mars moves forward from 20° Aries, enters Taurus on 17th and ends at 8° there. The north declination of Mars increases from 13° 43' to 18° 31' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury moves forward from 11° Leo, enters Virgo on 20th. Then Mercury moves forward in Virgo till it retrogrades on 25th at 11°. Then Mercury moves backward, enters Leo on 30th and ends at 29° there. The north declination of Mercury decreases from 10° 18' till it crosses the equator to the south on 20th. Then the south declination increases becoming a maximum of 1° 17' on 27th. Then the south declination decreases to 0° 45' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter moves forward in Cancer from 4° to 11° at the end. The north declination of Jupiter decreases from 21° 09' to 19° 50' at the end.

VENUS

Venus moves forward from 22° Gemini, enters Cancer on 7th and ends at 30° there. The north declination of Venus decreases from 22° 28' to 15° 05' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn continues its retrograde motion in Sagittarius from 29° to 27° at the end. The south declination of Saturn increases from 21° 47' to 22° 05' at the end.

tion of planetary movements is given on ...ndia. The Ayanamsa on 1-8-1990 is 22° 16' 49".

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RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 284° 57' to 283° 22' at the end.

Uranus also retrogrades from 254° 06' to 253° 24' at the end.

Neptune too retrogrades from 260° 13' to 259° 39' at the end.

Pluto moves forward from 202° 42' to 203° 04' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the times, in I.S.T., noted: Uranus at 20h.2m. on 3rd; Neptune at 8h.2m. on 4th; Saturn at 23h.42m. on 4th; Mars at 20h.50m. on 13th; Jupiter at 18h.46m. on 18th; Venus at 29h.22m. on 18th; the Sun at 18h.09m. on 20th; Mercury at 16h.59m. on 22nd; Pluto at 21h.47m. on 26th; Uranus at 27h.11m. on 30th; Neptune at 15h.26m. on 31st; Saturn at 29h.27m. on 31st.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Trine the Moon 1st, 11th, 31st; opposition the Moon 6th; square Pluto 7th; parallel Mars 10th; parallel the Moon 11th, 20th; square Mars 12th; square the Moon 13th, 28th; conjunction the Moon 20th; trine Uranus 29th.

Mars: Trine the Moon 4th, 22nd; opposition Pluto 4th; square the Moon 6th, 20th; parallel the Sun 10th; square the Sun 12th; trine Saturn 13th; conjunction the Moon 13th; parallel Venus 24th; opposition the Moon 27th.

Mercury: Trine Uranus 3rd; trine the Moon 3rd, 13th; trine Neptune 8th; opposition the Moon 8th; square the Moon 15th, 29th; trine Saturn 16th; conjunction the Moon 22nd.

Jupiter: Opposition the Moon 5th; trine the Moon 9th, 28th; square the Moon 12th, 25th; conjunction Venus 12th; conjunction the Moon 18th.

Venus: Trine Pluto 1st; opposition the Moon 4th; opposition Saturn 6th; trine the Moon 9th, 29th; square the Moon 12th, 26th; conjunction Jupiter 12th; parallel Jupiter 13th; conjunction the Moon 18th; parallel Mars 24th; square Pluto 26th.

Saturn: Conjunction the Moon 4th, 31st; parallel the Moon 5th; opposition Venus 6th; square the Moon 11th, 24th; trine Mars 13th; trine the Moon 13th, 22nd; trine Mercury 16th; opposition the Moon 17th.

Uranus: Trine Mercury 3rd; conjunction the Moon 3rd, 30th; square the Moon 10th, 23rd; trine the Moon 3rd, 21st; trine the Sun 29th.

Neptune: Conjunction the Moon 4th, 31st; trine Mercury 8th; square the Moon 10th, 23rd; trine the Moon 13th, 21st; opposition the Moon 17th.

Pluto: Opposition Mars 4th; square the Moon 6th, 19th; square the Sun 7th; trine the Moon 8th, 17th; square Venus 26th; conjunction the Moon 26th.

I. Full Moon: Dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 19h.49m. on 6th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 111° 34'; the Moon 291° 34'; Mars 23° 52'; Mercury 138° 30'; Jupiter 95° 13'; Venus 88° 55'; Saturn 268° 07'; Rahu 283° 12'; Uranus 253° 56'; Neptune 260° 06'; Pluto 202° 44'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 305° 45'; the 2nd 339° 17'; the 3rd 12° 49'; the 4th 46° 21'; the 5th 72° 49'; the 6th 99° 17'; the 7th 125° 45'; the 8th 159° 17'; the 9th 192° 49'; the 10th 226° 21'; the 11th 252° 49'; the 12th 279° 17'.

II. New Moon: Bright fortnight (Sukla Paksha) commences at 18h.09m. on 20th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 124° 58'; the Moon 124° 58'; Mars 31° 56'; Mercury 150° 09'; Jupiter 98° 11'; Venus 105° 48'; Saturn 267° 18'; Rahu 282° 28'; Uranus 253° 35'; Neptune 259° 49'; Pluto 202° 53'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 291° 27'; the 2nd 326° 09'; the 3rd 0° 51'; the 4th 35° 33'; the 5th 60° 51'; the 6th 86° 09'; the 7th 111° 27'; the 8th 146° 09'; the 9th 150° 51'; the 10th 215° 33'; the 11th 240° 51'; the 12th 266° 09'.

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[The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to Indian time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Wed.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 13h.18m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Anuradha till 13h.35m., then Jyeshta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Till 13h.35m. good for buying cows or dogs, for gardening, for purchasing or storing food-stuffs, for testing instruments, for appointing staff, for fixing pumpsets.

2. *Thurs.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 15h.28m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Jyeshta and Prabalarishta Yoga till 16h.19m., then Moola and Amrita Yoga. After 16h.19m. good for borrowing, storing food-stuffs, for buying cows or dogs, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

3. *Fri.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 17h.18m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Moola and Amrita Yoga upto 18h.44m., then Poorvashadha and Prabalarishta Yoga. Till 18h.44m. good for dealing with members of the other sex, for borrowing, buying cows or dogs, for travel.

4. *Sat.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) till 18h.40m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Poorvashadha till 18h.40m., then Uttarashadha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

5. *Sun.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) till 19h.31m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Uttarashadha upto 19h.59m., then Sravana. Amrita Yoga whole day. Good for marriage work only.

6. *Mon.*- Poornima (Full Moon) upto 19h.49m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Sravana till 23h.05m., then Dhanishta. Amrita Yoga till 23h.09m., then Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for buying new vehicles.

7. *Tues.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 19h.37m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga till 23h.31m., then Satabhisha and Marana Yoga. Good for testing instruments.

8. *Wed.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 18h.56m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga till 23h.29m., then Poorvabhadrapada and Amrita Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for taking medicines, for buying food-stuffs, for erecting sheds, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for gardening.

9. *Thurs.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 17h.51m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada upto 23h.03m., then Uttarabhadrapada. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for writing accounts, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

10. *Fri.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 16h.24m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada till 22h.17m., then Revati. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 16h.24m. good for travel, for dealing with members of the opposite sex.

11. *Sat.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 14h.39m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Revati and Prabalarishta Yoga till 21h.14m., then Aswini and Siddha Yoga. After 21h.14m good for wearing new ornaments and garments.

12. *Sun.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 12h.41m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Aswini and Siddha Yoga till 19h.59m., then Bharani and Prabalarishta Yoga. Upto 19h.59m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for taking medicines, for fixing pumpsets, for storing foodstuffs.

13. *Mon.*- Saptami (7th tithi) till 10h.32m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Bharani and Siddha Yoga upto 18h.34m., then Krittika and Marana Yoga. Till 10h.32m. good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

1.	Wed.	Julana Yaatraarambha, Tilak's Death Anniversary
2.	Thurs.	Julana Yaatraarambha, Pavitra Ekadasi, Moharrum
3.	Fri.	Sri Varamahalakshmi Vrata (S. India)
6.	Mon.	Sravani Poornima, Naroli Poornima, Rakshabandhan, Selona (Rakhi Bandhan), Julana Yaatra Samaapana, Amarnatha Yatra, Avani Avittam (S. India), Balabhadra Puja (Orissa), Partial Lunar Eclipse
9.	Thurs.	Bahula Chaturthi (Sankashta Chaturthi)
10.	Fri.	Raksha Panchami (Orissa)
13.	Mon.	Janmashtami (Vaishnava), Gokulashtami (Nandotsava)
15.	Wed.	Independence Day
16.	Thurs.	Aja Ekadasi
17.	Fri.	Paryusaana Parvaarambha (Chaturthi-Paksha — Jain), Manasa Puja Muktaya (Bengal), Simhadi (Kerala)
18.	Sat.	Paryusaana Parvaarambha (Panchami Paksha - Jain), Kalasa Yaatra (3 days)
19.	Sun.	Aghora Chaturdasi
20.	Mon.	Sapta Pitri Amavasya, Kusothpatini (Jain), Pithori
21.	Tues.	Gotha Gahambar (Parsi)
22.	Wed.	Sri Sankara Devara Tithi (Assam)
23.	Thurs.	Harithalika Gouri Thriteeya, Samaveda Upakarma (S. India), Harithalika Chaturthi, Parsi New Year's Eve
24.	Fri.	Samaveda Upakarma, Samvatsari (Chaturthi-Paksha—Jain), Ganesha Chaturthi, Vinayaka Chaturthi (South India) Parsi New Year (1360 Y.E.)
25.	Sat.	Samvatsari (Panchami Paksha - Jain), Rishi Panchami, Melapat (3 days - Jammu Kashmir)
26.	Sun.	Surya Shashti
28.	Tue.	Radhashtami, Durvashtami, Mahalakshmi Vratarambha
29.	Wed.	Khordard Saal (Parsi)

14. *Tues.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 8h.16m., then Navami (9th tithi) till 29h.56m., afterwards Dasami (10th tithi). Krittika and Siddha Yoga till 17h.03m., then Rohini and Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

15. *Wed.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 27h.35m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Rohini till 15h.29m., then Mrigasira. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

16. *Thurs.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 25h.18m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Mrigasira till 13h.57m., then Aridra. Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

17. *Fri.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 23h.07m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Aridra till 12h.29m., then Punarvasu. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 12h.29m. good for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for travel, for wearing new garments, for gardening.

18. *Sat.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 21h.09m., then Chaturdasi (4th tithi). Punarvasu till 11h.11m., then Pushya. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 11h.11m. good for wearing new ornaments.

19. *Sun.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 19h.28m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Pushya till 10h.07m., then Aslesha. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 10h.07m. good for surgical operations.

20. *Mon.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 18h.09m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Aslesha and Siddha Yoga till 9h.24m., then Makha and Marana Yoga. Upto 9h.24m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

21. *Tues.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 17h.18m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Makha till 9h.06m., then Poorvaphalguni. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

22. *Wed.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 16h.59m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Poorvaphalguni till 9h.18m., then Uttaraphalguni. Amrita Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

23. *Thurs.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 17h.15m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Uttaraphalguni and Marana Yoga till 10h.04m., then Hasta and Siddha Yoga. Between 10h.04m. and 17h.15m. good for buying cows or dogs, for purchasing or storing food-stuffs for appointing staff, for deepening wells.

24. *Fri.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 18h.09m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Hasta and Amrita Yoga till 11h.26m., then Chitta and Siddha Yoga. After 18h.09m. good for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for borrowing, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for buying cows or dogs.

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D A T E	Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	Sun Ravi	Moon Chandra	Mars Kuja	Merc. Budha	Jupiter Guru	Venus Sukra	Saturn Sani	Rahu	Uranus	Nept.	Pluto
		h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1.	Wed.	8 38 29	106 13 41	222 40 23	20 22	131 17	93 57	82 01	268 30	284 57	254 06	260 13	202 42
2.	Thurs.	8 42 26	107 11 05	234 35 58	21 00	132 38	94 11	83 14	268 26	284 54	254 04	260 12	202 42
3.	Fri.	8 46 23	108 08 29	246 38 16	21 37	133 57	94 24	84 26	268 21	284 51	254 02	260 11	202 42
4.	Sat.	8 50 19	109 05 54	258 50 34	22 14	135 14	94 37	85 39	268 17	284 48	254 00	260 09	202 43
5.	Sun.	8 54 16	110 03 20	271 15 27	22 51	136 29	94 50	86 52	268 13	284 45	253 58	260 08	202 43
6.	Mon.	8 58 12	111 00 46	283 54 41	23 28	137 42	95 03	88 05	268 10	284 41	253 57	260 07	202 43
7.	Tues.	9 02 09	111 58 14	296 49 11	24 04	138 52	95 17	89 18	268 06	284 38	253 55	260 05	202 44
8.	Wed.	9 06 05	112 55 42	309 59 04	24 41	140 00	95 30	90 31	268 02	284 35	253 53	260 04	202 44
9.	Thurs.	9 10 02	113 53 12	323 23 36	25 17	141 06	95 43	91 44	267 58	284 32	253 52	260 03	202 45
10.	Fri.	9 13 58	114 50 44	337 01 34	25 53	142 09	95 56	92 57	267 54	284 29	253 50	260 01	202 45
11.	Sat.	9 17 55	115 48 16	350 51 11	26 29	143 10	96 09	94 10	267 51	284 26	253 48	260 00	202 46
12.	Sun.	9 21 52	116 45 49	4 50 28	27 04	144 08	96 22	95 23	267 47	284 22	253 47	259 59	202 46
13.	Mon.	9 25 48	117 43 24	18 57 17	27 39	145 03	96 35	96 36	267 44	284 19	253 45	259 58	202 47
14.	Tues.	9 29 45	118 41 01	33 09 25	28 14	145 55	96 48	97 49	267 40	284 16	253 44	259 57	202 47
15.	Wed.	9 33 41	119 38 39	47 24 29	28 49	146 44	97 01	99 02	267 37	284 13	253 42	259 55	202 48
16.	Thurs.	9 37 38	120 36 19	61 39 59	29 24	147 30	97 14	100 16	267 33	284 10	253 41	259 54	202 49
17.	Fri.	9 41 34	121 34 00	75 53 09	29 58	148 12	97 26	101 29	267 29	284 07	253 39	259 53	202 49
18.	Sat.	9 45 31	122 31 42	90 00 53	30 32	148 51	97 39	102 42	267 26	284 03	253 38	259 52	202 50
19.	Sun.	9 49 27	123 29 27	104 00 01	31 06	149 25	97 52	103 56	267 23	284 00	253 37	259 51	202 51
20.	Mon.	9 53 24	124 27 13	117 47 20	31 39	149 55	98 05	105 09	267 20	284 57	253 36	259 50	202 52
21.	Tues.	9 57 21	125 25 00	131 20 02	32 12	150 21	98 17	106 23	267 17	284 54	253 34	259 49	202 53
22.	Wed.	10 01 17	126 22 48	144 36 03	32 45	150 42	98 30	107 36	267 14	284 50	253 33	259 48	202 54
23.	Thurs.	10 05 14	127 20 37	157 34 18	33 18	150 59	98 43	108 50	267 12	284 47	253 32	259 47	202 55
24.	Fri.	10 09 10	128 18 28	170 14 37	33 50	151 10	98 55	110 03	267 09	284 44	253 31	259 46	202 56
25.	Sat.	10 13 07	129 16 20	182 39 17	34 22	151 16	99 08	111 17	267 06	284 41	253 30	259 45	202 57
26.	Sun.	10 17 03	130 14 14	194 49 48	34 54	151 17	99 20	112 31	267 03	284 38	253 29	259 44	202 58
27.	Mon.	10 21 00	131 12 08	206 49 55	35 26	151 12	99 32	113 44	267 01	284 35	253 28	259 43	202 59
28.	Tues.	10 24 56	132 10 05	218 43 48	35 57	151 00	99 45	114 57	266 58	284 32	253 27	259 42	203 00
29.	Wed.	10 28 53	133 08 03	230 36 02	36 28	150 43	99 57	116 12	266 56	284 28	253 26	259 42	203 01
30.	Thurs.	10 32 50	134 06 01	242 31 29	36 59	150 20	100 09	117 26	266 54	284 25	253 25	259 41	203 02
31.	Fri.	10 36 46	135 04 01	254 34 56	37 29	149 50	100 21	118 40	266 51	284 22	253 25	259 40	203 03

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Q. 11. ***Rasi:*** *Sun 264-36; Mercury 259-4; Sat turn (R) 105-47; Moon 107-20; Jupiter 210-05; Rahu (R) 48-40; Mars 262-38; Venus 218-03; and Lagna 220-11. (a) Is there chance of any heart attack during Moon Dasa as longevity calculated according to Jaimini Sutras comes to middle age period and all Lagnas are afflicted? (b) Retrograde Saturn yielded nothing so far though posited with Atmakaraka Sun in Karakamsa.*

O. P. Bajpai, Kanpur.

Ans: (a) By the Parasari method, the 8th house receives the aspect of the 8th lord, the 3rd by its lord who is also strong by retrogression and hence there does not appear to be danger through short life. Nor are the 6th, 8th houses afflicted to warrant heart attack. (b) The trouble is, the chart has Sula Yoga which is not a fortunate one. Saturn in the 9th house is unwelcome generally for prosperity in particular.

Q. 12. Libra - Ascendant and Jupiter; Virgo - Saturn, Mars, Sun and Venus; Gemini - Rahu; Scorpio - Mars; Sagittarius - Ketu; and Capricorn - Moon. Which are the Marakas here?

B. P. Machaiah, Perumanatila.

Ans: The Sun is Badhaka, Mars is Maraka, being the 2nd and 7th lord. In the 12th house they become lethal.

Q. 13. ***Rasi:*** *Ascendant 151-43; Sun 146-57; Moon 324-50; Mars 80-00; Mercury 165-39; Jupiter 313-55; Venus 188-48; and Saturn 278-50. (a) Can the native get a job in Jupiter Bhukti of Mars' Dasa? (b) Does the chart indicate success in civil services?*

J. Somadatha, R. Krishnapuram.

Ans: (a) The question is not clear. (b) Yes; Mars in the 10th favours civil service.

Q. 14. ***Rasi:*** *Capricorn - Ascendant, Rahu and Venus; Taurus - Mars and Mercury; Gemini - Moon; Cancer - Ketu and Sun; Libra - Jupiter; and Sagittarius - Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Aquarius - Ascendant and Jupiter; Pisces - Moon; Taurus - Rahu; Cancer - Venus; Leo - Sun and Mars; Virgo - Mercury; Scorpio - Ketu; and Sagittarius - Sa turn. The native of the chart feels he can make a major contribution in art, literature, philosophy and science. Does the chart show this?*

P. N. Bhatia, Calcutta.

Ans: For such accomplishments, several major good Yogas must be present. Unfortunately it is not the case here, except Jupiter in the 10th constituting Amala Yoga. Even the Lagna lord is not strong, as he occupies his 12th although Vargottama.

Q. 15. ***Rasi:*** *Leo - Ascendant; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra - Moon; Scorpio - Sun, Mercury and Venus; Sagittarius - Ketu; Gemini - Rahu; and Cancer - Saturn and Mars.* ***Navamsa:*** *Leo - Ascendant; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra - Mars; Sagittarius - Sun and Rahu; Aquarius - Mercury; Taurus - Moon; Gemini - Ketu; and Cancer - Venus and Saturn. Are Saturn and Mars in the 12th conducive to spiritual progress?*

Dr. Nand Kishore, Rishikesh.

Ans: No; the 12th is the house of occultism, its occupation by twin malefics does not conduce to it. Only Jupiter can do it. Ketu's occupation of the 5th house could generate *jnana*.

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25. *Sat.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 19h.37m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Chitta and Marana Yoga till 13h.23m., then Swati and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

26. *Sun.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 21h.35m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Swati till 15h.49m., then Visakha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for buying cows or dogs, for purchasing food-stuffs, for fixing pumpsets.

27. *Mon.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 23h.52m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Visakha till 18h.37m., then Anuradha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments, for gardening, for purchasing or storing food-stuffs.

28. *Tues.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 26h.17m., then Navami (9th tithi). Anuradha and Siddha Yoga till 21h.34m., then Jyeshta and Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

29. *Wed.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 28h.34m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Jyeshta and Siddha Yoga till 24h.28m., then Moola and Marana Yoga. Good for surgical operations, for testing instruments.

30. *Thurs.*- Dasami (10th tithi) whole day. Moola till 27.00m., then Poorvashadha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for travel, for borrowing, for purchasing or storing food-stuffs, for deepening wells.

31. *Fri.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 6h.32m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Poorvashadha and Prabalarishta Yoga till 29h.13m., then Uttarashadha and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel.)

Aswini, Makha, Moola

1st upto 13h.35m.; 8th upto 23h.29m.; 10th after 16h.24m.; 14th after 29h.56m.; 15th upto 15h.29m.; 23rd 10h.04m. to 17h.15m.; 27th 18h.37m. to 23h.52m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

2nd after 16h.19m.; 3rd upto 18h.44m.; 7th 19h.37m. to 23h.31m.; 10th after 22h.17m.; 11th after 21h.14m.; 12th upto 19h.59m.; 15th after 15h.29m.; 22nd after 9h.18m.; 29th after 28h.34m.; 30th upto 27h.00m.; 31st after 29h.13m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

1st till 13h.35m.; 2nd after 16h.19m.; 3rd upto 18h.44m.; 8th till 23h.29m.; 11th after 21h.14m.; 12th upto 19h.59m.; 14th after 29h.56m.; 15th till 15h.29m.; 23rd 10h.04m. to 17h.15m.; 27th 18h.37m. to 23h.52m.; 29th after 28h.34m.; 30th upto 27h.00m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

7th 19h.37m. to 23h.31m.; 10th after 22h.17m.; 15th after 15h.29m.; 22nd after 9h.18m.; 31st after 29h.13m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

1st upto 13h.35m.; 2nd after 16h.19m.; 3rd till 18h.44m.; 8th upto 23h.29m.; 11th after 21h.14m.; 12th till 19h.59m.; 14th after 29h.56m.; 15th upto 15h.29m.; 22nd after 9h.18m.; 23rd 10h.04m. to 17h.15m.; 27th 18h.37m. to 23h.52m.; 31st after 29h.13m.

Ardra, Swati, Satabhisha

7th 19h.37m. to 23h.31m.; 10th after 22h.17m.; 14th after 29h.56m.; 15th upto 15h.29m.; 15th after 15h.29m.; 23rd 10h.04m. to 17h.15m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

1st upto 13h.35m.; 2nd after 16h.19m.; 3rd till 18h.44m.; 7th 19h.37m. to 23h.31m.; 8th upto 25h.29m.; 11th after 21h.14m.; 12th till 19h.59m.; 15th after 15h.29m.; 22nd after 9h.18m.; 27th 18h.37m. to 23h.52m.; 29th after 28h.34m.; 30th upto 27h.00m.; 31st after 29h.13m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

8th upto 23h.29m.; 10th after 22h.17m.; 14th after 29h.56m.; 15th till 15h.29m.; 23rd 10h.04m. to 17h.15m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st upto 13h.35m.; 2nd after 16h.19m.; 3rd till 18h.44m.; 7th 19h.37m. to 23h.31m.; 11th after 21h.14m.; 12th upto 19h.59m.; 15th after 15h.29m.; 22nd after 9h.18m.; 27th 18h.37m. to 23h.52m.; 29th after 28h.34m.; 30th till 27h.00m.; 31st after 29h.13m.

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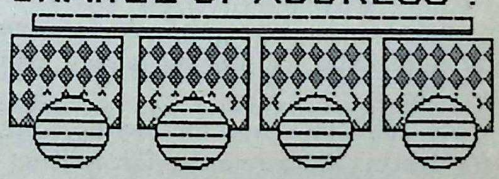

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Farmers' Guide for August 1990

MIHIRA

(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed., A.M.)

1. Upto 13h.39m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for ploughing, for sowing, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets.

2. After 16h.19m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for deepening wells, for buying oxen or sheep, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

3. Till 18h.44m. good for borrowing, for ploughing, for sowing, for buying oxen or sheep.

4. Upto 18h.40m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

5. Good for disposing off agricultural products.

6. Till 19h.49m. good for testing instruments, for harvesting.

7. Good for testing instruments.

8. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for sowing, for erecting sheds, for purchasing paddy, wheat, corn, dhall etc.

9. Till 17h.51m. good for borrowing, for writing accounts, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for buying oxen or sheep.

10. After 16h.24m. good for borrowing.

11. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for testing instruments, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

12. Till 19h.59m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing, for fixing pumpsets, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

13. Upto 10h.32m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

14. Routine work only.

15. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for ploughing, for sowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

16. Only routine work.

17. After 12h.29m. good for ploughing.

18. After 11h.11m. good for disposing off agricultural products.

19. Routine work only.

20. Till 9h.24m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

21. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

22. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

23. From 10h.04m. to 17h.15m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for ploughing, for sowing, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

24. After 18h.09m. good for borrowing.

25. After 13h.23m. good for disposing off agricultural products.

26. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing, for fixing pumpsets, for buying oxen or sheep, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

27. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for sowing, for disposing off agricultural products, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

28. Routine work only.

29. Good for testing instruments.

30. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for ploughing, for sowing, for borrowing, for deepening wells, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall, etc.

31. Only routine work.

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How Is This Month (August 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed., A.M.)

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Cancer till 15th and then enters Leo. Mars transits Aries till 17th and then enters Taurus. Mercury transits Leo till 20th and then enters Virgo. He gets retrograde in Virgo on 27th and re-enters Leo on 30th. Jupiter continues his progress in Cancer. Venus transits Gemini till 7th and then enters Cancer. Saturn continues his retrograde movement in Sagittarius. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

MESHA (Aries)

General: The Sun in the 4th and 5th, Mars in the 1st and the 2nd, Jupiter in the 4th and Saturn in the 9th are all unfavourable; the Sun is under check till 7th and from 20th till the end. Mercury in the adverse 5th till 20th and on the last two days transits the favourable 6th during the remaining period. Venus in the favourable 3rd and 4th yields to Vedha. The evils are in predominance during the month. Separation from relations and misunderstandings with business partners are likely. You should resist a temptation to resort to short-cut and unorthodox methods for achieving success. Krittika is better than Aswini and Bharani.

Health and Domestic: Health troubles in one form or the other will be present throughout. Colic and anal troubles may be there. Chronic patients should take extra care to avoid an aggravation in their present ailments. You will have to exercise great tact and patience to secure peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: Financial worries will be there throughout. Sources of outside help may also dry up. All recently started activities will have a setback owing to paucity of funds. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real estate matters are likely to receive a severe jolt. Agricultural crops are likely to be damaged by pests. Disputes are likely with adjacent property owners. Services, businesses and professions may have to face a number of difficulties. They should be patient.

Women: Love affairs should be avoided completely. Social and club activities should be reduced to the minimum. Employed girls should be extremely careful in their work.

Students: Disinclination to serious studies is likely to be the prominent feature. Unhappy home and financial drain will also worry you. Relations with friends and teachers may tend to become unpleasant.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-11-22	1-15-24
Money dealings and enterprises	6-16-23	2-17-27

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Journeys	8-18-25	2-17-28
Real property matters and educational activities	9-22-31	2-17-30
Children and speculation	4-16-25	3-13-24
Services	6-18-31	3-13-26
Partnership	9-18-31	10-19-28
Insurance	8-22-31	10-19-29
Profession and business	6-18-23	7-20-29

Chandrashtama occurs from beginning to morning of 2nd and again from morning of 27th to early hours of 30th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: Mars in the 12th and the 1st, Jupiter in the 3rd and Saturn in the 8th are all unfavourable; Jupiter is under check till 7th. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 15th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 4th with check. Mercury in the favourable 4th till 20th and on the last two days with Vedha transits the adverse 5th during the remaining period. Venus in the favourable 2nd and 3rd yields to Vedha from 17th. The evil influences are in predominance. You should develop your will very strongly and resist any temptation that may land you in difficulties. Rohini is better than Krittika and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits do not generate any optimism in matters pertaining to health. Stomach complaints may be expected. Chronic patients should be careful. With some effort you could preserve peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: This is an altogether unsatisfactory month for finance. You will have to exercise all your managerial skills to keep your financial affairs under control. You should refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month does not hold out any promise for real property transactions. You will experience considerable difficulty in realising your dues from tenants. Penal transfers are likely for the services. Professions and businesses are likely to find the month disappointing.

Women: The month is not likely to be encouraging for the fair sex. Social contacts are not likely to be much helpful. Employed girls should be extremely careful in dealing with their superiors.

Students: If sufficient self-restraint is practised and patience shown to counteract the adverse planetary influences during the month you will have laid the foundation to enjoy the good effects that are bound to come in your way in the months to come.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-9-16	2-12-19
Money dealings and enterprises	6-11-18	2-15-24
Journeys	6-11-22	3-17-30
Real property matters and educational activities	8-16-22	3-19-31
Children and speculation	8-16-23	4-15-26
Services	9-18-25	5-13-20
Partnership	9-18-27	10-17-29
Insurance	1-16-27	10-17-28
Profession and business	1-18-25	7-21-31

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 2nd to early hours of 5th and again from early hours of 30th till the end.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: The Sun in the unfavourable 2nd till 15th transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. Mars in the favourable 11th till 17th transits afterwards the adverse 12th. Mercury in the unfavourable 3rd till 20th transits thereafter the favourable 4th till 30th when he re-enters the adverse 3rd. Jupiter in the favourable 2nd yields to Vedha from 17th. Venus in the favourable 1st and 2nd yields to Vedha. Saturn in the 7th is unfavourable. The favourable influences will be more in evidence during the month. Relief from certain commitments and favourable property deals are likely. You should curb a tendency to deviate from right conduct. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: You will have reasonably good health throughout. Chronic patients will find the month helpful. Children's performance in schools and colleges will make you happy. Much tact and patience will have to be exercised by you for preserving peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: The planetary transits show a satisfactory financial position. You will meet your obligations without the slightest difficulty. New ventures are likely to be started by you and this will yield good dividends, in time to come. Moderate profits are indicated in speculative deals.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The first half will be quite profitable for all property transactions. Acquisition of new property is likely during the first fortnight. Labour will come to terms with you. The services will have a helpful month. This is a profitable month for the businesses and professions.

Women: There are good indications that love

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...s, romances and courtships will blossom into ...ding during the first half. You will be very ...ular in social gatherings. Employed girls are ...y to be transferred to places of their choice. *Students:* You will make good progress in stu... Those having an eye on the army commissions ...likely to realise their ambition. You will be ...essful in tests and interviews. You may go ...ad for special studies.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
...onal and domestic	11-23-31	6-17-28
...ey dealings and ...erprises	9-18-30	13-21-29
...neys	8-16-27	12-20-28
...l property matters ...l educational activities	4-16-25	10-19-26
...dren and speculation	2-11-23	7-17-24
...ices	1-9-18	5-15-21
...tnership	1-16-27	3-14-20
...rance	9-18-31	3-19-29
...fession and business	11-23-30	5-19-28

Chandrashtama occurs from 2.55 a.m. to 11.02 ... on 7th.

...KATAKA (Cancer)

General: The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd and ...er in *janma* are both unsatisfactory; the Sun ...der check till 20th and on the last two days, ...e Jupiter is under check throughout. Mars in ...10th and the 11th and Saturn in the 6th are fully ...urable. Venus in the favourable 12th and the ...yields to Vedha till 7th. Mercury in the ...urable 2nd till 20th and on the last two days ...sits the adverse 3rd during the remaining ...d. The good influences are more in evidence ...g the month. You will gain much influence ...authority through association with high-ups in ...political field. Unexpected and long awaited ...ts will make you all happy in the house. ...yami is better than Punarvasu and Aslesha. *...lth and Domestic:* General debility may ...y you for a few days. Otherwise the month is ...l to you from the point of view of health. ...ic sufferers will have some relief. Children's ...h may cause mild concern. The domestic life ...e generally peaceful and harmonious. *...nance and Speculation:* You will experience ...derable difficulty for ready cash to meet your ...tant and urgent expenses. But your friends ...dly come to your rescue and relieve you from ...cial embarrassment. This is a very good ...d for speculative transactions. *...l Property, Services, Professions etc.:* This ...good month for real estate matters. You will sell one of your properties at a fabulous price and make excellent profit. The month will not be unsatisfactory for services. The month shows good promise for businesses and professions.

Women: You will enjoy long awaited luxuries. Those engaged in social work will be invited to accept greater responsibilities in recognition of their excellent work in the past. This is a good month for employed girls.

Students: Those who had appeared before the Services Selection Board are likely to receive the happy news of their selection as officer cadets for study in Officers' Training School of the Defence Departments. You will shine very well in the sports field.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-16-23	8-19-29
Money dealings and enterprises	4-18-30	9-19-29
Journeys	4-16-31	10-17-26
Real property matters and educational activities	2-23-31	3-13-24
Children and speculation	1-18-27	5-14-26
Services	11-22-30	5-19-28
Partnership	11-22-31	5-19-29
Insurance	11-23-31	15-21-29
Profession and business	4-22-31	7-17-28

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 7th to the afternoon of 9th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: The Sun in the 12th and the 1st and Saturn in the 5th are unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check from 1st to 7th, from 15th to 20th and on the last two days. Mars in the adverse 9th till 17th transits afterwards the favourable 10th. Mercury in the adverse 1st till 20th and on the last two days transits the favourable 2nd during the remaining period. Jupiter in the adverse 12th is under check till 7th. Venus in the favourable 11th and 12th yields to Vedha from 7th. The unfavourable influences will sway the nature of life for the native during the month. Attacks from opponents, losses by thefts, deceit by so-called friends and worried mind are all likely. Mars will assist you to meet your difficulties with courage and optimism. Makha is better than Poorvaphalguni and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to have health problems practically throughout. Chronic patients should be extremely careful and they should adopt adequate prophylactic measures to avoid further troubles. With some effort you could preserve peace and harmony in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: The financial posi-

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tion will be wholly unfavourable. Medical bills will be big. Expenditure will far outstrip income. Under no circumstances should you stand surety for anybody. Pressure from creditors will be quite severe. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The second half shows promise of success and profit in real property transactions. Labour is likely to prove intransigent. The services are likely to have a trying time. Professions and businesses are likely to experience troubled conditions.

Women: Love affairs are likely to lead to disappointments. Social workers will find the month quite trying. Employed girls are likely to be given memos by their superiors and asked to explain their conduct in certain official matters.

Students: Financial worries will cause considerable mental agitation. You should avoid conflicts with friends, teachers and relatives. Your tendency to become indifferent to studies should be checked and you should make intense efforts to concentrate on studies.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-8-18	9-17-28
Money dealings and enterprises	2-16-22	11-19-29
Journeys	4-18-23	3-13-20
Real property matters and educational activities	6-22-25	5-17-21
Children and speculation	8-23-27	7-19-24
Services	8-25-30	10-20-26
Partnership	8-23-31	10-20-28
Insurance	1-16-23	10-20-29
Profession and business	4-22-31	7-20-29

Chandrashtama occurs from 4-50 p.m. on 9th to 8-48 p.m. on 11th.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Mars in the 8th and the 9th and Saturn in the 4th are but unsatisfactory. Jupiter in the favourable 11th yields to Vedha till 17th. Mercury in the unfavourable 12th and the 1st is under check till 20th and during the last two days. Venus in the adverse 10th till 7th transits the favourable 11th afterwards. The Sun in the favourable 11th till 15th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 12th with check. In a month of mixed results the good side will be more in evidence. You will be successful in your undertakings. Government may view favourably your appeal regarding certain property matters. You must curb a tendency to undertake journeys without plan and purpose. Hasta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Chitta.

Health and Domestic: Cataract in the left eye may cause deficit vision problems and the time is opportune for getting it removed surgically. With some care chronic patients may get some relief. Your eldest son may land a good job in a reputed industry. You will have harmonious and peaceful domestic life for most days in the month.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be satisfactory. Some of the old dues which you had practically written off may be paid back to you. New ventures which will pay good profits in due course will be started by you. This is not a month for speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The transactions pertaining to real properties may not be unsatisfactory. You will carry out improvements to your house properties. There will be improvement in remuneration and working conditions for the services. The month is full of promise for the professions and businesses.

Women: There is a distinct possibility of romance blossoming into marriage during the third week. The second half will be better than the first for employed girls.

Students: Medical students are particularly favoured. You are likely to get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and such contacts will be of great help to you in your career later on. You will be successful in tests and interviews.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-18	11-19-29
Money dealings and enterprises	1-16-22	3-12-19
Journeys	1-18-23	3-12-20
Real property matters and educational activities	1-18-25	10-17-28
Children and speculation	4-16-23	10-17-29
Services	4-16-25	7-15-21
Partnership	4-16-27	7-15-24
Insurance	6-18-30	5-19-28
Profession and business	6-16-31	5-19-29

Chandrashtama occurs from the evening of 11th to the night of 13th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: In a month of mixed results the good side has the upper hand. The Sun in the 10th and the 11th and Saturn in the 3rd are both favourable; the Sun yields to Vedha till 15th. Mars in the 7th and 8th is none too good. Mercury in the favourable 11th till 20th and on the last ten days transits the adverse 12th during the remaining period. Jupiter in the adverse 10th is under check till 7th. Venus in the favourable 9th till 7th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 10th. Notwithstanding the

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above adverse posture of the Dhanakaraka, you will not suffer for want of funds. Chitta is better than Swati and Visakha.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor complaints, you will enjoy reasonably good health during the month. Chronic sufferers will have some relief. Children's health may cause mild concern. You will have harmonious and peaceful domestic life.

Finance and Speculation: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of Dhanakaraka in the 10th, the financial affairs will be, more or less, satisfactory in view of the good support of the 2nd lord in Swakshetra. You are advised not to run after new public issues of equities. Speculative transactions will give good dividends throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All real estate transactions will be smooth, satisfactory and profitable. The labour problems which were worrying you will be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. The services may not find the month unsatisfactory. This is a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: This is a good month for the fair sex. Social climbers will realise their ambition. You will be the most sought-after person in social gatherings. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will make rapid progress in studies in view of the powerful and favourable support of the Vidyakaraka. You will shine extremely well in sports and athletics. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex, during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	11-25-31	7-16-28
Money dealings and enterprises	9-23-30	13-19-29
Journeys	8-22-27	2-17-28
Real property matters and educational activities	6-18-25	10-15-26
Children and speculation	4-11-23	7-14-21
Services	2-9-22	5-13-20
Partnership	1-8-18	3-12-19
Insurance	2-11-25	3-14-28
Profession and business	2-18-30	7-17-29

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 16th to early hours of 15th.

8. VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The favourable influences are in preponderance during the month. Mercury, Jupiter and Venus are all favourable. Mercury in the 10th in the 11th, Jupiter in the 9th and Venus in the 7th and the 9th; Mercury yields to Vedha till 20th and during the last two days and Jupiter throughout. Saturn in the 2nd is none too good but he is under check. The Sun in the adverse 9th till 15th is under check and transits the favourable 10th afterwards. Mars in the favourable 6th till 17th with Vedha transits thereafter the unfavourable 7th. Anuradha is better than Visakha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health throughout. Chronic sufferers could look forward to having a trouble-free month. Your children's success in the examinations will make you happy. You will be blessed with domestic bliss of a very high order.

Finance and Speculation: Your financial affairs will be satisfactory throughout. Gains could be made in all dealings. Amounts due are likely to be realised and loans will be repaid by you promptly on the dates promised. You will make good profits in speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is a good month for all real property matters. Acquisition of new property is most likely during the first fortnight. All your labour problems will be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. This is an excellent month for professions, businesses and services.

Women: Love affairs will blossom into very happy wedding during the first half. You will be the most sought-after person in social gatherings. The employed girls are likely to be promoted out-of-turn and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: The month is full of promise for students. They will make rapid progress in studies. Those pursuing medical courses are particularly favoured. They will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the first half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-22-27	5-16-26
Money dealings and enterprises	1-11-23	7-18-28
Journeys	8-23-30	10-19-29
Real property matters and educational activities	6-23-30	10-19-28
Children and speculation	2-22-31	5-19-26
Services	4-11-23	5-19-28
Partnership	4-11-25	3-14-21
Insurance	2-11-23	3-14-24
Profession and business	2-11-25	7-14-26

Chandrashtama occurs from the early hours of 16th to early hours of 18th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The Sun in the 8th and the 9th, Jupiter in the 8th and Saturn in Janma are all unsatisfac-

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tory; the Sun is under check practically throughout till the last day and Jupiter, till 7th. Venus in the unfavourable 7th till 7th with check transits afterwards the favourable 8th with Vedha till 17th. Mars in the adverse 5th till 17th transits thereafter the favourable 6th with Vedha. Mercury in the adverse 9th till 20th and during the last two days is under check till 20th; he is in the favourable 10th from 20th to 30th. Adverse factors will be more in evidence during the month. Some relief is likely during the second half. Poorvashadha is better than Moola and Uttarashadha.

Health and Domestic: Health troubles are likely but nothing serious. Chronic patients will have to be extremely careful. The children's health is likely to cause mild concern. With some effort you should be able to preserve peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation The financial affairs may not be satisfactory during the month. Pressure from creditors will be somewhat severe. Sources of outside help may dry up. The speculative transactions should be avoided as far as possible.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The planetary transits do not generate much promise in the field of real property. You are likely to experience difficulties in the realisation of your dues from tenants. Government servants are likely to have a trying time. Professions and businesses are likely to have a lean period.

Women: Mixed results are to be anticipated. A lot of unnecessary travelling and expenditure may be there for a few. You are advised to go slow on club and social activities. Employed girls should steer clear of politics in the office.

Students: You are advised to refrain from sports and athletics as far as possible in view of your proneness to physical injuries at this period. The planetary transits indicate obstacles to your progress in studies.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-11-23	3-13-18
Money dealings and enterprises	2-16-25	5-14-19
Journeys	4-22-27	7-15-20
Real property matters and educational activities	6-23-30	10-17-21
Children and speculation	8-25-31	12-19-24
Services	8-16-27	13-20-26
Partnership	6-22-31	12-20-28
Insurance	1-23-31	12-20-29
Profession and business	4-25-31	7-17-28

Chandrashtama occurs from the early hours of 18th to the morning of 20th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The Sun in the 7th and the 8th, Mars in the 4th and the 5th, Venus in the 6th and the 7th and Saturn in the 12th are all adverse; the Sun is under check except between 16th and 20th and Venus, till 7th. Jupiter transits the favourable 7th. Mercury transits the favourable 8th till 20th with Vedha, transits the adverse 9th till 30th with check when he re-enters the 8th with Vedha. The evil influences will have the upper hand although the Dhanakaraka is fully favourable. Sravana is better than Uttarashadha and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: Notwithstanding the favourable influence of Jupiter, you will have worries on account of your health. The consequences will not be serious. You may have to keep your figures crossed in so far as peace and harmony are concerned in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. Some of the old dues which you had practically written off will be paid back to you. Speculative transactions should be totally and completely avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions are best avoided during the month. You are likely to have litigation on property matters. The services, professions and businesses may find the month trying but will not suffer monetarily.

Women: You should take particular care of your functional health. The tempo of your social life should be slowed down considerably. Memos are likely to be given to the working girls for explaining their conduct in their official work.

Students: Social contacts with the opposite sex should be cut down to the minimum. You should refrain from games and athletics. You will be successful in interviews. Medical students will make good progress in their studies.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-18	3-12-22
Money dealings and enterprises	1-11-23	3-13-24
Journeys	1-16-25	3-14-19
Real property matters and educational activities	2-11-23	3-14-20
Children and speculation	2-16-25	7-17-24
Services	2-16-31	7-17-26
Partnership	2-16-30	7-17-28
Insurance	11-25-31	7-17-29
Profession and business	6-18-30	12-10-29

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 20th to the afternoon of 22nd.

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11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: The Sun in the favourable 6th till 15th ...s Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 7th ...s check from 20th to 30th. Mars in the favour- ...3rd till 17th with Vedha transits thereafter the ...favourable 4th. Mercury in the adverse 7th till ...with check transits afterwards the favourable ...till 30th when here-enters the adverse 7th with ...ck. Jupiter transits the adverse 6th with check. ...s in the favourable 5th till 7th transits after- ...ds the adverse 6th with check. Saturn in the ...ourable 11th yields to Vedha till 7th. The ...eral results are of a mixed nature with good ...ts having an edge over the evil ones. The first ...of the month will be more satisfactory than the ...ond. Satabhisha is better than Dhanishta and ...rvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Though this is not an ...satisfactory month for health, weakness and ...eral debility may be present in a mild form ...ing the second half. The period will be some- ...t encouraging for chronic patients. You are ...ly to have problems in the domestic field for ...t days in the month.

Finance and Speculation: Financial problems ...likely to be there; but you will be able to manage ...situation in a satisfactory manner. Speculative ...sactions are likely to yield good dividends from ...h to 30th.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The ...th will be, on the whole, satisfactory for all ...perty matters. Income from land will increase. ...l and rentals will be more than the average. ...vices, businesses and professions will find the ...th more or less satisfactory.

Women: You are advised to go slow on social ...acts. You will have difficulty in balancing the ...estic budget. You are likely to have unneces- ...y travels. You must curb a tendency to be ...cked on flimsy grounds. Employed girls should ...very careful in dealing with their superiors.

Students: This is a good month. You will make ...d progress in studies. You will shine very well ...ports, games and athletics. The chances of your ...sion in state or national level teams are quite ...t.

Chandrashtama occurs from the afternoon of ...d to the early hours of 25th.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
...nal and domestic	8-16-27	5-13-22
...y dealings and ...prises	1-11-18	10-17-23
...neys	2-8-30	7-14-25
...property matters ...educational activities	2-8-31	3-15-21
...dren and speculation	6-16-27	3-15-24
...ces	6-16-30	10-17-26
...nership	6-16-31	10-17-28
...rance	4-11-18	10-17-29
...ession and business	9-18-30	10-20-29

12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: Jupiter in the favourable 5th and Venus in the favourable 4th and 5th are both helpful. Both of them yield to Vedha till 7th. The Sun in the unfavourable 5th till 10th with check transits afterwards the favourable 6th. Mars in the adverse 2nd till 17th transits thereafter the favourable 3rd. Mercury in the favourable 6th from 1st to 20th and during the last two days transits the adverse 7th during the rest of the month. Saturn in the adverse 10th is not satisfactory. The month will witness the accomplishment of your desires and business objectives. There will be accrual of power and general prosperity. Revati is better than Poorvabhadra and Uttarabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Good health is assured to you throughout. Chronic sufferers should take advantage of the favourable planetary vibrations and endeavour to obtain a permanent cure of their ailments. Children's performance in the educational field will gladden your hearts. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you for most days in the month.

Finance and Speculation: This is a good month for finances. New sources of income are likely to open up. Both short and long term investments will flourish. Speculative transactions will yield substantial dividends throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Acquisition of new property is likely during the second half. Yield and rentals will be quite satisfactory. Industrial relations will be smooth. Services could look forward to being promoted. The month will be quite profitable to businesses, industry and professions.

Women: Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding. This is a good month for film artistes who are likely to receive good offers from leading banners. Employed girls could look forward to being promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: This is an excellent month. There is an excellent chance of your being invited to join the foreign service in the Central Government. Army commissions also are likely to be offered to you. Those interested in fine arts will find the month quite satisfactory.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-16-31	10-15-25
Money dealings and enterprises	1-11-23	10-15-27
Journeys	4-18-30	3-13-19
Real property matters and educational activities	2-9-22	3-13-20
Children and speculation	1-22-31	3-13-21
Services	1-22-30	6-16-25
Partnership	9-18-30	6-16-27
Insurance	9-18-31	9-21-28
Profession and business	1-18-31	6-21-29

Chandrashtama occurs from the early hours of 25th to the morning of 27th.

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MY TURN

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ASTROLOGICAL POINTERS TO CYCLONES

THE editorial "Astrology Versus Meterology" (*A.M.*, March 1978) may please be reproduced because it is very relevant in the context of the recent Andhra Pradesh cyclone. Vide page 252 of the *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE*. "it seems that cyclones on the Andhra Pradesh Coast are likely to occur close to periods of sunspot maxima when the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Rahu (Ketu) and Uranus form even loose aspects of Kendra (square) and Samagama (conjunction) between themselves." It is worth noting that all these conditions were fulfilled when the cyclone wrought devastation in A.P. and Tamil Nadu recently. A few days before, solar spots and solar flares were covered in the T.V. news bulletin. Scientists will be benefited in their pursuits if they take these correspondences into account in true scientific spirit: (a) Parallel aspect of Venus and Pluto; (b) Retrograde Mercury; and (c) Full Moon also contribute to the occurrence of tragedy.

I have noticed a similarity between the cyclone on 19-11-1977 and the recent cyclone. Rahu's placement near midpoint of Mars and Neptune is a remarkable feature in both tragedies.

	Mars	Neptune	Midpoint
19-11-1977 at 5.30 a.m.	14° 38' Cancer	21° 37' Scorpio	23° 07" Virgo
9-5-1990 at 5.30 a.m.	19° 46' Aqu.	20° 43' Sagitt.	20° 15' Capn.

The close conjunction of Rahu and Pluto was responsible for the horrifying magnitude of the tragedy of 1977. The square Rahu and Pluto seems to have added dimensions to the recent tragedy.

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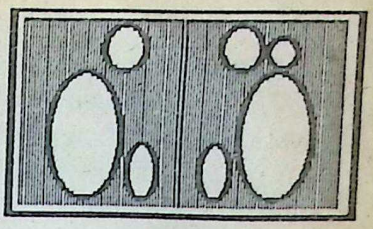

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Q. My husband has been transferred out of station since July, 1986. Will he be posted back to Calcutta in the near future?

Born 22-11-1954 at 9.16 a.m.

S. No. 12739

			KETU
	RASI		ASCDT. JUPIT.
MARS			
RAHU	SUN	MOON SAT. MERC. VENUS	

Ans: You say Rahu Bhukti of Jupiter Dasa will finish in September 1990. Thereafter Saturn Dasa will run and Saturn, as 7th lord, is with Lagna lord Moon and exalted in the 4th house ruling domestic happiness.

So, after Saturn Dasa begins, especially in early 1991 when transit-wise Saturn will also be freed of nodal affliction, there is a possibility of the family coming together again.

Q. I am a physician working as Assistant Professor of Medicine in a Madras medical college. Though generally fortunate in terms of marriage, children and teaching job, my clinical practice has not picked up. Do I stand a chance of post-doctoral specialization?

Born 21-11-1954 at 5.30 a.m. (IST)

S. No. 17114

Ans: The Ascendant lord Venus is well-placed with 2 strong benefics, Mercury and Saturn.

			KETU
	RASI		JUPIT.
MARS			
RAHU	SUN	ASCDT. SAT. VENUS MERC.	MOON

MERC.	SAT.	ASCDT. MOON VENUS	
KETU	NAVAMSA		
			SUN RAHU
			MARS JUPIT.

Powerful planets occupy Kendras. These factors explain many details of your life. Saturn Dasa, however, must begin for recognition and limelight. Saturn is a Yogakaraka and joins Mercury, the planet ruling intellect. Therefore during Saturn Dasa, you will find openings to pursue both academic distinction as also opportunities to go overseas.

Q. My sister's marriage is getting delayed. Also her general health is very poor. Please advise.

Born 6-5-1954 at 6-04 a.m. (IST)

S. No. 10470

	ASCDT. SUN MERC.	VENUS	KETU JUPIT. MOON
	RASI		
RAHU MARS		SAT.(R)	

		VENUS KETU	
	NAVAMSA		
			MARS
ASCDT.	MOON RAHU SAT.(R)	SUN JUPIT.	MERC.

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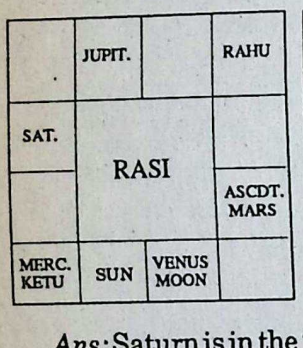
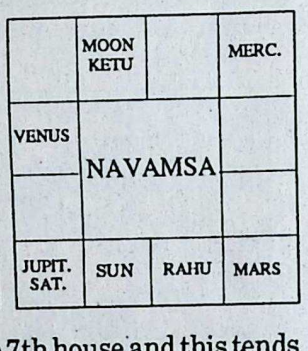
Ans: The strongest factor delaying marriage is exalted, retrograde Saturn in the 7th. He is the 11th lord placed in the 7th. From Chandra Lagna, the 7th house has 11th lord Mars and Rahu. Venus, Karaka, is well-placed. Therefore there are indications for marriage before Saturn Bhukti finishes in December 1991. However, Saturn in the 7th may give a widower or divorcee for a husband. Married life is protected by Venus' Vargottama position as also Jupiter's aspect on the 7th.

Q. Since three years I have been working very hard to get my daughter married. Twice, it looked like the proposal would come through but it did not. Kindly tell me when she will get married.

Born 1-12-1964 at 1.23 a.m.

S. No. 12901





Ans: Saturn is in the 7th house and this tends to delay marriage. But being 7th lord in his *moolatrikona* sign, he will not deny it. From Chandra Lagna too, the 6th lord Jupiter is in the 7th house which is a delaying factor.

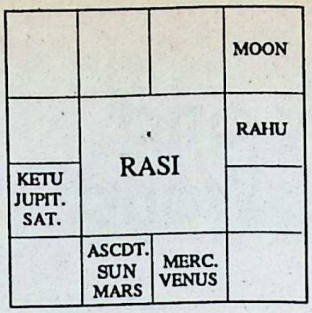
Yogakaraka Mars aspects the 7th house and 7th lord. Therefore, eventually she may find a suitable groom, especially when transit Saturn comes to natal Saturn. The Moon-Venus combine in the 3rd and Mars in the Ascendant indicate she may marry someone of her own choice, following an emotional involvement.

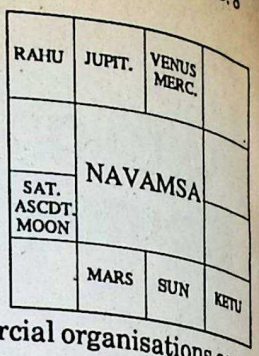
Q. My niece is a brilliant student. She will be appearing for the Civil Service preliminary exams in June 1990. Will she succeed in her attempt?

Born 25-11-1961 at 7.30 a.m.

S. No. 10268

Ans: Saturn Dasa has begun sometime back and though he is otherwise well-placed, he does not seem to indicate administrative/civil service in his Dasa. But being strong in Vargottama with trinal lord Jupiter, he can give an executive



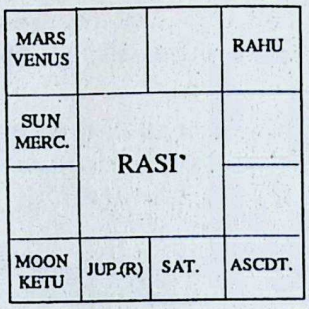


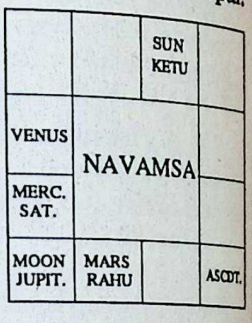
post in banks or commercial organisations coming under Jupiter.

Q. Both of us are hypertension patients and very worried about the future of our 7 year old daughter, as we do not expect to live beyond another 10 years.

Born 9-9-1983 at 8-45 a.m. (IST)

A. K. G., Bhopal.





Ans: The Ascendant is aspected by a powerful exalted Yogakaraka Venus aspected by 4th lord Jupiter. The Moon is in the 4th house with Ketu and the 4th lord Jupiter is in the 12th from it. But the Moon is Vargottama in the 4th and Jupiter aspects the 4th from the Moon as 4th lord. This does not cause early demise of mother.

The 9th lord Venus is exalted with Mars and aspected by sign-dispositor Jupiter. The Sun in the 6th is nevertheless with Lagna lord Mercury with his sign-dispositor Saturn exalted. All these factors promote father's longevity. The afflictions may cause some domestic tension, ill-health in the family etc., but are not such as to harm parents. Therefore, there is no need to worry on this count.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

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GROWING INTEREST IN ASTROLOGY

(The following write-up by "Crossman" is from the "Citizen Evening" Hyderabad dated 12-12-1989.—Ed. A.M.)

With the results of the elections "announced, the demand for astrologers and psephologists has decreased. Even as ministries have been formed, there is less seeking of these forecasters.

But, astrology as a science and a hobby is as old as the hills in this country, with experts and amateurs continuing to pursue it. There is none who would not like to know his future, though the interest may range from a certain indifference to a mania.

No science is perfect and certainly astrological predictions cannot be foolproof. At no time was this fact proved more than in the recent elections, when the general impression got by myriad forecasts all over the country was that Rajiv Gandhi may after all manage to form the Government.

Of course with all its attendant instability N.T.R may scrape through together with his MLAs, but may not last long, as it would be difficult to keep his flock together. Both proved wrong. It may be that some astrologers with insight and an inner vision may have predicted correctly. Some prefer not to divulge it publicly and confide only to the person concerned but may do give an indication of the trend. Fro, knowledge that one would die on a particular date is more dangerous than death itself.

Many public leaders even those claiming to be rationalists, seek astrologers in private but condemn Astrology publicily. It was late Charan Singh and now Dr. M. Channa Reddy and N. T. Rama Rao who publicly acknowledge their belief in Astrology. Ms. Indira Gandhi did consult astrologers copiously. Dr. Reddy and N.T.R. have attended astrological seminars, received astrologers and they give them due respect.

Dr. B. V. Raman is President of the Astrological Council and is here for the inauguration of the meet of the Secunderabad chapter. Dr. Channa Reddy who was to have inaugurated the meet could not come due to his pre-occupation in dealing with the problem of the kidnapping of a TDP MLA of Nizamabad by the Naxalites. Like a doctor and a journalist or any professional, an astrologer has no party or caste. He responds to the call and maintains excellent relations with opposing personalities equally.

Dr. Raman is a class by himself with abiding faith in ancient Astrology, its rich treasures and the need to revive its studies. While he was Governor of UP, Dr. Reddy tried to introduce astrological courses in Universities. N.T.R. as Chief Minister introduced such courses in the Telugu University which he founded and Dr. Raman is a distinguished member of its Board of Studies. A reputed vastushipi B. N. Reddy, MP is the force behind all astrological endeavours.

Today Dr. Raman is easily one of the most well-known astrologers in the world. He has travelled widely and addressed learned foreign audiences including one at the United Nations. U. Thant, consulted him when his son was killed in an accident, as to whether he should resign. Raman advised him otherwise. U. Thant continued for long and contributed to world peace gloriously.

Dr. Raman, 77, is like a Bhishma pitamaha of Astrology today. His popularity has been established for decades. The Astrological Magazine is over 50 years old and its medium of language being English, it is read widely all over the world. Author of at least 25 standard books on Astrology, Raman has lecutured widely in almost all countries except probably in China and Russia. His lectures are erudite punctuated with Sanskrit quotations with even a certain political thrust, chiding the Government for preferring adulation of the West, celebrating Copernicus day and forgetting the greatest astrologer, Varahamihira's birthday.

Dr. Raman is an independent minded patrician. While being gentle and considerate even to the lowly, he keeps up his levels and has a rare gift of excellent public relations. One who attended the astrological meet here the other day was pleasantly surprised at his being almost hero worshipped by devotees bending before him and touching his feet. To have met him and had a word with him was considered an honour. No one else has done to make Astrology popular, palatable and acceptable as Dr. Venkata Raman, a cent per cent Andhraite, but who would like to a categorised as Kannadiga, being in Karntaka (for generations) even though he speaks Telugu at home.

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TABLE I

CUMULATIVE GOOD EFFECT OF JUPITER AND SATURN DURING JUPITER'S STAY IN CANCER
[20-7-1990 to 14-8-1991]

Sl. No.	Rasis	JUPITER Conventional Nature		JUPITER Conventional Quantum	JUPITER Special Nature	JUPITER Special Quantum	SATURN Conventional Nature		SATURN Conventional Quantum	SATURN Special Nature	SATURN Special Quantum	Cumulative Good Effect
1.	Aries	BAD	4	--	Thambra	0.125	BAD	10	--	Loha	0.125	0.250
2.	Taurus	BAD	3	--	Rajatha	0.1875	BAD	9	--	Thambra	0.1875	0.375
3.	Gemini	GOOD	2	0.250	Swarna	0.250	BAD	8	--	Swarna	0.0625	0.5625
4.	Cancer	BAD	1	--	Loha	0.0625	BAD	7	--	Rajatha	0.250	0.3125
5.	Leo	BAD	12	--	Swarna	0.250	GOOD	6	0.250	Loha	0.125	0.625
6.	Virgo	GOOD	11	0.250	Thambra	0.125	BAD	5	--	Thmabra	0.1875	0.5625
7.	Libra	BAD	10	--	Rajatha	0.1875	BAD	4	--	Rajatha	0.250	0.4375
8.	Scorpio	GOOD	9	0.250	Loha	0.0625	GOOD	3	0.250	Swarna	0.0625	0.625
9.	Sagitt.	BAD	8	--	Thambra	0.125	BAD	2	--	Loha	0.125	0.250
10.	Capri.	GOOD	7	0.250	Swarna	0.250	BAD	1	--	Swarna	0.0625	0.5625
11.	Aquarius	BAD	6	--	Rajatha	0.1875	BAD	12	--	Thambra	0.1875	0.375
12.	Pisces	GOOD	5	0.250	Loha	0.06250	GOOD	11	0.250	Rajatha	0.250	0.8125

Note: The most benefitted are those born under Pisces. The least benefitted are those born under Aries and Sagittarius Rasis.

According to Conventional Aspect

1. Good effects acrue to Gemini, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces.

2. Bad results acrue to the remaining 7 Rasis *i.e.*, Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius and Aquarius.

According to Murthy Nirnaya

1. Very good results acrue to Gemini, Leo and Capricorn (Swarna Murthy).

2. Good results acrue to Taurus, Libra and Aquarius (Rajatha Murthy)

3. Bad results acrue to Aries, Virgo and Sagittarius (Thambra Murthy)

4. Very bad results acrue to Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces (Loha Murthy).

5. Rasis having good results according to both rules — Gemini and Capricorn.

6. Rasis having bad results according to both rules — Cancer.

Now the good results combining the transit effects of both the major planets Jupiter and Saturn in Cancer and Capricorn respectively can be summed up as follows:

Taking the unit value of both the planets, their good effects as one, alloting 0.5 for each planet and allowing 0.25 each for the good effects of planets according to conventional effects and 0.25 for the good effects of the planets according to special effects of Murthy Nirnaya the results will be distributed as follows:

(a) For Swarna Murthy - Jupiter - 0.25, Saturn - 0.0625

(b) For Rajatha Murthy - Jupiter - 0.1875, Saturn - 0.250

(c) For Thambra Murthy - Jupiter - 0.125, Saturn - 0.1875

(d) For Loha Murthy - Jupiter - 0.0625, Saturn - 0.125

Note: The quantum of effects on special aspects on Saturn differs due to his being malefic.

Accordingly, the net benefic results acruing out of both rules combined for both the planets are given in Table I.

(to be continued)

DOWNS' SYNDROME FROM THE PALM

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A careful reading of the face reveals that the eyes are very widely separated and the nose is flat (Fig. II). Examination of feet reveals that they are small and stubby similar to hands (Fig. III).

Mongolian idiots can be succssfully diagnosed with the help of phenotypic characters and also with the help of palmistrical signs. Palmistry in this sense proves no less than any other branch of science which has equal application in every field *viz.*, genetics, medicine etc.

Moreover irregularity in the lines (especially in the left hand) may certainly indicate an inherited disorder of any type. Various lines in the left palm strongly indicate that these are inherited genetical entities.—117A.90

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On 21st April 1990, a small function was held by ICAS, Delhi Chapter I in Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan to get the blessings of Yogi Bhaskaranandaji for students of the *Praveena* and *Visharada* Introducing the Yogi to the audience, Mr. K. N. Rao said that he had been brought up in a domestic atmosphere in which he found his mother giving extraordinary astrological predictions while his late father Mr. K. Rama Rao (founder editor of the *National Herald*) discouraged Astrology because fighters of pre-independence era having decided to jump into the fray of liberation struggle should not have been worried about their future. But Yogi Bhaskaranandaji had encouraged him to read a book on Astrology which had impressed him deeply and he had thereafter taken up the study of this science.

In his short speech, Yogi Bhaskaranandaji said Astrology was so vast that it would take one's entire time and energy and even then many issues would remain unmastered and uncovered. At some place Sri Adi Sankaracharya had said that any subject could be mastered except Astrology. Such every great Rishi of the country--Vasishtha, Vyasa, Narada, Gautama, were astrologers first and through Astrology they had climbed higher and higher. Everything in life was determined by time. All human beings must come under the influence of Kala and there was no science other than Astrology to interpret the meanings, sometimes baffling, of the rotating wheel of Time. Astrology, the Yogi said, was meant finally for spiritual upliftment and enlightenment of human beings and it alone showed the defects and obstacles one had to encounter at different stages in one's life. It was unfortunate that such an extra-ordinary divine science was getting debased in many ways.

This occasion was also made use of to celebrate the birthday of Mr. M. S. Sitaramaiah who was given a small gift on behalf of the students of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan with the blessings of the Yogi.

Mr. S. N. Kapoor was overwhelmed to see that in 1987 when the Astrology classes were started, the Yogi had come to bless this venture and today it had grown into a giant tree.

Proposing a vote of thanks Mr. S. N. Kapoor said more than 200 students had passed in less than a period of three years. If the Delhi Chapter I was doing brilliantly, it was due to the blessings of the Yogiji and indirectly through his disciple Mr. K. N. Rao and respected DR. B. V. RAMAN, who is also respected by the Swamiji as a great astrologer of India, who has given a very high position to astrologers in the eyes of the world, by giving remarkable predictions.

At a meeting convened by Mr. S. N. Kapoor under the auspices of Indian Council of Astrological Sciences, Delhi Chapter I, Mr. Pulippani, the new Secretary, ICAS, who recently visited Delhi, said that Astrology was a science and everything must be done to uphold its importance and prestige.

Mr. K. N. Rao stressed the need for research in different areas of Astrology and requested the new Secretary of ICAS to direct his efforts towards making available the findings of such research to ICAS.

Mr. Vasisht requested that arrangements be made to open a central library at Madras as well as regional libraries in Chapters wherever possible, especially at Delhi. He requested the Secretary to trace out rare books on Astrology for ICAS.

Mr. S. N. Kapoor said that the experience of regional scholars who did not know English should be made available to ICAS by the media on inter-lingual exchange from among the scholars of ICAS

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who know both the languages.

Mr. Pulippani assured that suitable action would be taken to implement the suggestions given by these senior scholars.

Weather Forecast

"This year the Monsoon will commence much early and most of the average rainfall will be completed by end of August. The cyclones will emerge in Bay of Bengal and will hit the eastern coastal line from Orissa to Calcutta between September and November." This prediction was made by the Pune Branch of Indian Council of Astrological Sciences in its monthly meeting on March 24, 1990.

Obituary

Mr. M. S. Seetaramaiah, well-known astrologer and journalist of Delhi passed away on 7th June 1990. He leaves behind his wife and eight daughters.

He had worked in several newspapers "Deccan Chronicle" "Sentinel" etc., and was a member of the Hyderabad Press Council. He was Executive Officer of Andhra Education Society at New Delhi and a founder-member of the Indian Council of Astrological Sciences. An ardent promoter of the cause of Astrology he was a practising astrologer and was occasionally contributing articles to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. He has authored an important book on Astrology and was evincing much interest in the progress of the ICAS, Delhi Chapter I.

Mr. M. Ramakrishna Bhatt — passed away on 18-5-1990 at his native village Vittal, South Kanara District.

Mr. Bhatt was a great scholar in Astrology, Sanskrit and English. He had been a contributor to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE for more than three decades. He was professor of Sanskrit at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore and later on served in a similar capacity at the Hindu College, Delhi. He had also assisted late Mr. V. Subrahmanya Sastry in the translation of some ancient classics on Astrology. Mr. Bhatt's *Fundamentals of Astrology* and also the English translation of the famous *Brihat Samhita* of Varahamihira have been popular amongst the astrologically interested.

The death of these two scholars is a great loss to the astrological world.

The old generation of astrological scholars whose names were connected with THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE for decades is fast disappearing. Only three stalwarts *viz.*, DR. B. V. RAMAN, Mr. V. A. K. Ayer and Prof. P. S. Sastri are still left to represent the old thinking on the subject.

ASTROLOGY AND PREVENTION OF CRIME

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occupies the 12th or a Kendra (Lagna Kendra in this case) and the lord of the rising sign is deficient in strength (Mars is highly malefic in Scorpio), death is said to result from the evil effects of pursuing a wicked course of life.

The planetary factors are there, alright. But what about the result? If only our hero had not wanted to dominate so completely the relationship, if only he had set himself realistic monetary goals, if only he had not set his eyes on the huge sums of insurance his wife's death could bring him, and if he had only cultivated the beautiful quality of contentment, he would never have embarked on a plan to kill his wife. And if he had not murdered her, would there have been need to dread the police action and the consequences of his grave misdeed? And if there had been nothing to panic about, would he have flung himself over the bridge to his grave under the water? At every stage, it looks like the tragedy and his own cowardly death could have been averted.

By channelling his mental and moral energies in ways prescribed by the Sastras, our hero could have lived at peace not only with himself but also at peace with the world around him. If no steps were taken in spite of his chart, it was because the chart itself was never recognised in the first place as a guide to plan human life. And why was this? Because Astrology has never been explored sufficiently and recognised as a means of regulating individual, social as also national destinies. If such tragedies occur we have only to blame ourselves for scorning the tools of Astrology which could open up an entire world of information which no other science can. There is still time for those in the corridors of power to evaluate the scope of Astrology and bestow on it its rightful place. That way individual tragedies may never occur as they do now and with such frequency and with happy and contented individuals, the nation can always grow from strength to strength.

Gayatri Devi Vasudev
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ASTROLOGICALLY MISCELLANY

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Jupiter, a first-rate *maraka*, and occupies 8th from Moon, in a constellation of Moon, the lord, and receives the aspect of malefic Mars. 9th lord Moon coincides with Chandra Lagna Saturn's placement in the 8th thereof in the constellation denotes the possibility of the death on a religious mission. The 9th lord being watery and the 8th house from Moon in Virgo, a watery sign (*plavagacha-kanya*) that death may befall the individual on a bank (here the river Sarayu). Saturn, the lord, aspects Lagna, its lord, the 8th and its

Mother: Exalted Venus in the 5th aspected by sign dispositor and exalted and Vargottama from the 9th cannot do any *santhana* Similarly the aspect of Lagna lord Mars friendly sign and own constellation on the from Jupiter cannot be deemed to be a Putra- Yoga as it only fortifies the house concerned. The 9th from Lagna and the Moon is occupied alted and Vargottama *karaka* Jupiter in own ellation. The aspect of malefic Saturn on the house from the 12th house, by himself being in constellation of Jupiter, is a major drawback. The 9th lord Moon is debilitated and occupies constellation of 8th lord Mercury, whereas the lord Mercury occupies the constellation of ilitated 9th lord Moon in mutual exchange of ellations.

A major doubt at this juncture is why the unfolded during the reign of exalted Venus. Dasa lord Venus is placed in the constellation ercury, the 8th lord, which is in a Parivartana the debilitated 9th lord Moon both of which in mutual aspect.

Mercury in a *kendra* with the Moon is termed bhramana Yoga. Here it obtains in Lagna too! The 8th lord Mercury in a *kendra* ating Lagna is an unwelcome factor. The Mercury assumes the 8th lordship and Moon, th. Their mutual aspect and exchange is not ive to progeny.

The dispositor of Dasa lord Venus as 5th lord *putrakaraka*, Jupiter, is in the 9th denoting ny. Its dispositor 9th lord as also *karaka* for debilitated Moon is in Lagna. The three - Jupiter and the Moon—are trinally placed one another. This relation is further ce- by the trinal aspect of Jupiter and Ketu. fuel to this, malefic Saturn aspects Jupi- ter, the 5th lord and *putrakaraka*, placed in the 9th from the 12th. Hence the native underwent *putrasoka* culminating in Mathibhramana during the period of exalted Venus."

An excellent analysis, indeed!

RAHU AND KETU IN PREDICTIVE ASTROLOGY

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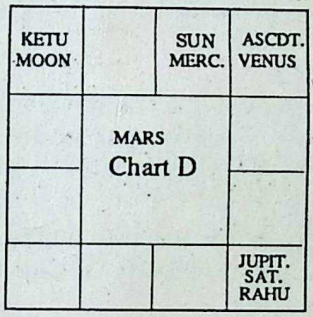
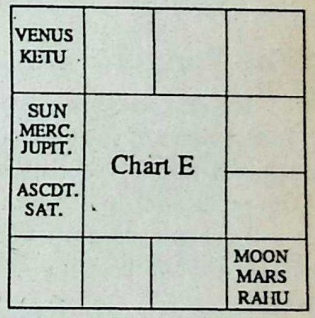
onwards. This birth occurred on November 6th, 1914. On Sunday, April 27th 1941, when the evil asterism of Bharani (35 Arietis) was ruling the subject was bitten by a cobra. Death intervened in the sub-ruling period of Venus in Mars' major rule. The next chart (C) is that of a female born on May 26th 1891 at 12.39 p.m. She was bitten by a large centipede in 1918. Her beauty faded and her mind was deranged for ten years. Her life is still one of dependence on others who feel much for her but cannot alter her Karma. The third (D) is the birth-chart of a young man of good education and wealth, born on May 21st,





1922 at 9.20 a.m. Though possessed of an excellent intellect and fine manly qualities yet less abler men have stolen a march on him due to a weak Kalasarpa Yoga. The last example (E) proves how Rahu and Ketu suck the life out of a horoscope unless Shanti Karma is performed in time. The chart is that of a male born on Saturday, March 14, 1908 at 5.55 a.m. on the first day of waning Moon. There are no planets to the left of Rahu and Ketu. In his 4th year he got an acute attack of *asthma*. One night the nurse mistook the liniment (poison) for a mixture, and administered it to the patient. The Kalasarpa Yoga had effect.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

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Why, even down-right hatred of God has had the clearance from the latter, as a legitimate means to attain Him — to wit, Ravana, Kamsa, Sisupala and others.

But, perhaps, what distinguished them all was, their total or undivided involvement or dedication to what they were doing.

Haven't we heard the learned saying ***yogah karmasu kausalam?*** And in what they did there was honesty, or dharma, of their *prakriti* and which they did not compromise, which led them to *moksha*.

In fact, in the Indian ethos, it is held that our Creator as a benevolent father, enfranchises all the souls even at the moment of birth, to *mumukshatva*; and it is we that dither in exercising that right (but rush in over-doing the privileges) and thus, betray His trust in us.

There is a consolation prize even for the aspirants detained in this life. The derring-do's? among them are tipped for a ticket, may be in the A/C class, in the next or a subsequent birth, in the measure of their progress in their chosen path. Read *Jada-bharata episode? Bravo!*

The Vengeful Dad

Jealousy and possessiveness are the obverse and reverse of the same coin which is legal tender against anger and calamity, no matter how thick the relationship between any two.

A classic example of this truth was illustrated in a real life tragedy witnessed recently in California.

He was a cabman father, who dotted on his young son for inheriting his good looks, and spent most of his earnings on him.

The dad often got into trouble with law on charges of petty larseny; and this became too frequent and the run-ins so regular that his wife threw up the sponge. She divorced him, and for obvious reasons did not take sonny to see his father behind bars.

On his release the father exercised his visiting rights to take the son away to his apartment for a week-end; unfortunately, he had to duck along with his son on account of an arrest warrant against him, and this left his wife tearing her hair.

He, however, phoned his ex-wife from a motel room just to reassure that sonny was safe, when she exploded: "Never in future will I let you to see him."

And that settled it.

He decided on the spot: "If I cannot have him, no one can."

The irate father knocked his young son out with a sleeping pill, kissed him, drenched his robes with kerosene and tossing a lighted match on him, bolted the room and sprinted for his car.

The room exploded and the boy lay charred with 10% of his skin remaining in blister and peeling, but alive.

When the father was later nabbed he confessed, and the trying judge sentenced him for 13 years, regretting he could not enhance it, being the maximum punishment for attempted homicide, which, today, stands at life term.

All these happened in 1983.

The boy proved plucky, and after fifty operations is thriving although self-conscious; he has neither fingers nor toes; but yet prospers in his studies.

The mother has remarried and between the step-father and mother the boy maintains remarkable progress.

This epic story appeared in book form written by mom under the title "David" which is the boy's real name, and which was televised throughout the country by a network.

And now the crunch has appeared.

The dad's term is just over and he is said to have been released, which has become a nightmare to David and his parents.

Often the boy wakes up from his sleep shrieking that a wicked man was chasing him with a kerosene tin and a lighted torch. The parents calm him, yet are unsure what the future holds for him.

The area in which they live is tense because, the convict father is reported to have asked his warden, "What will happen should David's mother and his step-father be killed in a car accident?"

And the minions of law are worried as to what will happen to the criminal father should he show up to see his son, as the citizens are in no mood to forgive him.

One wonders how the father-son relationship has worsened in an amoral society. —127.90

Let a man learn to stand alone, looking to no one for support; expecting no favors, craving no personal advantages; not begging nor complaining, not craving nor regretting, but relying upon the truth within himself, deriving his satisfaction and comfort from the integrity of his own heart.

—*James Allen*

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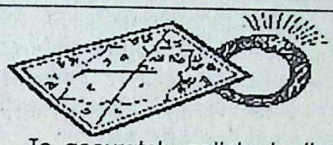

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A.M. July 1990, page 542, Column 2, 8th line from bottom should be "aspects the 12th house and the 2nd lord Jupiter is ....." and not printed.
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फलानि ग्रहचारेण सूचयन्ति मनीषिणः ।
को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकम् वेधसम् विना ॥

Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way that will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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IS MATCHING CHARTS FOR MARRIAGE NECESSARY ?

ANY detailed reference to matching charts is conspicuous by its absence in most classical works, other than the *Muhurta* works. An entire chapter, in many of these works, is often devoted to a discussion of the female chart and generally goes by the name *Stri Jataka*. But look for details on how to make a match astrologically and you are more or less stranded.

Jataka Parijata has a lone section *Varaja-Kujaatakasamyoga* under Adhyaya XIV which starts with defining Kuja Dosha.

लग्नावसानस्मचान्द्रगो धरासुतो जन्मनि यस्य दारहा ।
तथैव कन्याजनजन्मलग्नतो यदि
क्षमासूनुरनिष्टदः पतेः ॥ 34 ॥

Meaning, *if Mars occupy the 2nd, the 12th, the Moon, the 4th or the 8th Bhava in the horoscope of a person he may cause the death of wife. If Mars occupies the same position in the horoscope of the wife to be selected, the planet will be injurious to the husband.* But, there is no way of the Dosha's cancellation by any factor.

Sloka 37 says

कलत्रराशित्रिनृतयेऽथवा स्यात् तदीशसंयुक्तभराशिकोणे ।
कलत्रराशिर्यदि पुत्रशीला तदन्यराशिर्यदि पुत्रहीनः ।

which means, *If the Janma Rasi (Moon-sign) of the wife be included in the triad designated* कलत्रराशि *(Kalatra Rasi) or in the triangular signs of the Rasi occupied by the lord of the 7th Bhava in the horoscope of the husband, the latter will have sons. If the Janma Rasi of the wife be other than those that have been enumerated he will have no issue by her.* This part is, of course, open to debate as it again implies the Moon-sign as the ultimate in matching.

Some light is thrown on matching of charts in Sloka 36 as differentiated from details found in *Kalaprakashika* and other works on Muhurta where the discussion revolves only around Nakshatra-vichara or the Moon-signs and constellations of the couple.

Sloka 36 runs as follows:

द्यूनकुटुम्बगतौ यदि पापौ दारवियोगजदुःखकरौ तौ ।

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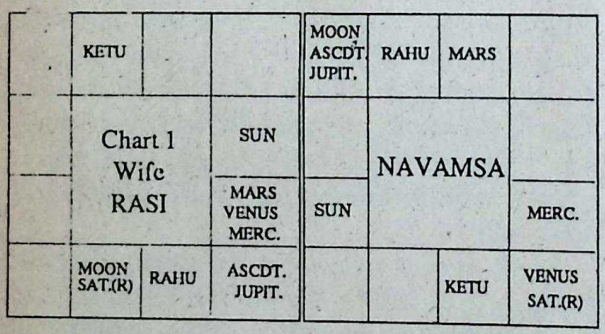
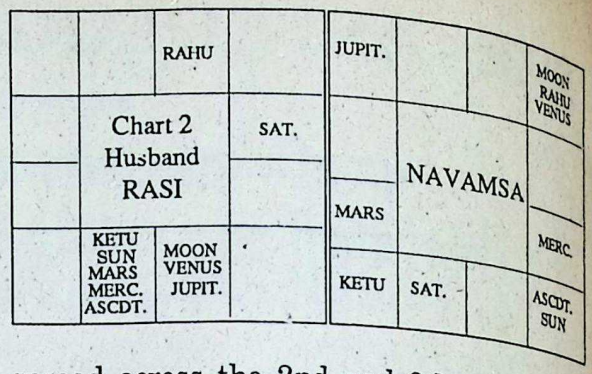
meaning, *Malefic planets in the 2nd and the 7th Bhavas are said to bring about bereavement due to loss of wife. If the person concerned be joined in wedlock to a woman born in a Yoga such as this, he is said to live with children, wealth and other blessings.* The results of such a match are पुत्रधनादियुतश्च children, wealth and other signs of good fortune and also, but more important, दारयुतश्चेज्जीवति living for long with wife. But as always, results cannot be taken too literally. In the first place, the Sloka talks about bereavement due to death of wife if certain combinations are present in a chart. It then moves on to a clause which also provides the solution. It says the horoscopic deficiency defined can be made good if paired with the chart of a woman which has a similar affliction. Since this is a remedial clause, the remedy should cover the prime affliction in the first place which is bereavement. It is, therefore, an antidote to the problem of loss of partner. Is this antidote potent in the case of all other Doshas too? Does a match between two charts with Dosha ensure perfect happiness?

We may be easily misled into a complacent feeling that since the Doshas are balanced, the couple will live in great harmony and happiness as indicated in the closing part of the Sloka. Far from it, all that the balancing process does is to stall early loss of the mate. It does not improve the quality of the marriage promised in the charts. The following example will show how.



The couple (Charts 1 and 2) married about 8 years ago. They are living together under the same roof but like hostile aliens. They do not talk with each other. They cook their food separately.

In the husband's chart, the nodal axis is



spread across the 2nd and 8th houses from Chandra Lagna. In the wife's chart, the axis covers the same houses with reference to the Ascendant. So, there is a similarity in the afflictions in the two charts. This will protect either spouse from dying early which might have been the case if the Doshas had not been balanced. It is only if the results of the malefic Yoga are stalled first that the additional benefits such as children etc., can be enjoyed. That means the basic purpose of this kind of matching is to hold back the danger of *loss of spouse.*

Sloka 34 of Adhyaya XIV covers the 2nd, the 12th, the 7th, the 4th and the 8th houses and has relevance only to Mars occupying these houses and the result is death of wife. Extended to female horoscopes, it invites harm to the husband.

Combining Slokas 34 and 36, the inference is malefics in the 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 12th can lead to the loss of spouse. But if two such charts are paired, the adverse eventuality can be offset.

Dosha means affliction and the results of it are adverse and negative. Does that mean Doshas of any and every kind can be offset by such pairing?

In the wife's chart, the Lagna and the 7th lords are in *dwirdwadasa* (mutually adverse positions covering the 2nd and 12th from each other). Further, Mars aspects the 7th house by his 8th house aspect.

In the husband's chart, Mars and Venus as the Lagna and the 7th lord respectively are in *dwirdwadasa* too. The 7th house is aspected by a combust Ketu-afflicted Ascendant lord. These factors have led to absence of harmony between the couple. However, with a change in directional influences, things may improve but always within the broad parameter defined by these afflictions.

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When weighing the Dosha content of two arts, the sole purpose would appear to be to ure a reasonable length of time during ich the relationship should endure and not cut short by the premature loss of one of the rties to the match.

Dosha Samyam becomes relevant only in e context of Mangalya Dosha or coverture. It s nothing to do with the quality of marriage. t it helps to absorb the tensions some of the ictions may cause without damaging the frastructure of the marriage.

Kuta agreement which is so commonly re- ted to and relied upon entirely to the exclu- n of more important factors by some astrolo- rs seems to do only with mental, psychologi- l and other angles of compatibility that make the human personality.

If the Moons of the boy and the girl are ced in different constellations, then accord- g to a scale of assessment found in almost all rks on Muhurta, the degree of rapport be- een the pair can be assessed. Where the nt is too low, the match may not see much rmony. Viewpoints may differ drastically, itudes too and if the rest of the charts so icate it can lead to friction while if indicative harmony, then both parties may be mature ugh to respect each others' views and avoid shing on trifles. The test of Kuta agreement st wait until the other more important ects of the chart have been thoroughly ghed.

To start with, both charts should have about e same span of life. Where one chart shows yu and the other, a very good span of life, airness to all concerned, the match cannot investigated further.

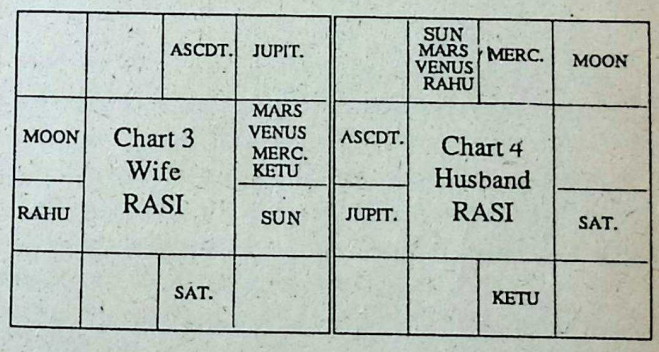
Another important aspect in comparing rts for marriage is to ensure mutual lity. **No matter what the arguments of e ultra-modern youth or the women's ber or even the male chauvinist, most India, why, may be even 98 percent of country, is still anchored in tradi- al values. Western attitudes and ex- al life-styles in some major cities phasizing the pleasure-incentive in are confined only to the novo-rich and k God, middle class morality has still not slackened its grip on the major chunk of our population.** In isolated remote sections of the country, rigid, inhuman mores regulate marriages but they are a negligible fraction. **Nevertheless marriages in India and possibly most parts of the world still seek enduring stability revolving round fidelity.**

This highlights the importance of ensuring in a chart the absence of factors that could influence one to stray away from marital vows and get entangled in extra-marital excursions.

Venus now takes over and a clean Venus is the best thing to have. But this is not always possible and if Venus in both charts is placed in certain ways or influenced by certain factors, then the two charts become capable of catering to each other's apetites and remove the need to seek satiation elsewhere.

Venus influenced by Jupiter is the best for a clean conjugal life. Venus with Mars (we are not talking of lordships for the time being) in both charts is a good thing to have.

Jupiter aspecting the 7th favourably or Saturn influencing it in a constructive sense gives a meagre apetite and when two such people are paired, one can sit back relaxed. Likewise when Venus is with the Sun or Mars or Rahu or Saturn subject to the adverse influence of anyone or more of these planets, one becomes a glutton and has to be paired suitably.



In this pair (Charts 3 and 4) of horoscopes, Venus is heavily afflicted in both charts. The Nodes and Mars afflict Venus and in both it is the 3rd house from Lagna that is involved. The husband and wife have fighting bouts of such intensity as would put World War II veterans to shame but they make up and continue as before. The husband beats the wife and the wife

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is no less violent. Once he broke her finger bones and she, in turn, broke his back. Anyway, the marriage has literally survived through thick and thin.

Certain simple rules of predictive Astrology must also be borne in mind when matching charts. **Jupiter's aspect on the 7th house or the 7th lord ensures a reasonably happy and a stable marriage.** So also Saturn's and Mars' influences, if they are benefics being either Lagna lord or Yogakaraka and cannot be dismissed outright as Doshas.

The 7th lord afflicted by Rahu or the 7th lord in dual signs with serious afflictions indicates more than one marriage. This would automatically imply marriage Number One may not survive for long for any reason, may be due to death of spouse or even divorce (or separation). In such a case, the partner's chart should have a strong 7th and 8th house that can resist the malefic trends indicated in the other chart. And what would make the 7th and 8th houses strong in such a case? The 7th house (or its lord) should be favourably disposed in trines or Kendras so as to withstand any separation possibilities caused by either legal intervention (influence of the 6th or the 12th lord or houses) or disastrous calamities (influence of the 8th house factors). The longevity of the spouse must be good as to prevent the first marriage terminating through death. So, depending upon the lacunae of one chart, the other chart should be selected so as to be able to overcome the drawbacks of the first chart.

For example, in the chart before us of the boy (Chart 5) the Ascendant lord Venus is exalted in the 11th house, good. The 8th lord Jupiter is in the 12th. No planets are in Kendras. The Moon is full but eclipsed being very close to Ketu. The Sun and Mercury are also eclipsed. Applying other tests too, longevity does not appear to be sound. So, when trying for a match with such a chart what is to be done is to look for a girl with a strong Mangalyasthana and a sound 7th house that rules out a second marriage and ensures a long marital partnership.

But unfortunately the young man of our chart got married to the girl of Chart 6. Not that one chart influenced the other in any sinister manner. Each assessed independently and strength to support the weaknesses of the other.

VENUS MARS	JUPIT.	ASCDT.	
SUN MERC. RAHU	Chart 5 Husband RASI		KETU MOON
		SAT.	

	ASCDT.	MERC.	SUN
KETU MOON	NAVAMSA		MARS RAHU
	SAT.	JUPIT.	

In the girl's chart, Mars is in the 8th house which is a strong Kuja Dosha factor and he gets no relief here. The 8th from the Moon has Venus afflicted by Rahu. These are Doshas (Mars in the 8th from Lagna and Rahu in the 8th from the Moon) which are said to lead to loss of spouse. And we have seen the boy's chart is weak regarding longevity. So, the girl's chart only seems to confirm what is already apprehended in the boy's chart, without strength to overcome it. And on top of it all, her Jupiter Dasa began just a month after marriage.

		MARS	
KETU	Chart 6 Wife RASI		SUN MERC.
MOON			VENUS RAHU
JUPIT. SAT.		ASCDT.	

	MARS JUPIT.	VENUS KETU	
ASCDT. SUN	NAVAMSA		
			MOON MERC.
	RAHU	SAT.	

Jupiter is a malefic no doubt and he is well-placed in Sagittarius, his Moolatrikona sign with Yogakaraka Saturn. Then, how does he become relevant in the context of the afflictions to the 8th house both from Lagna and Chandra Lagna? Jupiter is with the 4th lord Saturn, and the two are in the 12th from the 4th indicating deprivation of *sukha* or domestic happiness. Especially that the boy's chart does not promise longevity, nothing could be more obvious or plainly logical than loss of husband if the two charts were to be paired. But paired they were in June 1984. The young man who was hale and healthy collapsed of a massive heart attack in January 1987.

Now go to the Kuta count and see for your-

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News and Views

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High-Court Hinduism?

THE irrepressible Mr. V. R. Krishna Iyer, former Judge of the Supreme Court, is in the news again!

He has come out hammer and tongs against the recent judgement of the Kerala High Court on the Guruvayur Temple Management case.

As is well known, it pertains to the admissibility of a certain person to the Managing Committee, as he did not conform to the requirements thereof.

By tearing the judgement out of context and introducing extra-curricular arguments, such as secularism and the *Upanishads*, Mr. Iyer has sought to defame it as obscurantist.

For a retired judge to do so is uncharitable not only to the said Bench but to the intelligence of the common man; for, the judgement clearly states that it refers to the Hindu in the context of the Dewasvom Board's constitution which is not the be- all and end-all of things.

And to interpret it in this limited sense and incorrectly too, does not and cannot deny one's Hinduhood altogether except in the Pickwickian sense; and the reverse is equally true.

For instance, a Hindu cannot enter the temple or take part in religious functions during the period "Sutaka" *i.e.* within 10 days of death of a close relative or birth of a child. For that reason he is not stripped of Hinduism.

Mr. Iyer's dialectic in quoting Swami Vivekananda, Aurobindo and Tagore is irrelevant and calculated at confusing the issue; for, these views are from an altogether high level.

And for them, the temple may not mean a thing!

But to the old lady of the village, Guruvayurappan is *paterfamilias;* and to leave her upkeep, in her view, in the hands of an unbeliever is little short of desecration. And the temple being a unit of community life, its affairs are governed by tradition too.

As an ex-Judge, Mr. Iyer should know that a ruler should not merely rule justly, but *appear* to rule justly too.

If he argues in terms of secularism, and the "larger interest" of the country, he is flogging the wrong horse; for the judge's podium is not the forum for socio-religious reform.

Tips on Matching Horoscopes

While the scholars will be discussing Mars Dosha and Dasa Sandhis in their articles in this special number, I shall content myself mentioning a few odd bits of information I have collected on the issue of matching horoscopes for marriage.

(a) The first is a peep into how the westerners match partners. They keep registers containing bio-data and charts of parties seeking partners and the astrologers select suitable ones from them and advise them. The process they use is technically known as Synastry. *Syn* means coming together and *astran* means stars. Together it means seeking stellar influences that are identical. Business partners too they select by this process.

The significators for this process are the Ascendant, Sun-sign, 7th cusp and M.C. of both charts. Permutation and combination of a favourable character between them such as conjunction, one being in the other in the two charts etc.

The girl's Sun opposing the boy's Ascendant (Sama Saptama) is deemed a positive alignment ensuring rapport; a square between them is undesirable as it will create tension. Trine and sextile will make the match pleasant.

Then the relationship between planets is examined allowing an orb of 5° and major aspects such as conjunction, trine and sextile between them

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contributing to harmony and sympathy. A good aspect between male Mars and female Venus will contribute to sex attraction; Mercury's will denote intellectual identity, while its square will lead to quarrel. And of course a well-placed Jupiter will provide the antidote. A square between the boy's Sun and the girl's Saturn could douse the relationship although the latter in Capricorn could make all the difference. And progressed charts are pressed into service for fixing the event. An evil aspect such as square between Venus and the malefic Uranus and Pluto are dreaded as leading to sexual excesses.

(b) I have found that the Rahu-Ketu axis along or by the side of all three at the same time—Lagna, Moon and Venus in any chart without Jupiter's aspect invariably leads to separation. One could try matching a similarly afflicted partner for perfect match, following the Indian theory of equal afflictions contributing to prosperity.

(c) An Ashtakavarga enthusiast tells me that matching horoscopes by the dots is about the easier and better method. All that one has to do is to tabulate house by house the Samudaya Ashtakavarga *bindus* before reduction in adjacent columns; add the columns horizontally house by house, divide the sum by two and enter the latter in the third column against the particular houses. If the latter figure is 27 or above, that Bhava or house prospers. Thus, should the following Bhavas pass the test, marriage can be permitted: 1, 5 and 7 and, more Bhavas doing so, the better. Hey presto!

Gulika - the Much Maligned

A close study of available literature on the sub-planet Gulika reveals that he is more sinned against than he has. Being born of Saturn, he is made to carry the cross of dubious distinction bequeathed by his father.

The name apparently is derived from the root (गुर) to hurt or kill; and the letter (र) being freely interchangeable with (ल) he has come to mean one who is evil! His natural name of course should be Maandi or Mandaa's son, even as Rama is called Daasarathi.

I am one of those who prefers to align myself with the school of Vaidyanatha, Mantreswara, Somayaji and Mahadeva rather than the maverick Kalidasa of *Uttarakalamrita* and hold that Maandi and Gulika are one and the same. However, I prefer to call that entity *Maandi* in horoscopy, and Gulika in *muhurta* just to avoid confusion and create a convention.

It is common knowledge that Gulika presents himself on weekdays respectively at the fixed *ghatis* of 26, 22, 18, 14, 10, 6 and 2, from sunrise, during daytime and from 10 *ghatis* onwards in the same cycle and order at night time. For horoscope purposes, he chooses to stay in those Rasis that rise at those *ghatis* for the entire day or night as the case may be. I need not go into the theory of how these *ghatis* were allotted *viz.*, via the 8th *muhurta*.

He heads the team of sub-planets and enjoys the highest dose of power, while the others of his team wield half or even less of it to do good or bad. I have read that he rules over Aquarius which is quite plausible, what with his serious role and parentage!

Popular opinion pictures him as dark in complexion like *kaajal*, blood red eyes, uncouth build, with a capacious, foul mouth, fearful teeth, and terrifying mein. And he is held to dwarf his father in cruelty.

Mantreswara makes him evil in all houses except 3, 6 and 11, following the general rule applied to malefics. In fact, he credits his 6th house occupation with making the native a famed scientist, brave, proud father, charming of personality and what not.

A closer examination of texts however reveals that the concept of Gulika is forbidding and makes it unenviable. A measure of it will be seen from Mantreswara's dictum that when his dispositor occupies Kendra, Trikona, exaltation or own house in strength, he confers Raja Yoga on the native. This gives us a clue to the very crucial role he plays in our life. This is clearly spelt out by an eminent commentator:

कर्मपाकाभिव्यञ्जनकालस्य गुळिकसम्बन्ध

वशादव धारयितव्यत्वं ।

Literally it means, one should discern the manifestation of the development of the consequences of one's *karma* from Gulika. Further, summing up, he says:

सर्वकालोपदान कारणत्वं

He is the index of the material cause of all actions.

Now, of all ripening of *karmas* taking birth gets the palm. And that is why classical texts hold

लग्नं वदन्ति गुळिकांश राशिकोणं

and गुळिकांत्रिकोणभेवा जन्म ब्रूयात् नवांशे

meaning, the Lagna or Navamsa should fall in

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A Vital Point in Tallying

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THE traditional and the additional, and, the approved and the altered is the only suitable rule of approach to astrological predic- about any event, particularly for matrimony. these four points be explained briefly before e case-studies are given to show that it is not easy task to reject a horoscope, particularly a s, for the purpose of tallying of horoscopes. It equally difficult to approve it as perfectly all ht.

e Traditional

All the traditional methods of tallying horo- es are as valid today as they were when they e formulated. Yet to accept it even the modern ated astrologer has to take the help of a logist and a medical man, particularly a gynae- gist to understand the concept involved in T', the help of a sociologist to produce case- dies statistically to show whether in such pro- ions (one need not name them) where the ept of sexual chastity is treated as outmoded, riages of couples in these professions have ived on the basis of "implied" acceptance of other's faults.

But as we have said the traditional method of ing horoscope is the primary fundamental roach that must be made but not without ing answers to some questions of our age.

When the marriage of a girl or boy has been delayed, and if they have crossed the mar- eable age, say, of twenty-six years, is the itional method of tallying to be done *in toto*? It r experience that in such marriages where the girl and the boy are well-educated the of egos is inevitable, more so where the girl economically dependent. Astrologically the of egos is as important a matrimonial prob- as the "mother-in-law" complex. A wife earning more than her husband, more famous, a sought-after beauty must hurt the male ego of a male-dominated society. It has to be understood, analysed and timed astorologically.

The Additional

To be combined with the normal tallying of the horoscopes are, these days, the four, among many other, additional points. For memory tablet let us call it *SOFT* formula (S for status of the husband/wife, O for the orthodox or unorthodox marriage, F for the financial prospects in the marital life and T for the terms of longevity of the marriage life—not partners).

Status: It is a very fruitful area of research and we have found that advising a person about the status of the husband/wife one is likely to be is very helpful. A horoscope was referred to us by Sri Jaya Ram Ayyar, a veteran astrologer of Delhi, of his own grandson sometime in March 1990 and we had predicted that the wife would be not merely well-employed but would have artistic talent. Answering this description *in toto* was a girl with whom the marriage was solemnised in May 1990 in Delhi. In the case of a girl the predicition was that her husband would be technocrat in a foreign country. She is now leading her married life in U.S.A. This subject can be discussed later.

Orthodox: There seems to be certain inevitability even in the choice of a marriage partner in an orthodox or unorthodox way. That a large percentage of unorthodox marriages are breaking down faster than orthodox marriages is our experience. But an astrologer cannot prevent it. His duty is to advise and earn the odium of right advice.

Finances: In a marriage financial prospects seem to be the most predominant factor. If money cannot be earned in the right way, wrong means

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are adopted. Strangely, it may appear unpleasant, here the wife and the husband seem to agree on the "methods". These factors are clearly visible in horoscopes. Here again the astrologer has to soft-pedal or even keep quiet.

Terms of Longevity of Marriage: It is the most baffling area in predictions about marriage. The death of a marriage partner, particularly of the husband, was a total disaster for the economically dependent housewife. These days it is less of a financial disaster in the case of a working girl than an emotional storm or even riddance, depending on how happy or unhappy the married couples were.

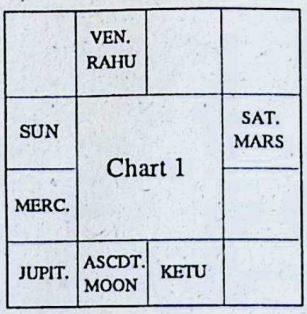
The Approved: Marrying within one's caste, community with an age difference between five and eight years between the girl and the boy, the male being senior in age is getting disturbed in the cases of even orthodox middle class families and helpless parents, who cannot raise the amount of dowry for their daughters and have to reconcile themselves to it.

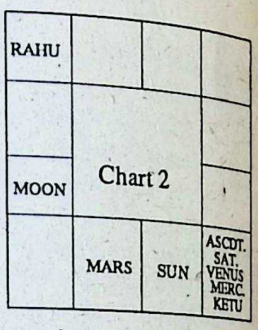
The Altered

Before we give illustrations about only one point about which astrologers express different views, let us stress the need for examination of a horoscope individually, on its own merits or demerits. Dosha-samya or balanced defects cancelling each other out has both its validity and its limitations. Which defect in the horoscope of a girl cancels out which defect in the boy's is difficult to decide. In the altered circumstances of these days these defects re-manifest in new ways; a high-caste girl married a scheduled boy and now enjoys which she and her husband would not have if she had married in her own caste. But tension in their married life was unabated till they divorced each other. Marrying a non-resident Indian provokes its own reactions.

Now we come to the one point only towards which astrologers must pay serious attention and do more research. What are the results of the 7th lord being in the 6th when before tallying any horoscope an astrologer sees it in a horoscope. As will be evident it is not part of normal tallying of horoscopes, if otherwise horoscopes tally. But we insist that like this there are at least ten points which must be examined. Some of them are so unpleasant that we do not want to discuss them. We are here referring to only one point, the presence of the 7th lord in the 6th house.

Given here are two horoscopes of ladies in both of which cases tallying was done and approved astrologically. Without looking into the horoscopes of their husbands if these horoscopes are seen independently it would be clear that while in the first case Jupiter in the 2nd house aspecting the 7th lord in the 6th house is a strong factor to save the marriage, in the second case, the 7th lord Jupiter (R) in the 6th house aspected by Mars and a heavily afflicted 7th house wrecks marriage. In the first case the marriage has survived more than 15 years not without the normal tensions of married life while in the second case a tension-filled married life lasted less than 8 years till a divorce was obtained. But even then post-divorce tensions continue 7 years after divorce.





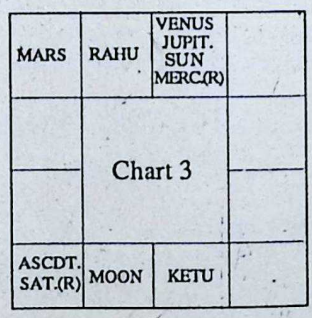
We are stressing four points in those horoscopes where the 7th lord is in the 6th house.

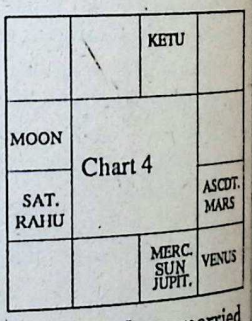
(a) Examine the 7th lord first. If afflicted and not conjoined with benefics or aspected by benefics, particularly Jupiter, proceed cautiously even if horoscopes tally otherwise.

(b) Examine the 7th house and aspects on it.

(c) Examine the 2nd house and aspects on it.

(d) Examine the 8th house and the aspects on it.





Both these are cases of males whose married life has survived thirty years by now and both have their own property, career, well-to-do children and happy married life. In both cases it will be seen that Jupiter is with the 7th lord in one case while he aspects the 7th house in the other. The second house has either a benefic or aspect of benefics while the 8th house is free from malefic associations.

Here we are showing the examples of an Italian

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Matching Horoscopes: A Historical Perspective

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THE institution of marriage has had a glorious past in India. Great thought had been bestowed on it; for, the Rishis of yore had visaged as many as eight distinct types of marriage:

(1) Braahma, (2) Daivik, (3) Aarsha, (4) Prajapatya, (5) Aasura, (6) Gaandharva, (7) Raakshasa and (8) Paisacha.

The first consisted in giving the (*kanya*) bride to a well-behaved Vedic scholar; the second when the *kanya* was offered in marriage to the *ritvik* who presided over the father's *yagna*. In the third variety, the *kanya* was given in marriage to a groom in return for a couple of cows and oxen. This could afford only that. In the fourth category, the young bride was given to a young groom for enable performance of household Dharma.

It is claimed that children born out of such marriages release by their virtue several echelons of ancestors from their sins besides enjoying excellent health and prosperity themselves.

On the face of it, the above four types of marriage are no longer valid in the context of our social, political and economic compulsions of today.

The fifth, Aasuric variety, consists in a marriage between a boy and girl in which the expenditure goes beyond the parent's means. The children born out of this union will be wicked, habitual liars and engage themselves in disreputable activities.

The Gaandharva type can be called love-marriage. They envisioned it for Kshatriyas as happened between Dushyanta and Sakuntala. No Dharma is said to be involved in this type.

The Raakshasa type of marriage consists in conniving at it through force, violence, such as kidnap. It may be illustrated by the Raavana type of marriages.

The worst in the list is the type which is contracted while the party is asleep, mentally deranged or by cheating—Paisacha.

It will be clear from the above description that the marriage of today can be labelled Aasuric and true to form, we inherit all kinds of problems. It certainly is not the Braahma type claimed for it and cannot yield Dharma as dividend. But who cares?

II

A historical survey of the institution of marriage reveals that it was performed during Vedic times on intrinsic merit alone and oriented towards Dharma. There are no evidences for, nor was there need, to compare horoscopes for marriage. Even in Puranic times, we don't hear of it. Sri Rama did have a horoscope and so had Sita, but neither Dasaratha nor Guru Vasishta seemed to have asked for it. Sri Krishna had one as we know that Garga made it, but Rukmini's love-letter rather than horoscopes seemed to have fixed the match. It was Gaandharva-*cum*-Raakshasa with the consent of the bride, which is most important.

With the passage of time, however, values in life seem to have changed beyond recognition and the product known as merit seems to have evaporated from human ken; one had perforce to search for its nucleus which they hoped to rescue from the horoscope at birth, and that is how horoscopes gained *locus standii* in the marriage market, with its good, bad and indifferent results.

Having thus ruled the roost for some centuries now, it promises a queer dividend for the 21st century. It is this: Matching horoscope for marriage should not stop with the bride and groom; it should extend to the in-laws too, such as seeing whether the mother-in-law would treat the daughter-in-law well, *vice versa* etc.

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III

It appears that for a long time, Koota examination had been the *piece-de-resistance* in matching horoscopes for marriage. In this exercise, the target selected for examination has amazingly been the birth-star or the Moon which is the focal point of conduit of cosmic forces on man and his *chaitanya*, which speaks eloquently of the perception of the formulators of this *vyavastha*. All these Koota tools view this sensitive target from hundred angles through cameras, as it were, of differing powers and by feeding the result to the computer in our brain, churned out the verdict on the matchability.

Vaidyanatha in his *Muhurta Parijata* (unpublished) cites as many as 18 Kootas. They are:

(1) Dina, (2) Gana, (3) Maahendra, (4) Stri Deergha, (5) Yoni, (6) Rasi, (7) Rasi lords, (8) Vasya, (9) Naadi, (10) Rajju, (11) Linga, (12) Aaya, (13) Varna, (14) Vedha, (15) Yogini, (16) Pakshi, (17) Gotra and (18) Bhoota.

Of their effects he says:

One judges longevity from Dina, good health from Gana, children from Maahendra, conjugal happiness through Yoni, improvement of clan from Rasi, mutual attraction from Rasi lord and Vasya; extreme well-being from Naadi and longevity of husband from Rajju.

Without going into details about the mode of reckoning the different Koota, I shall content myself pointing to specific issues.

After mentioning the essential Kootas needed for the different Varnas, he declares:

सर्वेषामेव वर्णानां प्रशस्तं हि चतुष्टयम् ।

ग्रहमैत्री राशिकूटं नाढी योनिर्विशेषतः ।।

"Friendship between the Rasi lords, Rasis themselves, Naadi and Yoni are specially advocated for all."

He mentions that different Kootas are emphasised in different regions of the country and those Koota tests should be applied for those regions.

Vaidyanatha is an enthusiast of Amsa-Maitra. Says he:

विरुद्धं राशिमित्रत्वे मैत्री चांशपतेर्यदि ।

अंशमैत्रेण कर्तव्यं विसृजेत्शश्यमित्रताम् ॥

अंशनायकयोः प्रीतिरुत्तमं पाणिपीडने ।

अंशराशीशयोर्वैरं वर्जनीयं प्रयत्नतः ।।

"In the absence of friendship between Rasi lords, should their Amsa lords be friends, the former can be ignored. For matching marriages, friendship between Amsa lords is the best, while their enmity should be avoided as far as possible."

In the context of Dina Koota, he states categorically the star should either be both that of birth or the name, and certainly not one of birth and the other of name.

जन्मना जन्म कुर्वीत नाम्नानाम विचिन्तयेन् ।

जन्मनाम न कुर्वीत दम्पत्योर्निधनप्रदम ॥

Also he countermands the same *pada* in the accepted same Nakshatras.

In 6/8 he talks of Mitra Shashtashtaka, in which the bride's happens to be odd Rasi which is acceptable.

He contermands Eka Rajju (horizontal) and commends Bhinna Rajju; at the same time the mutual ascending/descending Rajju, but never compromises on the first by reason of the second.

IV

Having said all this, Vaidyanatha emphasises the need for consent for the marriage from the parties concerned before finalising. Says he:

मनोनुकूलं प्रथमं प्रशस्तं लब्ध्वातु पश्चत् दशसंपदश्च ।

ततो निमित्तैः सुमुहूर्त काले संचिन्त्य

कन्यां वर उद्वहेताम्।

"The groom should first ascertain the consent of the bride, then ensure clearance of Dina Kootas. Having obtained them, he should subject the clearance to omens and only after obtaining it, must he wed the bride, thus fully satisfied on all counts."

V

Vaidyanatha belongs to the 15th century which appears to be the last turning point in the history of marital Astrology in India. **For the first time an astrologer in his person asks for the consent of the bride.**

Since his time, there appears to have been a gradual upgradation of the tools of judgement.

In this respect Kerala, as in all matters of Astrology, appears to have spearheaded the movement and made matching horoscopes part and parcel of electional (*Muhurta*) Astrology by inducting all the tools of Natal Astrology—hitherto it had been the Moon or star only—into the picture and giving it the full benefit of total astrological knowledge.

The first step in this direction was to assess the

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Compatibility: The Test of a Successful Marriage

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A

IF TWO persons who marry, form a business partnership, or share a m or an apartment are to e a successful relationship, y must be *compatible*.

Psychology and religion have n a great failure in solving ir problems.

The psychiatrists (first called ienists" until about 1930 and rinks" since about 1960) can- t solve their own problems. rund Freud had marital dif- ities. The Chicago, Illinois, une of December 12, 1961, e 2, reported that the wife of ychiatrist there, Jordan Schar, to sue for a divorce because as so mentally and physi- cruel and abusive. The same spaper, in an editorial on July 75, concluded that **"psychia- is the most inexact of ences".**

There have been shocking ies of psychologists and chiatrists who committed ide or were sued for ting to experiment with female clients or patients having sexual relations them. The Chicago *Tri-* of October 5, 1965 (Sec. 1-A, 10) reported that a psychia- had been arrested on nar- s charges and for carrying a aled weapon. His wife had divorced him six weeks earlier and the previous year he had spent five months in a sanaitarium as a *mental* patient.

John B. Watson, one of the leading American psychologists and founder of the "behaviorist school" of psychology, divorced his wife in 1920. As a boy he was indolent, argumentative, belligerent, and was twice arrested for fighting and shooting firearms.

Dr. George Weinberg in *Self-Creation* (1978), page 219, said that "Modern psychology is now a century old" and it had not "enabled people to understand and help themselves". "Few if any truths have emerged from it, and no effective system of therapy. The insights of classical analysis were not only false but many were downright harmful." And so, psychology, divorced from philosophy in 1879 by Wilhelm Wandt of Germany in an attempt to make a mental science of it, has been an abysmal failure.

During the last two or three years the geneticists have found the gene that causes schizophrenia and that the gene that causes shyness - thought by psychiatrists to be mental disorders. We are learning that such disorders, formerly believed to be of a psychological or environmental nature, are actually of a genetic, biological or hereditary nature.

The clergy have also chalked up a sorry record. A 19th century New England minister (who was married) fell in love with one of the female members of his church, which created quite a scandal. Aimee Semple McPherson, founder of the Four Square Gospel Church in Los Angeles, California, died of an overdose of drugs in 1944. Billy Sunday, a popular American evangelist of the 1920's, had a son George who was in and out of jail for stealing and committed suicide in September 1933. Son William, Jr. had marriage problems. The *Bible* says, **"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he grows up he will not depart from it."** It did not work for Rev. Sunday.

Mary Baker Edly, founder of the Christian Science Church and who denounced Astrology, had three marriages—all of them nightmares. Her first husband died within a year and left her with a baby boy, whom she farmed out for others to take care of while she studied theology and formulated her Christian Science. She seldom saw her son and did not seem to care much about him. Her second husband was a dentist. He abandoned her and she divorced him on the ground of desertion. Her third and last husband, Mr. Eddy, had been one of her star pupils in Chris-

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tian Science. That marriage lasted only five years. He had many enemies and was falsely accused of committing all sorts of atrocious crimes. This hurt him so deeply that he became ill and died, his wife's Christian Science practice for the sick notwithstanding.

The psychologists who practise marriage counselling and the clergy who counsel their church members who have marriage problems have been of little help simply because the problem lies in the stars, not the psychological maladjustments or failure to pray enough.

What the psychologists and clergy have not been able to do to help their clients or members achieve marital harmony, Indian Astrology has been doing successfully for several thousand years by matching the horoscopes of the prospective bride and groom before they take the fateful step of marrying.

There are ten (some say 12) *Kutas* (indications of compatibility) to consider in analysing the two horoscopes. The five given herewith are perhaps the most important and if they do well in these, the marriage stands an excellent chance of being successful. The five we will consider are:

1. *Dina Kuta* (Karma or luck compatibility based upon their lunar asterisms) The birth star (asterism, or Nakshatra) in which the man's natal Moon is posited should be in the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, or 9th from the woman's. The 2nd denotes prosperity in marriage, the 4th welfare, the 6th luck or God's grace, the 8th friendship, and the 9th highest friendship. On the other hand, the 3rd denotes adversity, the 5th losses and obstacles, and the 7th slaughter.

For example, the woman has the Moon in the asterism Rohini and the man has the Moon in the asterism Anuradha. Count from his asterism, Anuradha, to hers, Rohini, inclusive, which is 15 asterisms. This number 15 divided by 9 gives 6 as remainder, which is the number to use. As shown above, the number 6 is good—some think it is the best—since it denotes luck or God's grace.

The man's asterism, it should be emphasized, should beat at least 10 asterisms past hers for best results.

2. **Rasi Kuta** (Moon-sign compatibility) :It will be noted that while there are 27 asterisms, there are only 12 signs. The Moon's sign in the man's horoscope should be 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th from hers. The 7th (opposition) is best, because it confers a long and happy life for the couple, as in the above example—her Moon in Taurus and his in Scorpio. His Moon in the 2nd from hers causes adversity; in the 3rd from hers, misery; in the 4th from hers, poverty; in the 5th from hers makes him a widower due to her early death; in the 6th from hers, loss of children; in the 8th from hers causes his early death.

3. **Graha Maitra Kuta** (Psychological compatibility) : The rulers of their Moon-signs should not be bitter enemies — as, her Moon in Leo and his in Aquarius, ruled by the Sun and Saturn, respectively, since they are highly inimical to each other. Or her Moon in Scorpio, ruled by Mars, and his in Capricorn or Aquarius, ruled by Saturn—again bitter enemies.

4. **Yoni Kuta** (Sexual compatibility) : This is represented by the animal symbol of the 27 asterisms. The animals are sheep, serpent, lion, etc., and are given in several text-books. If the asterisms of the man and woman have the same animal symbol, they will be well mated. They will be especially hostile, however, if they are rat and cat, rat and serpent, monkey and sheep, cow and tiger, deer and elephant, dog and deer, and horse and buffalo. The other combinations give average sexual compatibility.

5. **Varna Kuta** (Caste or class compatibility) : There is no class system in the United States, as in England, except an unofficial one which is based upon wealth, social standing and early American ancestry. It is noticeable in the prison system where "white colour" criminals (politicians, bank presidents, corporation executives, etc.), are fined or serve short sentences in "correctional facilities" away from the "blue collar" criminals, who have been convicted of armed robbery, murder, burglary, etc., and often serve long terms in prison. In India a Brahmin should not marry a Sudra. The son of a millionaire should not marry the daughter of a poor farmer; a Christian should not marry a Muslim. Religious, cultural, educational and racial differences often make for incompatibility. Thus, a Japanese should not marry a Swede; a man with a college education should not marry a woman with an elementary education. But if their horoscopes match well, such factors may sometimes be ignored. In recent years several members of royal families have married far below their class, Emperor Akihito of Japan, Crown Prince Haarold of Norway, Princess Margaret of England and King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden have all married commoners.

There has always been a good deal of inter-racial marrying in the United States, which has

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andom Thoughts on Marriage Counselling

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MARRIAGE counselling is a complicated affair. On the one hand it is the most ular and constructive aspect Astrology. On the other, it es the question of thwarting possible planetary impact. It involves the question of the ficance of marriage itself: t is the meaning of harmony marital life? What is the pur- e of marriage as an institu- ? The modern trend in un- tional marriages also needs taken into account and above the astrologer should also be clear in his mind as to what striving for ? Is he trying to his client of the impending er, or is he going to indicate possible consequences and ment problems likely to be in a given Marriage part- ip? What are the possible lties in marriage and how e contracting parties meet difficulties? And above all, is the meaning of marriage from a deeper standpoint ? are some of the questions the astrologers and the ers both ought to be aware e venturing into the realm riage conselling.

recent trend among some of nest Indian astrologers is off a large number of natal of married partners or of cting parties indicating their personal weaknesses and justifying them on the basis of astrological or planetary combinations. If some one has been indulging in extra-marital sexual relationship, there must have been some planetary combination which had led the person to that situation. But could there be any other implication of such a combination which if known by the person concerned could have led him to overcome those difficulties? If extra-marital relationship or any deviation from the socially approved norm is wrong, then planetary forces (which in fact are benevolent impulses of the Divine for the evolution of the individual ego) could not induce him to get trapped in those unfortunate events. It is indeed a moral duty of the (Hindu) astrologers capable of comprehending the planetary impulses on an individual's intimate life, to find out the deeper implications of those forces and how the individual could transmute those physical conditions (or sex arousing impulses) towards higher end. In this way, the task of marriage counselling is indeed a very onerous responsibility which the astrologers must discharge with conscience.

Prof. B. Suryanarain Rao in his *Strijataka or Female Horoscopy* has given many valuable hints about marriage and the problems related to special features of women which need special considerations and which distinguish a male horoscope from that of a female. Widowhood by itself does not determine the misfortune or otherwise of a female. Extra-marital lapses have planetary as well as social consequences. The first appearance of menses which is beyond the control of human individuals has far-reaching impact on the psychological and physiological state of the female. In marriages, as Prof. Suryanarain Rao emphasises, it is not merely the longevity of the married partner but many other factors that are important. He has noted that for personal appearance, character, general health, position and happiness, Lagna as well as Chandra Lagna should be consulted for a female; for the husband, his appearance, position and behaviour, the 7th from Lagna should be consulted. For conception, pregnancy, delivery, married life, prosperity, jewels, ornaments and for the prosperity and adversity of children, the 5th from Chandra or Lagna or from both has to be examined. For the longevity of the husband, for the married state and widowhood the 8th house should be consulted. Obviously, in matching of the

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horoscopes between two persons likely to enter into wedlock, one will have to be very careful as to what one is looking for. Usually the guardians, or even the prospective partners put the question whether the partners would be happy together, or sometimes they put the question as to the compatibility of the horoscopes: Do the horoscopes match? Before answering such questions it is imperative to know what one is answering.

Generally speaking, many astrologers take into consideration what is known as the *Kuja Dosha* and on the basis of this criterion they check the compatibility or otherwise of the horoscopes. Kuja Dosha, in brief, implies the presence of Mars in 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th or 12th houses. From this it could be seen that the presence or aspect of Mars on 7th or 8th house is not considered auspicious. If it is present in the case of a male it implies the death of the wife, and if present in the case of a male it implies the death of the husband. In the same way, any association of Saturn with the 8th house, specially when it is weak or afflicted, is considered inauspicious. In the case of a male, if there is any malefic in the 2nd or 7th, it is considered bad. But, it is said that the presence of similar combinations in *both*, the male and the female, nullifies the impact. This is the general rule in which many astrologers decide the compatibility of horoscopes. I do not wish to enter into a discussion on the rationale of this principle, but would like to mention that this is a very weak ground for matching horoscopes.

Another set of rules pointing to the widowhood of the girl is also taken into account. Some of the rules link the malefics with the 7th and 8th houses. For example, it is said that Moon in *Lagna* while Mars is in 7th house causes widowhood within eight years of marriage. Saturn or the Sun in his own sign identical with the 8th house denotes barren female. On the other hand relationship between the Ascendant lord and the 7th lord is also important. Some texts have mentioned that the Ascendant lord individually disposed in any manner in the 1st or the 7th or joining in one of these houses portends that the couple will be exceedingly amicable to each other.

The following 8 rules are considered important for deciding the compatibility of the partners:

(1) If the girl has her Moon in the same sign as that in which the lord of the 7th house in a boy's horoscope is placed.

(2) If the Moon-sign in a girl's horoscope is the exaltation sign of the lord of 7th house in a boy's horoscope.

(3) Even if the Moon-sign in a girl's horoscope happens to be the depression sign of the lord of the 7th house in a boy's chart.

(4) If the Moon-sign of the girl is the same as that in which Venus in a boy's chart is placed.

(5) Even if the 7th house has the same sign in a boy's chart as the Moon-sign in the girl's chart.

(6) The sign in which the Ascendant lord of the boy is placed happens to be the Moon-sign of the girl.

(7) If the Ascendant of the girl happens to be the same as the 7th sign from the boy's Moon-sign.

(8) If the girl has her Moon-sign as one of those in which the planets aspecting the Moon-sign in a boy's chart are placed.

The above 8 rules are quite common among some astrologers in deciding whether a girl and a boy should be married to each other. But a more prevalent method for matching the horoscopes of a boy and a girl is to ascertain the Nakshatra in which the Moon in a boy's chart is placed and on that basis considers the Nakshatra in which the Moon in a girl's chart is placed and on this consideration ascertain the compatibility of these two Nakshatras. On this basis various points are given for different kinds of harmonious relationship between the two individuals. The highest point accorded is 36 which obtains when the boy is born in first half of Mrigasira and the girl is born in Rohini Nakshatra. If the total of such points comes to 18, then also the marriage obtains the pass mark, below which the compatibility factor is below the average and such marriages are not advisable.

This method of tallying horoscopes is very comprehensive and goes to the root of the compatibility and harmony principle in Nature. The total of the points is an aggregate of 8 kinds of relationships. These are: Castes such as Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaisya and Sudra; species such as quadruped, human, aquatic, forest-dweller and insects; *Yonis* classified into 14 kinds such as horse, elephant, ram, serpent, dog, cat, mouse, cow, bull, tiger, deer, monkey, mongoose and lion; *Ganas* such as god, human and demon; *Nadis* which classified the 27 Nakshatras into beginning, middle and terminal; *Tara* takes into account the number of Nakshatras that elapsed from that of the boy to that of the girl and *vice - versa* and this number is divided by 9 and the remainder taken into account in order to determine the auspicious relationship between the two or otherwise; *Bhakut* which takes into account the relationship between the Moon-signs of the partners; and planetary relationships. The aggregate points of these eight bases of compatibility are known as the total *Gunas*.—139.90.

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Facts and Myths about Matching

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THERE are many unfounded beliefs and ideas about matching charts for marriage purposes. First, there are twenty Kutas based on the Nakshatras of the Moon of which eleven are taken to be important. These eleven give a total score of 36 and we are told that eighteen is the required minimum. Each Kuta or Kuta has a specific function as follows:

(1) *Dina:* Longevity, health, income. This is important for Brahmanas. (2) *Gana:* Health, auspiciousness. This is important for Kshatriyas. (3) *Yoni:* Children, mutual compatibility. This is important for Sudras. (4) *Mahendra:* Long life with husband. (5) *Vedha:* Mutual opposition. (6) *Stree Deergha:* Physical well-being, happiness. (7) *Mahendra:* Children and grand-children. (8) *Stree Deergha:* Health. (9) *Rasi:* Progeny. This is important for Vaisyas. (10) *Rasyadhipati:* Children (11) *Vasya:* Mutual agreement.

The others are Ganitagata Nadaya, Aya, Jati, Pakshi, Bhutti, Linga, Bhuta, Chandra Gotra. These refer to longevity, compatibility, good or bad, rivals, misunderstandings, fidelity, auspiciousness and medical nature. Generally, the eleven alone are taken into account.

In North India, the man and his bride having the same Nadi is said to be inauspicious. Possibly Nadi refers to blood groups. In Tamil Nadu and other places persons having the same Rajju are not allowed to be husband and wife - *Eka rajjurmrityukari*. The same Rajju for both brings about death. In our illustrations we will show the couple having the same Nadi or same Rajju or both.

Our authorities are kind enough to see that marriages are accomplished. Hence they provide exceptions. We are told that there is no Nadi defect if the birth constellations are Krittika, Rohini, Mrigasira, Makha, Hasta, Swati, Anuradha, Moola, Sravana or Revati. *Muhurta Chintamani* states that there is no Nadi defect if the Moon-sign is the same with different Nakshatras, or the same Nakshatra with different signs.

Counting the Nakshatras from Aswini, the same Nakshatra is allowed if it is 4, 6, 10, 13, 16, 22, 26 and 27. The Nakshatras 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 17, 20 and 21 may be allowed. But if it happens to be 2, 9, 14, 18, 19, 24 or 25 it is prohibited.

The first Nakshatra being that of the girl, the following pairs are prohibited: 2 and 9; 9 and 15; 14-20; 17-23; 23-2; 24-5; 18-24; 12-5; 13-19; 16-10; and 16-22. The last two show opposition or enmity. 1-22 and 26-5 indicate widowhood. 18-24 indicate destruction of family, 12-5 and 13-19 show fear of life.

The pairs allowed are 6-12, 11-17, 8-14, 7-13, 4-10, 25-4, 27-6, 18-12, 27-21 (happiness), 25-19 (progress), 26-20 (attachment), and 8-2 (happiness).

Added to these is Kuja Dosha. From the Lagna or from the Moon, Mars is inauspicious in 2, 4, 7, 8 and 12. Of these 2, 7, 8 are the worst. Both the charts should have similar placement. Some authorities speak of exceptions. The present writer does not admit of these exceptions, as our illustrations show.

(1) Compare the Lagna lord of one chart with the 7th lord of the other chart, and *vice versa*. They should be in mutual Kendras or trines for a happy married life.

(2) The owner of the sign occupied by Lagna is to be compared with the owner of the sign occupied by the 7th lord of the other.

(3) Apply the second rule from the sign occupied by Venus in the two charts.

(4) Apply the first rule from the signs occupied by the Moon in the charts.

(5) The Lagna of one chart is to be compared with the position of the 9th lord in the other.

(6) The position of the 5th lord

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in the male chart is to be compared with that of the 9th lord in the girl's chart.

(7) Lagna lord of one is to be compared with the 7th lord of the other and *vice versa*.

(8) The positions of the lords of Lagna in the two charts are to be examined in mutual relations.

(9) Compare the Moon-sign of one with that of Mars in the other, and the sign of Mars in one with that of the Moon in the other. Similarly, compare the Sun of one with that of Venus in the other, and *viceversa*. Also compare the sign occupied by the Sun with that of Jupiter in the other, and *viceversa*.

(10) Compare the positions of the Moon in the two charts.

If the Moon-signs of the two are in the houses of Saturn, the girl's Moon is in the 2nd (Aquarius).

If these are in mutual Kendras, Konas or sextile (3-11), it is a plus point. If they are in 2-12 or 6-8 relations, it is a minus point. The plus points should be more for recommending the match.

In addition, we have some more rules.

(11) Consider the longevity in the two charts, who has a longer life is to be determined.

(12) The positions from Lagna occupied by the 7th and the 8th lords have to be considered in the two charts separately. Note whether Mars, Saturn, Rahu or Uranus are in the 7th or 8th houses of the two charts.

(13) After delineating the various Vargas in the 3rd chapter of *Parasara Hora* (Venkateswara Steam Press edition), the sage has stated: *Navamamse kalatranam* (verse 105). From the Navamsa chart we have to interpret everything about the partner. Thus we have to compare the Rasi chart of one with the Navamsa chart of the other, and *vice versa*. There should be a broad agreement between the two. Sometimes the people deliberately or otherwise deny having the chart of the boy or girl. In such a case, the available Rasi and Navamsa charts of one person need a close comparison.

These are some of the rules we have applied in actual experience. In addition I refuse to accept any exceptions to Kuja Dosha. Kuja (Mars) in 4, 7 or 8 of the girl's chart has to be neutralised by Mars in 2, 7 or8 of the boy's chart. Moreover, much importance need not be attached to the Kutas, though some of these are really valuable like Nadi and Rajju. The count from the Nakshatra of one to that of the other for Tarabala is faulty and mischievous. We illustrate some of these principles for a proper understanding.

The first charts show the same Nadi and the same Rajju. The Kutas give a score of fourteen, the alliance on these points is unfortunate. The Navamsa of the male has Rahu in the 8th while Saturn (lord of 1 and 12), Moon (6) and Mars are in the 9th. His 7th is aspected by Mars and its lord by Saturn. His wife had Saturn and Moon in the 8th aspected by Mars. They are to be separated.

The second charts have the same Nadi and the same Rajju. The Kutas give sixteen points. On these points one may not recommend these. The Navamsa Lagna of the girl has the boy's in its 12th. The girl has Mars in the 8th from the Moon. The boy's 7th house is aspected by Saturn who is afflicted by Mars. The girl's 7th lord is aspected by Saturn. The Moon and Rahu afflict her 4th. Some of the rules apply here. There is only marital discord between the two.

The third charts have only the same Nadi. The Kutas give a score of 27. The boy's 7th and 8th lords are in conjunction with Ketu. The girl's 7th lord is with Rahu aspected by Mars. The Kuta score is of no use here. She married, conceived within six months and left her husband. Three years later she joined him and was again separated. His Navamsa has Mars in the 7th, and it is not equal to her Mars (Rasi) in the 2nd from the Moon. His Navamsa has Uranus in the 7th with Mars. The girl's chart has Uranus in the 2nd aspected by Mars.

The fourth charts have the same Nadi. The Kuta score is 18. He has Mars and Venus in the 2nd and the girl has these in the 12th. So far so good. His 7th lord is with Rahu in the 12th, while her 7th lord is in the 2nd (not desirable). Her Navamsa shows Mars and Saturn in the 4th while the 7th lord is in the 12th. Why was she frightened by her husband and her mother-in-law? The answer lies in her Moon. This Moon is aspected by Saturn (lord of 5) and Jupiter (malefic lord of 7) and has Mars and Venus in the 7th.

The 5th charts have the same Kanta Rajju. But the Kuta score is 24. But husband's lords of 6 and 7 are in opposition to Mars. From Chandra Lagna, the lords of 7 and 8 are together aspected by Mars (lord of 6 and 11 from Moon, and of 3 and 8 from Lagna). The girl has Saturn in the 7th. Jupiter's aspect is of no avail. The Lagna lord Mars is with Rahu in the 3rd making her obstinate and perverted. His Navamsa has Saturn in 2 and Uranus in 8. The lord of her Moon-sign is in 6-8 relation with his Moon-sign lord. They are fighting for a legal separation. What happened to the Kuta score?

The sixth charts have the same Rajju with a Kuta score of 12. In addition, the 7th lord is debili-

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strology and Matrimonial Adventures

"SOLITAIRE"

I SINCERELY believe that wise and judicious matching of horoscopes can lead to a fairly stable and happy marriage. I use word "fairly" because, no marriage is perfect, as no man upon this earth is perfect, save t souls, sages and incarnations.

Matrimonial Indicators and Others

a) The 7th lord, 7th house and Venus are the ary indicators of marriage;

b) The 2nd, 4th, 8th, 11th and 12th houses and lords ruling family, home, sex-life, friend- and bed are secondary indications;

c) The 5th and 9th houses and lords are to be ined for adequate *poorvapunya* without which cannot enjoy the fruits of any effort in this life. 6th and 10th lords and houses must be strong unafflicted, otherwise a person may not carry his duties (including matrimonial ones) erly;

d) The Moon must not be badly afflicted, for external discontent or mental aberration mar marital happiness.

e) Very weak or badly afflicted Lagna and/or a lord shows a peculiar personality difficult ust with. Strong and well-aspected Lagna r Lagna lord shows that the native has a hy will, which will try to nurture, or save his iage.

What to Look For

a) Good longevity for both; (b) Fair prosperity; dications for offspring; (d) Very bad Dasa- h for both within a span of 1 year has to be ed; (e) Minimum 18 out of 32 Kuta points; (f) ss differences in Dosha points; (g) Navamsa hing is of no importance and (h) Planetary ities - e.g. if a martian type of wife is indicated, but a saturnine or mercurial girl is taken as a wife, an uncomfortable union may result.

III. Planetary Affinities

(a) The Lagna, the Sun or the Moon of one should be in *ekadhipatya*, *Samasaptaka* (except Cancer-Capricorn and Leo - (Aquarius) or at least 3/11 from Lagna, the Sun (or Moon) and the Moon (or Sun) of the other;

(b) Mars/Mars; Venus/Venus; Mars/Venus; Mars/Saturn; Venus/Saturn; Venus/Moon — if any one planet of these pairs in one person's chart is in the same sign or in opposition to the other planet (in the same pair) in the partner's chart, it causes physical attraction.

(c) The deepest affections are aroused for each other when

(i) Lagna of one is on the 7th lord or Venus (or both) of the other, or in opposition to either (or both) in the partner's chart;

(ii) Lagna lord of one is on the 7th house, 7th lord, or Venus of the other, or in the opposite sign. Such a couple is said to live together like a pair of devoted pigeons or a pair of romantic love-birds.

IV. Individual Characteristics in Matrimony

(1) Full Moon and/or good Jupiter in the 7th house shows that person will be extremely devoted to the partner and go to great lengths to please the partner, thus reducing friction in marriage;

(2) The 2nd and the 7th lords (or houses) in association shows deep affection for the partner;

(3) The Lagna lord and the 7th lord in conjunction or aspect, the spouses are attached to each other;

(4) The Lagna lord aspecting the 7th lord and/or Venus — the person will love his wife a lot;

(5) The 7th lord with or aspecting good Venus

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- the person will be very fond of his wife;

(6) The 7th lord exalted, or in own house or in very friendly sign — the partner of such a person will be much devoted and have a lot of respect for that person. The 7th lord in enemy's sign or in debilitation, the partner will be indifferent, unless Jupiter comes to the rescue;

(7) The 7th lord in *dusthana* is not good, association with its lord is also not good. The exception lies when the partner comes from medical or para-medical profession;

(8) The 7th and 4th lords and/or houses connected with each other show that they will be devoted to each other;

(9) The 7th and 10th lords in association show that the partner will also be associated professionally with that person;

(10) The 7th, 2nd and 11th lords associated shows a rich partner.

V. Minimising Afflictions

1. For women neglected by their husbands and bad Kuja Dosha, recitation of *Parvati Swayamvara sloka* gives good results provided *poorvapunya* is not very poor;

2. Afflictions to Venus can be minimized by an unconventional marriage.

3. Mild afflictions are toned down by matching with a chart showing a happy marriage.

4. The 7th lord in a *dusthana* or associated with these lords — marriage to one in medical or para-medical profession may result in happy marriage.

5. Martian affliction can be toned down by marrying one in defence forces, medical, engineering or police departments, or a girl much younger to oneself;

6. Unafflicted Rahu in the 7th or associated with Venus when other indicators are happily placed — marriage with partner from abroad may come off well. Rahu shows great difference in culture; sometimes the difference may be in age, status, height, unbringing and views.

7. Saturnine affliction may only cause delay, if the other matrimonial indicators are not grossily afflicted. Saturn may just give a tall, thin, oldish, cold, religious, old-fashioned, chaste, or hard-working or poor partner, unless he is a Yogakaraka, or aspected by benefics.

8. Minor degrees of Sanyasa Yoga can be counterbalanced, by marriage to one whose chart shows a "dharmic" or philosophical jupiterian or saturnine nature. Marrying such a person to an ambitious, martian or luxury-loving venusian may end in great unhappiness for both, and disaster.

Happy Marriages

Case 1: Wife: - Uttara; *Husband*: Punravasu.

MARS		KETU	ASCDT.
	Wife 26-11-1956 7.17 p.m. Puttur		
	RAHU SUN SAT. MERC.	VENUS	MOON JUPIT.

JUPIT.			MOON
RAHU	Husband 15-1-1952 8.52 a.m. Mangalore		
ASCDT.			KETU
SUN MERC.	VENUS	MARS	SAT.

In the wife's chart note IV (8), V (5) (husband is an engineer). In the husband's chart note IV (4). Compare both. See III (a), III (b), III c (i), III (e) (ii) all exist. Married for 11 years, they are very happy with their two little boys.

Case 2: Wife: - Moola; *Husband*: Makha.

VENUS MARS	SUN MERC.	RAHU	
	Wife 9-5-1947 Midnight Mangalore		SAT.
ASCDT.			
MOON	JUPIT.(R) KETU(R)		

SAT.		KETU	
ASCDT. JUPIT.	Husband 28-7-1938 8.00 p.m. Mangalore		SUN MARS
			MOON VENUS MERC.
	RAHU		

Note in comparing the two charts - III (a), III (b), III (c) (ii). Married for 22 years, they live happily with their four children. The exchange between 6th and 7th lords in husband's chart has given the wife health problems, which makes him fuss over her, like a mother hen over her chick.

Case 3: Wife: - Satabhisha; *Husband:* Moola.

		MERC. KETU	SUN VENUS
MARS MOON	Wife 29-6-1956 8.26 a.m. Bangalore		ASCDT.
			JUPIT.
	SAT. RAHU		

RAHU			
	Husband 22-11-1949 11.46 p.m. Mangalore		ASCDT. SAT.
JUPIT.			MARS
VENUS MOON	SUN MERC.		KETU

Observe in wife's chart IV (2), V (5). Saturn in martian sign, the husband is a surgeon. In husband's chart IV (1). Compare both. See III (a), III (b), III (c) (i) and III (c) (ii) all present. Married happily 12 years ago, they have two boys.

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omparisons for atrimonial Alliance

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> e potential of each horoscope is capable of being increased by bringing into ct with it another powerful horoscope by way of marriage, partnership or ce. Thus it happens that individuals are lifted in position and affluence ough their association with persons whose horoscopes are in sympathy with s."
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> DR. B. V. RAMAN
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Background

MARRIAGE is one of the most important events in human life. A happy age means a lot while an ppy marriage can spoil a That is why astrologers put ch emphasis on horoscope ing mainly with a view to ing a stable and an endur- atrimonial alliance. Horo- e matching is essentially a icated astrological exercise ving simultaneous consid- n of a large number of vari- s like Rasi, Lagna, Gana, etc., which astrologers very ently handle for arriving markably precise results. ver classics on Astrology eplete with innumerable on horoscope matching each ch is unique in itself and s own revelance in the spe- ontext of married life. I seen, on the other hand, ding astrologers to apply ry simple and elementary gical rule for forecasting ssibility of marriage be- a boy and a girl. This rule been observed to work a high proportion of cases th a little manipulation it possible to reduce the of error to a negligible

1.1 A Simple Rule

The simple rule is this. The husband's Rasi or Lagna usually falls on the sign occupied by the 7th lord in the horoscope of his wife. If not, in all likelihood, it falls on either the sign of debilitation or the sign of exaltation of the 7th lord of the wife. Conversely the wife's Rasi or Lagna usually falls on the sign occupied by the 7th lord in the horoscope of the husband. If not it will either coincide with the sign of debilitation or exaltation of the 7th lord of the husband. Thus this astrological test is essentially a two-way test which says that the basic rule should not only be valid but also its converse should also be valid. Two equations and two unknowns *as* and *if* are there and the system is uniquely determined. Now my question is: Is horoscope matching so simple a task? Is it only meant for forecasting possibility of marriage? An answer to this question will be provided in this paper. Meanwhile we may attempt statistical testing of the validity and indicate the limitations and inadequacies of this simple rule.

1.2 Statistical Testing

Husband: Rasi: Ascendant - Capricorn - the Sun, Saturn and Venus; Aquarius - Rahu and Mercury; Cancer - Moon; and Leo - Mars (R), Jupiter (R) and Ketu.

Wife: Rasi: Ascendant - Virgo; Libra - Rahu; Capricorn - Mars; Pisces - Jupiter (R); Aries - Saturn (R) and Ketu; Taurus - Moon; and Leo - Sun, Venus and Mercury.

Here the husband's 7th house is Cancer which is occupied by its owner, the Moon. According to the rule the wife's Moon and/or her Ascendant should fall either in Cancer in her horoscope or in either Taurus or Scorpio, being the signs of exaltation nd debilitation of the 7th lord Moon. The wife's Moon -sign is Taurus.

Again in the wife's horoscope the 7th lord Jupiter is in Pisces which should be her husband's Ascendant or Rasi. If not, her husband's Rasi and/or Lagna should be either Cancer or Capricorn which are the houses of exaltation and debilitation of her 7th lord Jupiter. The husband's Ascendant is Capricorn and his Rasi is Cancer.

Example-2:

Husband: Rasi: Aries - Ascendant; Gemini - Moon; Cancer - Mars, Venus and Ketu. Leo - Sun and Mercury; Virgo - Jupiter; Capricorn - Rahu; and Aquarius - Saturn (R).

Wife: Rasi: Cancer - Ascen-

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dant; Virgo - Jupiter; Scorpio - Mars and Sun; Sagittarius - Venus, Mercury and Ketu; Pisces - Moon; and Gemini - Saturn (R) and Rahu.

The example shows that the Rasi and Ascendant of the lady's husband are Gemini and Aries respectively. Gemini is the sign occupied by her 7th lord Saturn while Aries is the debilitated house of her 7th lord. Conversely in her husband's horoscope his 7th lord Venus is in Cancer which is nothing but the Ascendant sign of his wife. His wife's Moon-sign also falls on Pisces the exalted house of his 7th lord.

In this way instances may be multiplied and readers may soon come across horoscopes where the rule does not click. It is because astrological reality is not so simple a thing as to be capable of expression with a set of simple equations—one for matrimonial alliance, another for service life and a third one for progeny etc., etc. Had it been so, classical astrologers would not have propounded a vast mass of theorems and corollaries. So a little introspection will reveal our rule also to suffer from serious limitations as detailed below, which restrict its applicability and emphasize the need for supplementary information to compensate for its deficiencies.

1.3 Limitations

Firstly the rule attaches too much importance to the Ascendant. In many horoscopes the house occupied by the Ascendant lord proves stronger and more effective than the Ascendant itself. Under such circumstances the rule needs application against changed co-ordinates taking the house occupied by the Ascendant lord as the starting point. Again the rule may not operate in the case of second marriage because under such a condition, the 12th house (6th from the 7th) or the 9th house (first wife's younger sister) may assume greater relevance. Anyway these are not real deficiencies of the rule. They only put stress on its modification for securing wider coverage and so reducing errors at the margin.

2. Real inadequacies of the rule however lie elsewhere. For instance a blanket application of the rule may prompt an astrologer to disregard the basic philosophy behind horoscope-matching. The purpose of an astrologer is not to enthuse a boy to marry a particular girl because in their cases the two-way test stands satisfied. His purpose on the other hand is to secure a stable, enduring and peaceful married life. The rule does not take into consideration martian afflictions, mental matching, sexual compatibility, domestic peace etc. of the would-be partners in life and many other similar factors having a tremendous bearing on married life. It is merely a mechanical formula which states that horoscopes (1), (2), etc. all tally with horoscope No. (x). So the owner of the horoscope No. (x) can marry any one of them. Had it been so easy an affair, classical astrologers would have never evolved so many parameters for measuring the extent of marital compatibility. For instance when the Ascendants of the boy and the girl are the same or 180 degrees apart, they feel attracted towards each other. When the Rasis of the husband and the wife are the same or are approximately 180 degrees apart or trinally placed from each other or the boy's Moon-sign sextiling that of the girl, they may have tremendous mental affinity. There are cases where astrologers successfully match one horoscope with martian afflictions with another one having similar afflictions or having Rahu-Saturn in the terminal sign. In our Example 2, the husband's Mars is debilitated in the 4th house in Cancer while the wife has Saturn-Rahu in her 12th house. So their married life was not terminated due to untimely death of life-partner. Again astrologers often advise a man having Mars-Venus or Rahu-Venus in an angle or the first trine or 12th house in his horoscope to marry a girl credited with similar type of conjunctions so that exuberance of sex does not create any problem for them. DR. B. V. RAMAN in 'My Early Experiences in Astrology' has referred to how important are marriage and partnership in our life. He has convincingly proved how Stalin was saved during the Second World War because of his alliance with Churchill. Our rule on the other hand remains unusually silent on various strategic variables of married life.

3. Thirdly, the basic rule is static in the sense it has not incorporated into its framework the dynamic period analysis (Dasa system) which is the heart of Hindu Astrology. The rule will never click if Dasas of the boy and the girl are mutually irreconcilable in the sense that their Dasa lords are not only mutually antagonistic but also unfavourably placed from each other's chart.

Example - 3

Husband: Rasi: Aries - Ascendant and Mars; Taurus - Moon; Gemini - Ketu; Sagittarius - Saturn and Rahu; Aquarius - Venus and Saturn; and Pisces - Sun and Mercury.

Wife: Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant; Leo - Saturn (R); Libra - Ketu; Capricorn - Jupiter; Aquarius - Moon and Mercury; Pisces - Sun, Venus and Mars; and Aries - Rahu.

For instance in Example 3 both the husband and the wife were under the major period of Saturn at the time of marriage in 1977. The husband's Saturn, it may be seen is approximately 180 degrees away from radical Saturn in his wife's chart. They fell in love and married. So there may be infractuous negotiations without marriage or futile love without marriage if Dasa-Bhukti of the two charts stand uncordinated. The basic-rule will

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ractical Illustrations of Matching - I

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edestination

THE belief that man has to enjoy or suffer on account of his deeds in the previous births clearly establishes that fate is pre-ined. The astrologer can tell the past events also predict the future events. This gives an pression that nothing is in human hands. etimes predictions fail and create a problem the astrologers. Man is 'the maker of his ne' and can achieve his objects. But in most s he falls in achieving his target. Two shop-pers having their shops adjacent to each other similar goods. One is very polite and the other de. People are happy to await their turn in the e man's shop rather than go to the rude man. we see that sincerity of the man and quality the goods are not the only factors, there is thing else also which results in giving success e and causing a Daridra Yoga to the other.

2. In the case of marriage also it has been found in spite of a tally of 30 Gunas out of 36 Gunas no Dosha, the couple is leading a miserable ried life. In another case, the tally of 10 Gunas given a happy married life. Such cases have pointed the believer in Astrology. The reason be that matching has not been defined prop-for one reason or the other. The knowledge of ology with its tools of Dosha points, Dasa-this, Tithi points, Beejasphuta and Kshetras-a etc., and a study of the intrinsic merit of the vidual charts which can supplement and ement each other have not been gone into iently.

Through matching we can ease the tension of arents by telling them

) The proper time of the marriage of their ren.

) The type of husband or wife one may get.

(iii) Some hints which may be helpful in tracing a proper match.

(iv) Whether the marriage will take place with the boy or girl whose chart is being matched.

(v) If marriage takes place what precautions need to be taken and so on.

Let us take a practical case to explain what has been stated.

Case 1: Wife: 29-5-1962 at 8.30 a.m. at Dhampur (U.P). Balance of Saturn: 2 years, 3 months and 24 days.

MOON 14-54	MARS 6-41	MERC. 26-49 SUN 13-49	ASCDT. 29-13 VENUS 13-45
JUPIT. 17-31	Wife RASI		RAHU 17-27
SAT.(R) 18-2 KETU 17-27			

MOON 16-22		MARS 13-7	
KETU 22-39	Husband RASI		ASCDT. 9-57 SUN 24-58 MERC. 7-31
			VEN.8-50 RAHU 22-59
JUPIT.(R) 0-35 SAT.(R) 19-28			

Husband: 11-8-1960 at 4.55 a.m. at Udaipur. Balance of Saturn: 5 months and 4 days.

The father of the girl brought hundreds of horoscopes to me during a period of two and a half years. On the first meeting itself he was told that the marriage of his daughter would take place between January 1988 and June 1988 just before the end of her 26th year or just after and not before. On the night of 10th February 1987 he came with his wife and was under heavy tension and requested for a written prediction about marriage, because of the different versions of the astrologers. Though this was not the practice but still to give relief to the parents the written prediction was given. Just after two months he brought this boy's chart. The girl had passed M.Tech (from I.I.T) and was working as Class I Officer. This boy

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was M.Com. and working as an Accountant in a private concern. The chart of this boy was approved and a hint was given the marriage would take place here. The father of the girl had put the following questions and the answers were:

1. Whether the marriage would take place with the Accountant boy? *Yes.*

2. Future of the two. *Good.*

3. Whether the girl will work at Delhi or outside? *Yes, will get a better or outside? change after marriage.*

4. Adjustment with in-laws. *Good.*

Now her in-laws are in Rajasthan and do visit and stay with them. There is happy adjustment.

The father was receiving offers from doctors and engineers. The whole family was proud of their educated girl, being the only sister of four brothers. During this period of indecision the father of the girl went to Rajasthan and fixed the engagement of the boy. The boy's parents followed up. Even after the engagement ceremony the father was trying to select some doctor, engineer, I.A.S. officer, etc. Even two days before the marriage he came with some horoscopes and asked me whether he should break the engagement as he was being pressed for the girl by the family of an eligible engineer. The friends advised the father of the girl to break the engagement (the advice was not astrological and the prediction stood as it was) in the interests of the girl and to go in for a suitable match in keeping with her status. The father was indecisive, but the marriage took place on 28th January, 1988. The girl changed the job in June 1988 and got an appointment on a higher scale at Delhi.

28 Gunas tallied with one Dosha of Nadi but in view of

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the marriage between the two was approved. This case supports the view that marriages are made in heaven.

JUPIT. 3-44 SUN 23-30	MOON 16-29 MARS 5-1 MERC.13-7 VEN.28-3		
RAHU 17-27	Husband RASI		ASCDT. 24-15
			KETU 25-83
			SAT.(R) 4-22

SUN 24-33 MERC. 25-56		VENUS 10-0 KETU 16-16	
MOON 10-29	Wife RASI		JUPIT.(R) 28-24
MARS 1-56			
	SAT.(R) 9-01 RAHU 16-16		ASCDT. 5-23

Case 2: Husband: 8-4-1951 at 2-08 p.m. Jeera (Punjab). Balance of Venus: 15 years, 3 months and 9 days.

Wife: 7-4-1956 at 5.13 p.m., Shahjahanpur. Balance of Rahu Dasa: 12 years, 9 months and 5 days.

The next example will give a practical illustration of tallying charts for marriage. Let us analyse the two charts according to traditional methods followed in general.

A. The tally of Kutas is 22 1/2 out of 36 units (normal) and there is one Dosha *i.e.*, the girl is of Rakshasa Gana and the boy, Manusha Gana. This is not good.

The Rasi lords — one is neutral and other is enemy. Hence not favourable.

B. (i) *Mahendra:* The constellation of the boy should be 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 22nd and 25th from that of the girl. But here in this case the constellation of the boy counts 6th from the girl's constellation — Not good.

*(ii) *Stree Deergha:* Count from gril's star upto the boy's star; if the boy's star comes after 13 stars, tallying is supposed to be good. It is not so here.

(iii) *Rajju Kuta:* Both the Nakshatras fall in different lines - good.

Vedha: There is no Vedha — good.

C. The boy's age on the marriage day was 29 years (which should be odd) and the girl's age (should be even) was 24 — good.

D. Analysis of the individual charts is very essential to know the deficiencies which need support from the other chart. So far, whatever exercise has been done is based only on the Nakshatra and the Moon-sign. What about the other 8 planets and the 12 Bhavas? They should be also considered.

I. In the boy's chart, the Lagna lord Moon is in the 10th house with Mars (affliction), Venus and Mercury (both natural benefics). Mercury and Venus being lords of the 3rd-12th and 4th-11th respectively are not good and favourable company. They both treat the Moon as an enemy, hence affliction. The Moon is in the Nakshatra of Venus. The Lagna itself is in the Nakshatra of Mercury (bad) and receives the aspect of Jupiter, a natural benefic (good) who is the 6th lord also. Jupiter is also afflicted by Saturn and the Sun and not in a position to bestow any good, instead being afflicted by 6th lordship would inflict disease only.

Conclusion can be put in the category of a medium type case provided there is longevity promised and other factors are also favourable.

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Astro-Analysis of Marital Compatibility

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DR. B. V. RAMAN deserves to be thanked for having chosen the subject 'Matching Horoscopes' for the *Sri Surya Prakash Memorial Number* this year. In fact, this subject should have been chosen much earlier as there are no clear-cut guidelines to help astrologers match horoscope for marriage.

Marriage is a meaningful institution. It has decidedly strengthened the edifice of human civilisation. Even now we do not treat it as a contract to be terminated at will. It is perhaps the most significant and greatest event in a person's life. Nobody likes to marry anyone blindly. Even in love marriages, there are some conditions pertaining to physical beauty and charm. In some western countries, sex-tests are carried out to judge the physical fitness of two people who want to marry. Physical fitness is not all in married life. Man needs harmony at the mental and spiritual levels also of his life. Astrology can help to some extent in judging the needed harmony.

This paper may be divided into three parts:

1. The prevalent method of matching horoscopes
2. My method of matching horoscopes
3. Does matching of horoscopes help in attaining happiness in marital life and to what extent and in what way?

The Prevalent Method of Matching Horoscopes

The prevalent method of matching horoscopes is primarily confined to the study of Units of Agreement (Kutas) without paying any attention to the total assessment of the horoscopes in question. This practice is carried on without the least realisation that it is very faulty and dangerous to judge the compatibility for a proposed matrimonial alliance. They are:

(1) Dina, (2) Gana, (3) Mahendra-Constellation, (4) Streedeergha, (5) Yoni, (6) Rasi, (7) Graha Maitri, (8) Vasya, (9) Rajju, (10) Vedha, (11) Varna, (12) Nadi. Out of these (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (11) and (12) are very important.

I would like to explain the importance of only the 'Nadi' Kuta. If there is Nadi-Dosha, it is believed nothing can remove it under any conditions whatsoever. In Astrology, it simply means 'nervous energy' pointing to physiological and slightly hereditary factors. Vata (wind), Pitta (bile) and Sleshma (phlegm) are three Nadis (humours). Different constellations rule different Nadis. Aswini rules Vata, Bharani, Patta and so on. Generally, the spouses should not have the same Nadis, otherwise, it is said they will have physiological problems.

The basis of these units of strength is the placement of the Moon in a Rasi or Nakshatra. The Compatibility Table is readily available and is consulted in a few seconds to match the horoscopes and judgement delivered. So much so, some of the practitioners do not even take the trouble of verifying the Moon's positions. They just take the names of the intending partners and give their 'opinions'. There are 36 points of strength and the horoscopes are thought to have been matched if they earn even 18 units. But this is not correct.

For more details about 12 units of strength, the esteemed readers are referred to *Electional Astrology* by DR. B. V. RAMAN. I don't mean to say that matching of horoscopes based on 'Kutas' should not be done. *This method should be used as an additional confirmation of marital compatibility and not as the sole system of comparing horoscopes.*

We often hear that marriages have broken

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despite the fact that the horoscopes of the spouses were duly matched. And this 'cry' is not false. It points to the harm Kuta matching can cause. In fact, great analytical faculty is required to compare and match horoscopes. It is not at all an easy task.

My Method of Matching Horoscopes

I examine both the horoscopes thoroughly with reference to all the marital zones - the 2nd Bhava, the native's family; the 4th - family happiness; the 7th - husband or wife and sexual urges and competence; the 8th - the marital tie and its life; and the 12th - comforts and pleasures of the bed. Besides these, special attention is paid to the Lagnas, their lords, the Moons, Mercurys, Venus and Mars. I also consider the positions of the other planets in both the horoscopes as they also show their influences in married life.

I agree with DR. RAMAN, our esteemed Editor's statement, that "it is the total assessment of each horoscope that is to be considered before applying the tests for marital compatibility"[a].

But I find it most difficult to digest his statement that "When certain afflictions are present in one horoscope, it is said that they could be mitigated by having the native married to a partner whose horoscope has similar afflictions."[b]

'Similar afflictions' in both the horoscopes cannot bring in the expected compatibility/harmony. My assumption is based on the idea that two armies well equipped with sophisticated weapons, if stationed against each other, cannot end the prospects of a war. Rather, there is constant fear and tension on both the sides. In fact, I am yet to get convinced as to how 'similar afflictions' can yield good results.

Likewise, the claim of the Maharishis that by electing a proper time or Muhurta for marriage, several of the evil indications in the charts of the couple can be minimised to a great extent, is contrary to reason. In my opinion, the Muhurta for marriage covers only the auspiciousness of the time during which the event of marriage is celebrated. How can this Muhurta apply to the whole period of married life? Moreover, this claim lessens the significance and efficacy of the Udu Dasa which is often used for timing events. Thus, this claim is not justified.

1. The Lagna and Its Lord

These two epitomise the inner strength of a horoscope. I have seen that persons whose Lagnas and their lords are strong rise in life, in spite of the fact that the 9th and its lord, the significators of general fortune, are weak and afflicted.

While matching horoscopes the first thing I do is to see whether or not the Ascendants and their lords are friendly. The Ascendants should fall in same triplicity - I, 5, 9 (Fiery); 2, 6, 10 (Earthly); 3, 7, 11 (Airy); 4, 8, 12 (Watery).

All the 12 signs of the zodiac have special characteristics, and they are in harmony when they fall in the same triplicity - the watery signs do not seek harmony with the fiery ones. The lords of the Ascendants of both the horoscopes should occupy 3rd/11th or 5th/9th positions when judged in the natural zodiac. They should not be in 6th/8th or 2nd/12th positions. Other positions may not be thought congenial to harmony.

2. 7th and 8th Bhavas

All the marital zones stated above are quite important but the 7th and 8th Bhavas carry more weight. It is my firm belief that the native in whose horoscope the 7th and 8th Bhavas and their lords are strong enjoys reasonable happiness in his married life, which continues to exist despite occasional boats of marital discord. The marital tie breaks only when the 7th, the 8th and their lords are considerably weak and afflicted by strong malefics - Saturn, Mars and Rahu - at least by two of them. The intervention of benefic Jupiter should not be there. If it is there, he tries his best to delay the event of separation or divorce or death. The weakness of the lords of these two houses caused through debilitation or combustion is hardly to be made up by any of the good aspects coming from Jupiter, Venus etc.

If in such a case, the marriage has taken place after matching of horoscopes, I do not think that the native will taste the sweet fruits of his marital life for a long time.

Therefore, I am of the opinion that the concerned astrologer should tell his consultee(s) that in such a case the native may not escape marital problems even if his horoscope is matched with someone else's.

I fully agree with the first part of the following statement of DR. RAMAN - "The 7th and 8th houses should be carefully examined. When there are many afflictions, carefully find out, if there are neutralising influences also, otherwise reject the match".[c]

By "neutralising influences", DR. RAMAN, I think, means afflictions related to the 7th and 8th Bhavas

[a] *(Electional Astrology, Pp. 83 by DR. B. V. RAMAN)*
[b] *(Ibid Pp. 84)*
[c] *(Ibid Pp. 184)*

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MATCHING FOR MARRIAGE : TRADITIONS AND ADDITIONS

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THE Sri Surya Prakash Memorial issue has provided an opportunity for astrological savants to develop a better methodology of matching horoscopes for marriage.

Though it is not possible to cover the entire ...t of this topic in this short article, yet it is ...able to enumerate all the steps traditional ...additional, which appear to us necessary.

At the very outset, one has to make it clear that ...ages are settled not by us but by our *karmas* ...st lives creating *rinanubandha*. Marriage is ...a period of time when husband and wife ...arge as well as create their mutual debts. If ...en why should one bother about matching ...scopes? If previous *karmas* decide our present ...ents, then *karma* of this life is bound to ...the situation or to aggravate marital dishar-...y. To us it appears that matching of horo-...s provides an opportunity to appreciate each ...'s strong and weak points to adjust them-...s, to plan their lives within what is in their ...in this life, and to get reconciled to what is ...idable.

...ditional Matching

Traditional matching should not be taken to be ...ed to investigation into various Kutas only. ...rala learned astrologers consider each and ...house of the horoscopes of the couple. Even a ...ble parent would like to consider five factors: ...e longevity of the bride and the bridegroom, ...eir marital life *i.e.*, consideration of the 7th ...th houses, (c) their prosperity or otherwise ...nsideration of the 2nd, 11th and 4th houses, ...out their children — consideration of 5th as ...as 9th houses, and (e) agreeability in regard to ...as or Kutas.

They also consider Dasa-sandhi. A word about ...sandhi. If both husband and wife have certain very adverse Dasas ending or commencing within say a period of about six months or so and it includes Maraka Dasas, in Kerala astrologers would not approve of such marriage for both are likely to suffer some calamity. Though Dasa-sandhi may be like a medical bill as suggested by some astrologers, it should not be ignored, specially when it is likely to occur within the first 25 years of marriage.

Besides, *graha samya*, Kuja Dosha is also to be considered in totality and not in isolation, as some astrologers do and create more problems in the marriage instead of solving them.

Some astrologers are concerned about Trimsamsa and pass unnecessary judgement on the character of the bride. But they would hesitate to apply the same standard to the bridegroom due to fear of losing their clientele. In the case of the bride they keep silent. Trimsamsa appears to us a very useful tool to understand the behaviour pattern of both the male and female and it also helps in understanding Arishtas, and their timing.

One must not forget that Mars is completely innocuous: (a) when occupying own, or exaltation sign or Navamsa, (b) when aspected or joined by benefics Jupiter, the strong Moon or Mercury; (c) when his Dasa as per Vimshottari is over, and (d) when the Lagna or the Moon Rasi is Cancer or Leo (according to some very learned astrologers, as in such cases Mars becomes a Yogakaraka). Prof. V. A. K. Ayer construes Kuja thus: "Kutsitah Janma Yasya" - in other words any malefic planet can be connoted by the word Kuja. The Sun is not considered a malefic for this purpose, according to Prof. Ayer and he deems Rahu and Ketu as one unit. But DR. B. V. RAMAN does not exonerate the Sun but gives less weightage to the Sun as compared to Saturn, Rahu and Ketu (See *How to Judge a Horoscope*, Vol. II, page 63).

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We have found in our studies that afflictions to Gemini and Mercury; Libra and Venus; Aquarius and Saturn; and Sagittarius and Jupiter are more pronounced in cases of matrimonial problems. Our studies also indicate that Agneyagrahas - Mars, the Sun and Ketu — are separating Grahas and Rahu and Saturn do cause affliction and adversely affect marital life irrespective of their being functional benefics. Papakartari of these 3 *shubhas*, their placement in Rasis or Navamsas, of Mars and Saturn, in the 6th, 8th and 12th in Rasi and/or Navamsa charts, their involvement in planetary war, their placement in Mrutya Bhaga are the factors which cause affliction. Placement of malefics in the Rasi of these benefics also reduces their potency to help and benefit the native. The lordship of the 6th and 8th houses of these 3 benefics also reduces their benefic potency.

Serious students of Astrology would do well to study the numerous articles published in the columns of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE during the last 10 years on this aspect especially the editorials and the articles of Prof. V. A. K. Ayer, Dr. P. S. Sastri, H. R. Shankar, K. N. Rao, Dr. R. S. L. Srivastava and Bepin Behari. Arundhati's column would provide penetrating insights in this respect.

Additional Methodology: Judge Rinanbandha

To find — *rinanbandhana* — mutual debts created by past *karma* has not been an easy task. But we have succeeded to a great extent. Some fromulae are given below. If all these formulae apply to horoscopes of the proposed couple then one can be sure that marriage is likely to take place between them. These formulae are based on an in depth study of 40 charts given in our article "Broad Timing of Marriage" (A.M., June 1986, pages 485 and 524). Learned readers can test these fomulae on the charts of more married couples to find out their veracity.

Mutual Connection between Lagnas, the Suns, the Moons and Lagna lords.

Our studies have shown that the Lagna, the Moon-sign, the Sun-sign or the sign of the Lagna lord of one is found to be the sign of other. This principle applies straightaway in 70% cases in Rasi chart itself and to 80% cases in Navamsa charts.

Our Rule and H. R. Shankar's Data

Mr. H. R. Shankar gave some charts in his "Marriage on the Rocks" (A.M., June 1980). In the first chart, the girl's Lagna is Gemini while in the case of the male, the Moon is in Gemini. In the 2nd case, both have the Sun in Scorpio. In the 3rd case this principle does not appear to be applicable.

In THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, December 1980, page 927, he has given another case in which Lagna lord Mercury is in Sagittarius in the case of the male, while the Moon of the female is in Sagittarius.

This principle is thus applicable in 75% cases.

This principle applies in the Rasi.

No doubt one may say one third of the total population is in the eligible category, but it would be incorrect for one would be generally considering horoscopes of only persons who are eligible from the angle of age, status, caste, religion etc. Thus the area is narrowed down to the extent of one-third of the eligible group thus saving the parents from incurring unnecessary expenditure, time and energy in negotiating for matches.

Jupiterian Connection

Jupiter being *Sukhakaraka* and *Santanakaraka* is supposed to have an intimate connection in the charts of the couple. Our studies indicate that amongst married couples, Jupiter has been found in 4 out of 20 couples in one and the same sign i.e., 20%, in 6 cases aspecting each other, i.e., 30%, in one case Jupiter of one is in Gemini while of the other in Cancer but retrograde. This may thus be put in the first category. Similarly in another case Jupiter of both is retrograde in Aries and Scorpio and it could be a doubtful case but may be put in the second category thus raising the percentage of both by 5% and raising the total of these two categories to 60%. In 3 or 15% cases relationship is of the 3rd and 11th; in 2 or 10% cases it is the 4th and 10th. In 2 or 10% cases, Jupiter of one was found retrograde, and if we take the aspect from Jupiter's preceding sign, then Jupiter of one is aspecting Jupiter of the other, in 9 or 45% cases. This takes the first two categories to 70%. As a matter of fact the first type of relationship covers 3 common points or where Jupiter of one aspects the other's Jupiter and the Rasis' 3rd and 11th relation cover only two common points and these two relationships cover 85% cases.

The 4th and the 10th relationship found in 10% cases is at least not detrimental. It was found in the 2nd and 12th only in 1 or 5% cases.

Coming to Arundhati's data, out of 9 charts in none of these cases, Jupiter is placed in the same Rasi. In 5 cases, Jupiter of one is aspecting Jupiter of the other; in 4 cases covering together 3 points while in one case in Samasaptama position. It covers 55.55% cases. In 2 cases in Kendras *i.e.* 22.22% and in 2 cases in the 2nd and 12th position.

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ars and onjugal Life

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T IS very well known that Mars in 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 12 houses causes aka Dosha. But these ents must be judged con- ng other factors also in the ope. The placement of should also be judged from Moon and Venus. At the time there must be some mitigating factors in the ope of the male and fe- As a matter of fact Kuja from (a) Lagna, (b) Moon c) Venus is weak, strong ronger in the above order. e most important question out of all planets Mars is ed for misery in married Malefic planets like Sun, g Moon, Saturn, Rahu and an also play the role. Mars y and passionate also and an play havoc in making l miserable. On account of ect on 4, 7, and 8 houses it uence two or more houses. can also cause trouble in d life, but it can also give a phic outlook to the native s result in mitigating the y.

rt from Mars Dosha the ng also merit attention: Find the exact nature of by caused by Mars due to cement and lordship. If the evil result is present the horoscopes, how will it affect the marriage?

3. If there is Dosha in one and no Dosha in the other, how will the married life be affected?

4. Mars is benefic or malefic to the native.

5. Houses 2, 7 and 11 are also important if they are occupied by benefic or malefic planets.

6. The evil results of Mars vary due to occupation of different signs.

7. The results of Mars will change according to its occupation of fixed, moveable and common signs and various Bhavas.

8. The results are modified if it occupies its exaltation, own, friendly, inimical and debilitation sign.

9. The planets conjoined with or aspecting Mars mitigate the affliction of Mars sometimes.

10. The adverse aspect of other planets can make a favourable Mars non-favourable.

11. If Mars is Rajayogakaraka how far will it be evil.

Mars is evil for those born in Libra and Taurus in ascending order. It is also evil to Gemini and Virgo in ascending order again. To persons born in Capricorn and Aquarius it is generally good for worldly pleasures. Mars becomes evil by owning or occupying 6, 8 and 12 houses. It makes one obstinate and atrocious. The person will be rash and extravagant. Dispute, disharmony, injury, accident, burns and even murder are the result.

Let us see what the sages say about the results of placement of Mars in different Bhavas.

According to *Brihat Jataka*, Chapter 20, stanza 6, whoever has Mars in Lagna, his body has wounds, in 2nd house he eats bad food, in the 3rd he is intelligent and courageous, in 4th without comfort and oppressed, in the 5th without sons and wealth, in the 6th powerful and conqueror enemies, in the 7th not liked by womenfolk, in the 8th only a few children, in the 9th he does evil actions, in the 10th happy and industrious, in the 11th very wealthy, and in the 12th he does mean and disgraceful acts.

According to sage Parasara in *Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra*, Chapter 80, stanza 47, the woman becomes a widow if Mars be in 1, 2, 4, 7 or 8 from the Ascendant unaspected by or associated with any benefic. In the same chapter in stanzas 48 and 49 he says that the Yoga which causes the woman to become a widow also causes a male native to become a widower. If the man and woman possessing this Yoga join in wedlock, the Yoga ceases to have any effect.

According to *Bhavartha Ratnakara*, Chapter 6, stanze 6, if

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Mars is situated in the 2nd, 7th, 8th, 4th and 12th, then the wife of the native will die. Here no mention is made of the first house.

Mantreswara in *Phaladeepika*, Chapter 8, stanzas 8, 9 and 10, says that if Mars is in the Ascendant, the native is very cruel and enterprising but he has small life and his body is injured. In the 2nd, the face is ugly and he is not good in speech, without education and money and serves bad people. In the 3rd, he is virtuous, wealthy, happy and brave. Other people do not overcome him but he is not happy with younger brothers. In the 4th he has no mother, friends, not happy, without conveyance and land. In the 5th he derives no pleasure from sons, always in trouble, not clever. In the 6th, he is wealthy like a king and conquerer of enemies. He is also very sexual. In the 7th, he does undesirable acts, is diseased, always in trouble and devoid of wife. In the 8th, he has bad body, some part diseased, poor, short longevity and not liked by people. In the 9th, he is not liked by others, devoid of father's love and he torments other people. In the 10th, he is cruel, adventurous, liked by others and like a king. In the 11th, he is wealthy, happy, courageous, virtuous and without worries. In the 12th, he carries tales, is devoid of wife and does mean acts.

Sage Bhrigu gives the results of placement of Mars in detail. I shall give below what the sage says about the 7th house in *Bhrigu Sutram*, Chapter 3, stanza 54.

(a) If Mars is in the 7th house in a malefic sign or conjunct a malefic, there will be loss of wife even if the 7th happens to be Aries or Scorpio.

(b) If in conjunction with a benefic or has a benefic aspect, the above malefic effect will not happen but there will be foreign travel.

(c) If in conjunction with malefic and also placed in exaltation, own house or friendly house with malefic aspect, then there will be loss of wife failing that, will be developing intimacy with other women and various sexual perversions.

(d) If in conjunction with Saturn there will be sexual perversions.

(e) If in conjunction with Ketu, contact with women in menses. If there is another malefic in conjunction, then there is loss of more than one wife. If there is malefic aspect on Mars, in this case the native will commit adultery.

(f) If Mars is in conjunction or aspected by its enemy, then there is loss of wife.

(g) If Mars is debilitated then there is loss of wife.

(h) If Mars is in conjunction with Rahu, then intimacy with maid servant.

Some people say that lordship of a house does not count for Mars Dosha and it is only the malefic nature of the planet that counts. I do not agree. In support of my argument, according to Mantreswara, if Saturn or Mars is in the 7th house, there is death of the lady, if the house is Pisces. The wife of the native born in Virgo will also die. If Saturn or Mars are in the 7th house falling in Cancer, the wife will be pious and devoted to the husband. Thus for a Capricornian native, the 7th house posited Saturn or Mars will give a good wife. In the case of Virgo Ascendant Saturn is the lord of the 5th and the 6th. But the 6th is its Moolatrikona sign, hence the traits of the 6th house prevail over those of the 5th house. In the case of Capricorn people Saturn is lord of the 1st and the 2nd and Mars is lord of the 4th and the 11th. So both are good. But as both are natural malefics we cannot disregard their malefic and the couple may have quarrels occasionally. Mantreswara while discussing Kalatra Bhava has given preference to the lordship of planets.

Rules regarding Mars Dosha which have been discussed in this article are applicable to both males and females, but while dealing with female horoscopes the influence of Trimsamsa and Navamsa is very much marked. These are given in all classical books and I need not repeat them. Prof. B. Suryanarain Rao in his *Stree Jataka* has made a deep study of Trimsamsas and Navamsas. To give an example of his masterly exposition I quote the following from his book: "If Saturn and Moon are together in Aries and both occupy Kuja Trimsamsa, the girl will commit adultery with a loafer on the street. If Moon is in Cancer with Jupiter and both are in Kuja Trimsamsa, the girl will have plenty of lovers, but as Jupiter is there, she will have gentlemanly lovers. If Kuja is there in his own Timsamsa, she will become a prostitute with a street loafer."

Exceptions to the rules for Mars Dosha are given by several authors. Some of them are given below:

1. If Mars occupies Aries or Scorpio, its own house.

2. If it occupies its exalted sign Capricorn or debilitated sign Cancer and these signs happen to be 4 and 7 as counted from the Lagna, the Moon or Venus, the evil results will not happen.

3. For Leo and Taurus natives Mars in Scorpio will do no harm.

4. Mars in the 7th has no Dosha if it is in Aries, Cancer, Scorpio or Capricorn.

5. Mars occupying the sign of

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er, Sagittarius or Pisces or debilitation sign Cancer or sign Capricorn, if it is the counted from the Lagna the Moon or Venus, cannot any harm.

If Mars occupies the sign by Mercury or Venus and happens to be the 12th house from Lagna, Moon or it loses its effect.

Some sages say that Rahu, and Saturn conjoining with or Saturn aspecting Mars the evil. The Moon and in one sign ward off the evil Mars.

According to Dr. B. V. Raman book *Electional Astrology* following are the placements Mars for results given as un-

1. If Mars is in 7, not aspected by malefics, there will frequent quarrels in married leading to misunderstand- and separation.

2. When Saturn is in 8, and to Mars the married life be crossed by discord, lack of understanding and want attachment.

3. When Leo is the Lagna and 7th lord Saturn is in the 2nd husband will be subservient the wife carrying out all her

4. Saturn in the 7th house is indicative of unhappiness in unless Saturn happens lord of the Lagna or of the

5. According to *Prasna Marga* Dr. B. V. Raman, if the Sun Venus occupy 5, 7, 9 houses, the native lacks marital

6. A strong malefic in the 4th ularly Mars is not condu- conjugal happiness.

7. If in the Ashtakavarga of the 7th house contains a number of *bindus* and the born in any asterism of the Sun, then his wife will be as dear to him as his life.

8. When the longitude of the 7th house falls in a malefic Navamsa frequent quarrels and misunderstnadings will ensue.

9. If the lords of 7 and 1 are friends, then the native will be loved by his wife; otherwise, there will be no harmony.

10. In Ashtakavarga of Venus, make the necessary reductions. Mark those signs which contain *bindus*. Take the sign which contains more *bindus* and take the bride from the direction indicating that sign, the marriage is said to be really happy.

Dr. B. V. Raman has also given some mitigating factors in the above-mentioned book. They are:-

1. Mars in the 2nd is said to be bad provided such 2nd house is any other than Gemini and Virgo.

2. In 12, the Dosha is produced when such 12th house is any other than Taurus and Libra.

3. In the 4th house Mars causes Dosha, provided the house falls in any sign other than Aries and Scorpio.

4. In 7, there is no Dosha if the sign is Capricorn or Cancer.

5. In Aquarius and Leo, Mars produces no Dosha whatsoever.

6. Mars gives bad effects in 8, provided this house is any other than Sagittarius and Pisces.

7. The Dosha is counteracted by the conjunction of Mars with Jupiter or the Moon.

8. There is no Dosha if there is Jupiter or Venus in the Ascendant.

So it is seen that Mars Dosha if it exists is not absolute. It can change according to the above exceptions. Moreover it is not only Mars that is malefic, rather there are other malefic planets such as Saturn, Rahu and Ketu and Sun, the maleficence being highest in debilitation and lowest in exaltation.

I have found the method for finding the comparative maleficence of planets in a horoscope, by Dr. B. V. Raman, as given below very useful while matching horoscopes.

So the Dosha for each horoscope can be worked out, according to the above chart. If in the horoscopes of the male and female the Dosha units are equal or if the male horoscope has 25% points more, then the horoscopes can be approved.

Recently I received the case of a couple, whose married life has been disturbed after 15 years of marriage. The horoscopes are given below.

Female: Rasi: Virgo - Ascendant and Saturn; Capricorn - Mercury; Aquarius - Sun, Jupiter, Venus and Rahu; Pisces - Mars; Taurus - Moon; and Leo - Ketu. *Navamsa:* Virgo - Ascendant; Scorpio - Sun; Sagittarius -

House	8 and 7			4, 12 and 2		
State of Planets	Mars	Rahu Sat. Ketu	Sun	Mars	Rahu Sat. Ketu	Sun
Debilitated	100	75	50	50	37.50	25.00
Enemy	90	67.50	45	45	33.75	22.50
Neutral	80	60.00	40	40	30.00	20.00
Friend	70	52.50	35	35	26.25	17.50
Own	60	45.00	30	30	22.50	15.00
Exalted	50	37.50	25	25	18.75	12.50

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Mars and Ketu; Pisces - Saturn; Aries - Moon, Venus and Jupiter; Taurus - Mercury; and Gemini - Rahu.

Considering the horoscope of the female, Mars is situated in the 7th and is in the 2nd from Venus. The Ascendant being Virgo, occupied by Saturn, and Mars in Pisces a common sign, Mars has become a powerful malefic. As Mars owns houses 3 and 8, the girl must be obstinate and atrocious. She must be rash and extravagant. Mars in Pisces indicates death of the husband. The 7th lord is situated in the 6th with malefics in the house of Saturn. Saturn is retrograde. As Mars is connected with Saturn, there must be sexual perversions. Mars in the 7th also indicates misunderstanding, leading to separation. The lord of Lagna, Mercury, being inimical to the lord of the 7th Jupiter indicates disharmony in married life. Moreover, Saturn has its malefic influence not only on Mars, but also on Mercury as it is lord of the sign occupied by Mercury. Lagna falls in Virgo and Mars Trimsamsa rises, the woman becomes cunning and dissimilating. As Venus occupies Mars Trimsamsa, she is likely to become a self-willed whole.

Husband: Rasi: Leo - Ascendant; Libra - Mercury, Venus and Sun; Scorpio - Jupiter and Ketu; Aries - Moon; Taurus - Rahu; and Cancer - Mars and Saturn. Mars is Yogakaraka here but is situated in the 12th with Saturn, lord of the 6th. Mars is also situated in the 4th from the Moon, so there is strong Mars Dosha. Jupiter and Ketu are aspecting Mars, but Jupiter is lord of the 12th and occupies the house of Mars, Mars is debilitated. Therefore there are indications of the husband not getting sexual satisfaction from the wife and may commit adultery. Mars in 12 also indicates want of money, rheumatic and bilious diseases. Associated with Saturn it denotes false vanity. Mars may destroy family and conjugal peace. The native may suffer from eye trouble and will be cruel. He may kill his wife and is liable to imprisonment.

The facts of this case are that the husband has tried to kill his wife, once by strangulation, and another time by giving sleeping pills or poison, but thanks to her Lagna being Vargottama she was saved. The husband and wife accuse each other of immoral behaviour. The female has been turned out of the house by the husband.—142.90.

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in the other horoscope. This view is somehow not acceptable to me.

3. Moon and Mercury

Impudence is not desirable in married life. The native in whose horoscope the Moon and Mercury are afflicted by strong malefics — Saturn, Mars and Rahu — is sure to behave in an uncivilized manner ignoring the feelings of his spouse. There comes a time in our life when good sensibility and common-sense are very much needed to place us in a convenient situation. All this depends upon the strong Moon and Mercury. The Moon rules the reactions while Mercury signifies reason and discrimination. Truly speaking, I give slightly more time to their study so that the temperaments and attitudes of the intending partners are known. They should both be in the friendly places which I have mentioned above when judged in the natural zodiac. Some of us have everything except common-sense. This is the gift of an afflicted or debilitated Mercury.

The responsibility to maintain mutual understanding, which should exist for conjugal felicity, depends on the good positions of the Moon and Mercury in both the horoscopes.

4. Venus and Mars

Venus and Mars hold prominent place with regard to marital matters as they are associated with sexual habits and impulses in a man and woman respectively. Venus rules the 'wife', marriage in general, vitality and physical beauty. The native, in whose horoscope Venus is debilitated or combust or severely afflicted, cannot get marital felicity to his expectation. But Venus should be judged along with the 7th and its lord to assess the quantum of marital happiness.

Mars is very significant for a woman as he is thought to signify her husband and sexual urges. He should be strong in her horoscope, otherwise marital dispute may arise immediately after marriage.

In my view, both Venus and Mars are meaningful for both the spouses as Venus, if strong, creates in us the urge to enjoy the beauty of life at the physical plane while Mars gives us the drive and fortitude to do so.

Their conjunction or opposition or association with the Nodes is not very desirable as then the native is filled with intense desire to have excessive sensul gratification. It is good if such a configuration has the steadying effect of a strong Jupiter or Saturn. Many marriages are wrecked owing to the dissolute habits of one of the spouses.

(To be continued)

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MATCHING FOR MARRIAGE: TRADITIONS AND ADDITIONS

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...t of 4 couples given by Mr. H. R. Shankar, in ...se, Jupiter is in same Rasi Leo in both ...s, in 2 cases in the 4th and 10th positions and ...e case in the 3rd and 11th position. Thus ...are only 3 cases out of 53 cases where ...rian connection is not seen.

...nection between 5th and 5th ...rd.

...8 cases out of 20 couples i.e., 40%, this ...ction was clear from Lagna chart without ...ering Chandra Kundali. In 4 such cases the ...rd of the two were found in the same Rasi, in ...es, the 5th lords aspecting each other; and in ...es one is either in the 5th or aspecting both ...h and the 5th lord or the 5th or the 5th lord ... In 3 cases this point is proved from Chandra ...ali raising the percentage to 55%. In the ...3 cases, the same point is established by ...g Lagna and Chandra charts together. This ...cover 70% cases.

...would like to close my paper after giving an ...le.

		ASCDT. MOON
Bride-groom 4/5-9-1961 1-40 a.m. Delhi		VENUS
		RAHU SUN
		MARS MERC.

...nce of Rahu Dasa: Years 16-4-18.

	JUPIT.	MARS VENUS	SUN RAHU
SAT.	Bride 15-7-1964 2-10 p.m. Palwal		MERC.
KETU		ASCDT.	MOON

Balance of Moon Dasa: Years 5-2-27

...e of my friends came with these two horo-...s and informed me that the astrologer of the ...ride had certain objections. After seeing the ...opes, I informed him that notwithstanding ...ctions of the astrologers, marriage would ...ace between them very soon. It came off on ...June 1990. My reasons for the conclusion ...as follows:

The Lagna and the Moon of the bridegroom ...Gemini while the Sun of the bride is in ...;

The Lagnas of the two are in the 5th and the ...m each other;

The Moons of both are in the 4th and the ...m each other in signs of Mercury;

The Suns of both are in the 3rd and 11th from each other;

(e) Jupiters of the two are in the 4th and 10th relationship;

(f) The groom's 5th lord Venus is aspecting the 5th house of the bride—Moon; and the bride's 5th lord is placed in the 9th house of the groom;

(g) The 9th lord Mercury of the bride is aspecting the 9th lord of the groom;

(h) The Karmic control planets in the two cases are the Sun-Saturn and Mercury-Jupiter and the Suns in both cases are in the Rahu-Ketu axis. The groom's Jupiter and bride's Mercury aspect each other;

(i) Venus of both are in the 3rd and the 11th houses

(j) The lord of the 7th of the groom is aspecting Lagna of the bride from the 7th and 7th lord of the bride Mars is aspecting the 7th house of the groom.

There are some other similarities including life patterns etc., which made me say that marriage could not be avoided whatever may be the reason advanced.

One has to keep in mind that in some cases various Kutas are just contradictory to each other. Then one cannot afford to stick to contradictory Kutas. There has never been a perfectly ideal matching. That is why "Love at first sight" prevails over Kutas to the extent that it has been included in *Mananukulya* Kuta and thus our seers approved it. Human effort has to be made but it can succeed only within the limits of *rinanubandhana*. The learned readers would do well to consider it while matching horoscopes for marriage. Follow traditional methods of matching. But do not ignore additional methods of matching *rinanubandhana* to save time, money and energy of harassed Indian parents of the bride.

This is the duty and responsibility of a good astrologer, we believe.—147.90.

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II. The 2nd house has Ketu. The lord of the 2nd is in the 9th receiving inimical aspect of Saturn, a bitter enemy. The Sun is also in the 8th from his own house. Jupiter's company is favourable.

III. The 3rd lord Mercury is in the 10th, but in the 8th from its own house and also afflicted by Mars (who treats him as enemy). The position of Saturn (R) in the 3rd and the aspect of the Sun on the 3rd are not favourable indications.

Conclusion: Native would be courageous and would make his fortune by hard work. The 3rd being the 8th from the 8th is afflicted and not a favourable position as regards longevity.

IV. The 4th lord Venus is in the 7th from own house and in the 10th from Lagna in the Nakshatra of the Sun (an enemy) and also under affliction from Mars, a natural malefic. Venus has also Kendradhipatya Dosha.

V. The 5th house receives the aspect of Saturn (R) and Mars, lord of the 5th is aspecting the 5th, his own house. Mars is a Yogakaraka and has *digbala* also. Mars is in the Nakshatra of Ketu and in the company of Mercury (enemy) and other planets who are also neutral and has no friend's support. Jupiter is also aspecting the 5th house. For children, the position is favourable with some minor disturbances as Jupiter, the Karaka for the 5th house, is also afflicted but in own house.

VI. There is no planet in the 6th and also no aspect. The 6th lord is in the 9th in own house and in the 4th from his own house. Jupiter is afflicted by the Sun and Saturn (a friend and neutral), natural malefics. The weakness of the 6th house may result in decrease in number of enemies but also reduce the resistance of the body and the native may easily become prey to disease.

In view of the affliction to Lagna and Lagna lord and the Moon the position is not favourable.

VII. This is the main house to be studied here as our topic is concerned with marriage. There is no planet in the 7th and also no aspect on the 7th house. The lord of the 7th is in the 3rd and is retrograde, receiving the aspect of Jupiter (neutral). Jupiter is a natural benefic. The aspect of the Sun is bad. But the combination of the 7th plus 9th and 7th plus 2nd lords may result in a happy union which may, in turn, prove lucky after marriage for financial position and status. The position of the 7th lord in the 3rd also indicates that wife will be helpful in making the future bright. The 6th/8th position of the 1st and 7th lords is undesirable and the lords are also not friends.

In Navamsa, the 7th and Lagna lords are together in Lagna and aspected by Jupiter and the Moon from the 7th house, which is very good especially when there is Gajakesari Yoga in the 7th. This would give deep love between the couple. The enmity of the Lagna and 7th lords (Saturn and Sun) may turn the friendship into separation. Venus in Navamsa sign also is in inimical house aspected by inimical Jupiter and afflicted by Mars.

Conclusion: The overall position is favourable and may cause delay in marriage but happy marital life except for some threats to unity.

VIII. The lord of the 8th house is Saturn. The position of Saturn has already been discussed in detail. The position of the 8th house is not good due to Rahu and no benefic aspect. From the Moon also, the 8th house is aspected by two malefics, Mars and retrograde Saturn. Jupiter also aspects it. No benefics are there. The 3rd house which is the 8th the from 8th has already been discussed at III above. The position is not favourable. The two planets Mercury and Venus in Kendra may enhance the period of longevity. These two benefics are in Kendra from the Moon also.

The following points may also be considered to give a general picture about longevity:

(i) Lagna lord in a moveable sign and the 8th lord in a dual sign — Alpa.

(ii) Lagna lord in moveable and Hora Lagna in dual sign — Alpa (Moon is Lagna lord, hence these two will decide).

The two benefics in Kendra may increase the period of longevity (Kaksha Vriddhi) and native is bound to cross into Madhyayu. The aspect of longevity needs serious consideration.

(iii) Atmakaraka Venus is also not comfortable.

(iv) The native is born in Venus Dasa which is to be followed by the Dasa of the Sun, the Moon and Mars (all having a short period). In case of Madhyayu, the native generally does not cross the 4th Dasa.

(v) Lords of 8th and 10th are in Kendra and are *Ayurvardhakas*. But this is not here.

(vi) Saturn well placed is *Ayurvardhaka*. Here it is reverse.

(vii) Vipareeta Raja Yoga is also *Ayurvardhaka*. It is missing here.

(viii) The 8th house should not be afflicted. Here the house and the lord are both afflicted.

(ix) Lords of Lagna, 2nd and 7th should not be afflicted but the position is not here in this case.

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me Fallacies in Constellational atching Removed

S. NATARAJAN

HE constellation Pushya is held by some sections of astrologers as not allowed for matching.

Kalaprakasika (Chapter 13, Sloka 14), it is

उत्तर पुष्यं च चित्र आदित्य अश्विवृत्तिकाः ।
आपि इन्दु मित्राः च नक्षत्र एवये तु मध्यमाः ॥

is obvious that Pushya falls in the admissible al category and not at all in the unsuitable gory.

f all the 28 constellations, the pride of place s to have been given to Pushya, the 8th is supposed to be the most favourable of all constellations. The *rishis* go to the extent of that even if unfavourable combinations are t in the birth horoscope, hampering one's s in life and the ruling constellation and the n of the Moon are all adverse, Pushya has wer of neutralising these evil forces and ng its benefic nature. In spite of all these influences attributed to Pushya, it is held auspicious for purposes of marriage. There an element of exaggeration in the assertion ushya is capable of modifying all th evil ces present in the election chart but there ubt whatsoever that it is a constellation llEnce, that could be universally employed urposes excepting, of source, marriage. So r. B. V. RAMAN, when dwelling on the 28 ations (including Abhijit) in his book a. Thus the confusion created by some ers with respect to Pushya automatically pelled.

also believed by some that *Vadha Vaina-* applies only to the birth stars of girls. But P. Subramania Iyer who has translated glish, the Sanskrit work *Kalaprakasika*, says "Another asterism to be avoided iS the 22nd counted from the Janma Nakshatra of either (girl/boy)". The verse, which is terse, runs thus:

वधवैनाशिकं चापि तृतीयं परिवर्जितम् ।
वधवैनाशिकं योगे फलं काश्यपचोदितम् ॥

Anyway interestingly DR. B. V. RAMAN has not at all given any significance to *Vadha Vainasikam* in Chapter XI "Marriage" in his *Muhurta*, wherein he has dealt with finding marriage compatibility between the constellations of the girl and the boy, in a crystal-clear manner, which appears almost contradictory to notions advocated by other relevant works.

According to *Kalaprakasika* (Ch. 13 Sl.27),

एकाधिपत्ये मैत्रे च समसम एव च ।
रज्जु वेध गणै र्दोषो राशिदोषो न विद्यते ॥

Rajju, Vedha, Gana and Rasi — the adverse effects arising from these need not be considered if (1) the lords of the Janma Rasis of the girl and the boy be the same, (2) if they be friendly planets, and (3) if their Janma Rasis be diametrically opposite signs of the zodiac.

(1) If the Janma Nakshatras are the same but belong to two different signs the stellar quarter of the bridegroom should precede. If otherwise, it is not suitable. This is possible only in the signs below:

Bridegroom	Ekanakshatra	Bride
Gemini	Punarvasu	Cancer
Libra	Visakha	Scorpio
Aquarius	Poorvabhadrapada	Pisces

(2) If the Janma Nakshatras of the boy and the girl belong to the same sign, the Nakshatra of the bridegroom must be prior to that of the girl, eg. If Aswini and Bharani, (in Aries Janma Rasi) are the constellations of the boy and the girl Aswini should

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be of the boy and the girl's should be Bharani.

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सप्रविशंतिभं त्याज्यं भिन्नराशिगतं यदि ।

The Dosha attributed to the bridegroom's being the 27th in order from that of the bride, occurs if they belong to two Rasis.

There is an exception Among asterisms that belong to one and the same sign, those of Bharani and Krittika, Dhanishta and Satabhisha and Pushya and Aslesha should be left out of consideration.

There is also another exception. The asterisms of the boy may rightly be the next in order to that of the girl, if the asterisms of the latter be any one of Aswini, Krittika, Mrigasira, Makha, Hasta, Swati, Poorvashadha and Satabhisha.

3. In respect of the asterisms belonging to two signs, the rule is that if the boy and the girl have a common Janma Nakshatra belonging to two signs, the stellar quarter belonging to the first sign should be that of the bride in the following cases only.

Bride	Ekanakshatras	Bridegroom
Aries	Krittika	Taurus
Leo	Uttaraphalguni	Virgo
Sagittarius	Uttarashada	Capricorn

4. If the stellar quarters be equally divided between the two Rasis, the sign of the first two should be that of the bridegroom such as:

Bridegroom	Ekanakshatra	Bride
Taurus	Mrigasira	Gemini
Virgo	Chitta	Libra
Capricorn	Dhanishta	Aquarius

Furthermore, as per *Brihat Samhita* etc., Dr. B. V. RAMAN has pointed out the following exceptions too:-

(a) Streedeergha (Kuta), if absent, may be ignored, if Rasi Kuta and Grahamaitri obtain.

(b) Even when there is no friendship between the lords of Janma Rasis of the bride and bridegroom, Rasi Kuta may be said to exist, if friendship prevails between the dispositors of the Moon in the Navamsa of the two charts.

(c) If the Rasi of the bride is odd, the 6th and 8th Rasis therefrom are friendly and if the Rasi of the bride is even the 2nd and 12th Rasis therefrom become friendly.

(d) The evil due to birth of the girl in a Rakshasa Gana star may be ignored if Janma Rasis being the 2nd and the 12th, the 9th and the 5th or the 6th and the 8th, the lords of the Rasis are the same or are mutual friends.

(e) Grahamaitri need not be considered if the girl and the boy have their Janma Rasis disposed in one and seven from each other (*samasaptama*)

(f) Rajju Kuta need not be considered if Grahamaitri, Rasi, Dina and Mahendra Kutas are present.

(g) In cases of common Janma Rasis if the boy's constellation precedes the girl's, the Kutas need not be applied, as Streepoorva is avoided.

(h) The boy and the girl should not have the same Janma Rasi, same Janma Nakshatra and *pada*.

The exception to this rule is that in regard to Satabhisha, Hasta, Swati, Aswini, Krittika, Poorvashadha, Mrigasira and Makha, the evil arising out of common Janma Rasi, Nakshatra and *pada* gets cancelled if the couple are born in the first *pada*.

Yet, *Kalavidhana* has laid down:

(i) That if any of the stars Swati, Mrigasira, Makha or Anuradha, happens to be the Janma star of either the boy or girl, even though there is no Dina Kuta, the match may be made on the count of Nakshatra alone.

(ii) Constellations Poorvashadha, Bharani, Aslesha, Hasta, Mrigasira and Satabhisha — if any of these happen to be the Ekanakshatra, the matching may be said to be present and the marriage will be auspicious.

(iii) In common Janma Rasis (Eka Rasis) if that of the boy happens to precede in the pairs Bharani and Krittika; Dhanishta and Satabhisha and Pushya and Aslesha, it should be disallowed.

(iv) The 7 constellations — Aswini, Krittika, Makha, Hasta, Swati, Poorvashadha and Satabhisha — are the exception to Stree-poorva, both according to *Kalavidhana* and *Kalaprakasika*. But in this category Rohini is included by *Kalavidhana* only while Mrigasira by *Kalaprakasika* only.

(v) The evil arising from position of Janma Rasis at 9/5 (Navapanchama) or 6/8 (Shashtastaka) or 2/12 (Dwirdwadasa) or girl being a Rakshasa Gana star, gets cancelled, if the lords of Janma Rasis are one and the same (Ekadhipatyam) or if there is friendship between the lords of Janma Rasis.

(vi) From the girl's Janma Rasi, if the boy's happens to be 12/2 position in this list — Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius — there is no Dosha. The 2/12 position of Janma Rasi is not auspicious if it falls in the row Aries to Pisces.

(vii) If the Janma Rasis be Aries/Leo or Cancer/Scorpio, there is no evil of 5/9 (Panchanavama) Dosha.

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arriage atching

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PINIONS differ in the number of factors that are to be judged in marriage matching. For instance, Narada opines on 12 while Garga on 18 factors. Besides we find differing in practice varying from place to d their corresponding traditions. But the of astrologers accept 8 factors, given in *Chintamani*, the universally accepted elections by Rama Daivagna. Marriage g is chiefly done on the basis of the birth- the boy and the girl. If the birth-star of the not known, matching may be judged be- the birth-star of the boy and the name-star irl. If the birth-stars of the boy and the girl known, matching may be judged between e-stars of both. But matching should not d between the name-star of the boy and h-star of the girl. This is the opinion of *uritam* one of the most favoured texts on s.

following are the 8 factors as given in *Chintamani*:

वर्णं वश्यं तथा तारा योनिश्च ग्रह मैत्रकम् ।
नेत्रं भकूटं च नाडी चैते गुणधिकाः ॥

arna; (2) Vasya; (3) Tara; (4) Yoni; (5) aitri; (6) Gana; (7) Rasi; (8) Nadi.

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Varna of the boy's birth-sign (sign occu- the Moon) should be superior to the Varna irl's birth-sign. Then it gains 1 mark. the Varna of the boy's birth-sign is infe- the Varna of the boy's birth-sign lord is , one mark allotted to Varna is deemed to d.

min - Meena, Vrischika, Kataka; a - Mesha, Dhanus, Simha; Vaisya - Vrishabha, Kanya, Makara; Sudra - Mithuna, Thula, Kumbha; Brahmin - Jupiter; Venus; Kshatriya - Sun, Mars; ;Vaisya - Moon; Sudra - Mercury; and Chandala - Saturn.

Varna Table

Boy's Rasi	Brah	Ksha	Vai	Su
Brah	1	0	0	0
Ksha	1	1	0	0
Vai	1	1	1	0
Su	1	1	1	1

2. Vasya

Signs are classified into the five following groups.

Nara: Mithuna, Kanya, Thula, Kumbha, the 1st half of Dhanus.

Chathushpada: Vrishabha, Mesha, the 2nd half of Dhanus, 1st half of Makara.

Jalachara: Kataka, 2nd half of Makara, Meena, (Vrischika = Keeta).

Vanachara: Simha.

Vasya Table

	Boy				
Girl	Nara	Chathush pada	Jala chara	Keeta	Vana chara
Nara	2	1	1/2	1	0
Chathushpada	1	2	1	0	0
Jalachakra	1/2	1	2	1	1
Keeta	1	0	1	2	0
Vanachakra	0	0	1	0	2

3. Tara

Count from the star of the girl to the star of the boy. Count the star of the boy from the star of the girl. In each case divide the number by 9. The remainders 3, 5, 7 are not good, while the remainders 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 0 are good. If the remainders in both the cases are not good, Tara does not score any mark. If one is good, while the other is bad, Tara scores 1 1/2 marks. If both are good Tara scores 3 marks.

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4. Yoni

Marks may be assigned according to the friendship, etc., of the animals represented by the stars.

Aswini, Satabhisha - Horse; Swati, Hasta - Buffalo; Dhanishta, Poorvashadha - Lion; Bharani, Revati - Elephant; Pushyami, Krittika - Goat; Sravana, Poorvashadha - Monkey; Uttarashadha, Abhijit - Mongoose; Mrigasira, Rohini - Snake; Jyeshta, Anuradha - Deer; Moola, Aridra - Dog; Punarvasu, Aslesha - Cat; Makha, Pubba - Rat; Visakha, Chitta - Tiger; and Uttara, Uttarashadha - Cow.

See Table for the rating of marks according to the class of animals of the boy and the girl.

Yoni Table

Boy	H	B	L	E	G	M	Mo	S	D	Do	C	R	T	Co
GIRL ↓ H	4	0	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
B	0	4	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	3
L	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1
E	1	2	0	4	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1
G	2	3	1	1	4	0	3	1	3	2	1	2	1	3
M	2	2	1	1	0	4	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2
Mo	2	2	1	2	3	2	4	0	2	2	2	2	1	2
S	2	1	2	2	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	1	2	1
D	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	4	0	2	2	1	2
Do	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	1
C	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	4	0	3	2
R	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	4	2	1
T	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	4	0
Co	3	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	0	4

5. Grahamaitri

Assign marks according to the friendship, enmity and neutrality of the Moon-sign lords of the boy and the girl from the Table.

Grahamaitri Table

		Moon-sign lord of the boy						
		5	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup.	Ven.	Sat.
Moon-sign lord of the girl	Sun	5	5	5	4	5	0	0
	Moon	5	5	4	1	4	1/2	1/2
	Mars	5	4	5	1/2	5	3	1/2
	Merc.	4	1	1/2	5	1/2	5	4
	Jup.	5	4	5	1/2	5	1/2	3
	Ven.	0	1/2	3	5	1/2	5	5
	Sat.	0	1/2	1/2	4	3	5	5

6. Gana

Stars are divided into three groups of Gana, *viz.*, Deva, Rakshasa and Manushya.

Deva Gana: Anuradha, Punarvasu, Mrigasira, Sravana, Revati, Swati, Hasta, Aswini, Pushyami.

Manushya Gana: Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha, Poorvabhadra, Uttara, Uttarashadha, Rohini, Bharani, Aridra.

Rakshasa Gana: Makha, Aslesha, Dhanishta, Jyeshta, Moola, Satabhisha, Krittika, Chitta, Visakha.

Gana Table

	Boy		
Girl	Deva	Nara	Raskshasa
Deva	1	4	2
Nara	5	6	1
Rakshasa	0	0	6

7. Rasi

Assign the marks according to the Kendra, Kona, etc., positions of the boy's birth-sign from the girl's birth-sign.

If the Rasi of the boy is in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th, same sign, 10th or 11th from the girl's, assign 7 points. If the Rasi of the boy is in the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 9th, 8th or 12th from the girl's, assign 0 points.

8. Nadi

See Table below for rating of marks. The stars are divided into three groups of Nadi. They are Adi, Madhya, Antya. The birth-star of the boy and the girl should not come under the same category of Nadi.

Adi Nadi: Aswini, Aridra, Punarvasu, Uttara, Hasta, Jyeshta, Moola, Satabhisha, Poorvabhadra.

Madhya Nadi: Bharani, Mrigasira, Pushyami, Pubba, Chitta, Anuradha, Poorvabhadra, Dhanishta, Uttarabhadra.

Antya Nadi: Krittika, Rohini, Aslesha, Makha, Swati, Visakha, Uttarashadha, Sravana, Revati.

Nadi Table

	Boy		
Girl	Adi	Madhya	Antya
Adi	0	8	8
Madhya	8	0	8
Antya	8	8	0

The maximum score of the 8 Kutas is 36. Find out the total number of marks, as got from the 8 Tables of the stars of the boy and the girl. The pass mark is 18. This rating is not the be-all and end-all, unless two more factors are judged. They are:

I. Exceptions

II. Weightage

I. Exceptions

1. If Vasya merits two marks, Yoni also merits two marks, though Yoni enmity is present.

2. Despite the absence of Grahamaitri in Rasi charts the presence of Grahamaitri in Navamsa merits 5 marks.

3. Gana merits 6 marks despite its enmity when Grahamaitri and Rasimaitri are present.

4. In the presence of Rasimaitri, the Graha, the Varna and the Nadi merit 5, 1, 8 marks respectively, despite their evil effects.

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oes Matching eally Help ?

MRIDULA TRIDEVI

OES matching of horoscopes of boy and girl for the purpose of peaceful, perous and productive mar- e really help? The answer to could well be both in the mative and negative.

Generally for matching Nadi , Gana Dosha and Man- (Kuja) Dosha are seen. This sufficient. For instance Mars exists in 18 places in 12 es as it is counted from the , the Moon and Venus.

However, if the proper proce- is followed and the horo- es of both the prospective and groom are dealt in to- it could be of immense help preventing incompatible s to a certain extent.

my opinion, the best way of hing will be as follows:

First of all longevity of bride- and bride should be judged. nature, behaviour, mental tability, physical fitness, ther and the general strength horoscopes should be judged. ould also be looked into her there are indications for than one marriage. There- the matching on the three ing points should be taken account:

a) Nakshatra Melapak hing by constellation)

Graha Melapak (Match- planets)

(c) Bhava Melapak (Matching of mental compatibility).

(a) Nakshatra Melapak

In Nakshatra Melapak which is very commonly known, there are a total of 36 matching points. It is said that minimum 18 points must match for a happy married life.

(b) Graha Melapak

There must be compatibility between the planets of the boy and girl for a happy marriage. The so-called Kuja Dosha comes under this category. The malefics Sun, Saturn, Rahu, Ketu, and Mars are also taken into account here. These planets give unfortunate results if placed in the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th or 12th houses.

(c)Bhava Melapak

Bhava Melapak is a new word which I am introducing in this article. In my opinion Bhava Melapak is one of the most essential factors for a happy conjugal life. In fact, we take the Moon for all purposes while judging the compatibility. The Moon indicates mental configuration and the structure of mind. Simply matching by Nakashtra means the mental compatibility *e.g.* we take Gana for sobriety or harshness of nature. Yoni is taken for sexual compatibility. Nadi is considered for the purpose of long-lived, intelligent and healthy children and so on. These factors must also be judged with the help of Bhavas of each horoscope.

The matching and suitability of the Ascendant or the Moon-sign should also be judged properly. This also comes under Bhava Melapak. If a Taurus Ascendant girl gets married with a Scorpio Ascendant boy, the marriage will generally be happy and long lasting. DR. B.V. RAMAN has also specified that the 7th house of one partner, if it becomes the Lagna of the other partner or if one's Moon-sign becomes the Lagna or 7th house of the other or *vice versa*, that will be a good indication for long lasting and happy married life.

Nakshatra Melapak

Our sages have given the maximum importance to the Moon as it is nearest to the earth. Mental compatibility between the husband and the wife is one of the most essential factors for a happy life. The Nakshatra Melapak has been divided into eight parts and certain number of points have been allotted to each part : 1 point to Varna, 2 points to Vasya , 3 to Tara, 4 to Yoni, 5 to Grahamaitri, 6 to Gana, 7 to Bhukuta and 8 points to Nadi, the total

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being 36 points. These details will be found in any standard book on Muhurtas.

There are certain views about common Janma Nakshatra and common Janma Rasi. In my view that should not be taken into consideration because if we take that into account many times the compatibility will become very difficult to determine. To be brief, common Moon-sign is permitted provided the Nakshatras are different and even if Nakshatras are same, their *padas* must be different. If the Moon-signs of both are same but the constellations are different, there may be a possibility of same Nadi. In that case Nadi Dosha will not exist or should be treated as cancelled. Similarly if the constellations are same, the Nadi of both will also be same. If the *padas* of constellations are different the Nadi Dosha should be treated as cancelled.

Mangalik Dosha

Mangalik Dosha is very important but unfortunately it is the most misunderstood aspect of matching horoscopes for marriage. It is immaterial if it is present in one chart and absent in the other provided there is proper balancing of Graha Melapak. In fact Kuja Dosha gets appreciably enhanced on account of association or mutual aspect of Mars with Jupiter or Moon and even Venus instead of subsiding. It is only Saturn's association or opposition to Mars which reduces the evil of Mars to some extent.

Destructive Constellations

There are certain constellations which are termed as destructive constellations.

(i) First *pada* of Moola causes the death of father-in-law; (ii) First *pada* of Jyeshta causes the death of the elder brother or husband; (iii) Fourth *pada* of Visakha causes the death of younger brother of husband.; (iv) First *pada* of Aslesha causes the death of mother; and (v) First pada of Aslesha and Moola Nakshatras are destructive for mother and father of the couple.

Graha Melapak

In addition to Nakshtra Melapak Graha Melapak is also equally essential. Graha Melapak means overall consideration of all planets resulting in happiness or unhappiness in marital life.

Venus-Mars

The position of Venus and Mars is very important in all the horoscopes as regards marital compatibility. In case, Venus and Mars are placed in the 7th house or Lagna the parents of the native should take care of their child from the very childhood. Otherwise the child may be inclined towards immorality. Such a child should be brought up in a very religious atmosphere and should not be allowed to mix with members of the opposite sex when they are alone. Most of the sex crimes in the world have happened only due to affliction of Venus and Mars. A girl having Mars in a particular sign will automatically be attracted towards a boy having Venus in the same sign. Similarly if a girl's Moon-sign is ruled by Mars and that of boy's ruled by Venus and their Lagnas or the Moon-signs are opposite each other, automatically there will be mutual attraction and love. Should a boy having Mars-Venus in the 7th house in Taurus get married with a girl having the same combination in Scorpio Lagna they will have happy and successful married life. Similarly if Venus of the boy has an aspect over Mars of the girl and Mars of the girl aspects Venus of the boy there will be mutual harmony between them. It has been observed that generally if other afflictions are not present, an Aries native if wedded to Libra or a Scorpio native if married to a Taurus native, lives happily. In Case 14 Venus and Mars are in the 7th house in Pisces having mutual aspect of Saturn in Lagna. The native got married to Case 13. Both husband and wife are born in the same Lagna Virgo with Saturn. But the combination of Mars and Venus could not be balanced properly. Only 18 points matched. The Mangali Dosha was also neutralised but Nadi Dosha was present. Rasi Kuta *i.e.* Graha friendship between the Moon-sign lords is also absent - they being Mars and Mercury. Soon after the marriage differences created deep misunderstanding between the couple. The husband committed suicide within five years of marriage.

In Cases 5 and 6, the husband is born in Libra Ascendant having Mars, Venus and Mercury in the 12th house, *i.e.*, the Lagna and 7th lord Venus and Mars respectively and they are afflicted by Mercury in the 12th house Virgo. Exactly the opposite combination is present in the horoscope of the wife in Case 6. She is born in Aries Ascendant *i.e.*, the sign of the 7th house of husband's horoscope becomes the

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Case 13: Born 19-7-1952 at 11.23 a.m. (IST) at 80 E 10, 27 N 23.

Rasi: Ascendant 170-27; Sun 93-17; Moon 63-09; Mars 196-38; Mercury 119-37; Jupiter 23-35; Venus 100-01; Saturn 166-12; Rahu 299-38; and Ketu 119-38 with a balance of 1 year, 0 months and 4 days of Mars Dasa.

Case 14: Born 12-3-1951 at 20h.10m. (IST) at 78 E 8, 29 N 56.

Rasi: Ascendant 172-06; Sun 328-21; Moon 23-46; Mars 345-04; Mercury 320-10; Jupiter 327-22; Venus 356-4; Saturn (R) 156-25; Rahu 325-47; and Ketu 145-47 with a balance of 4 years, 4 months and 5 days of Venus Dasa at birth.

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of the wife. Husband's Sun the Lagna in Libra. Wife's is in Aries Lagna both hav- mutual aspect. The 12th house horoscope of the wife con- Mercury, Venus and Mars the Lagna and 7th lord, Mars Venus are placed in the 12th in the horoscope of the wife are afflicted by Mercury. In horoscope of the wife, Saturn Cancer while in the hus- s horoscope Jupiter is in er. In the wife's horoscope er is in the 8th Taurus *i.e.*, evils of Saturn of the horo- e of husband are reduced by Jupiter of the horoscope of wife whereas the maleficence turn of the wife is reduced Jupiter of the husband. The of the combination of Mars, cury and Venus in the 12th are fully counter balanced Mars, Mercury and Venus of wife as in both the horoscopes, combination is present in op- e signs i.e., Virgo and Pisces ctively. The Sun of the horo- e of the husband has been nced by the Sun of the wife g in opposite signs. Such a bination is highly appreciated it is exceedingly malefic or d in both charts. This couple nly 141/2 Kuta points but happily married for over 25 years.

Mars-Saturn

The combination of Mars and Saturn is also an evil one. It cannot be appreciated even if Mars and Venus are conjoined or opposite each other synchronising with the concerned houses of marriage *i.e.*, 2nd and 8th or 1st and 7th or in 12th. There must be proper balancing of such combinations in both the horoscopes so that the evils of one may be countered by the other. In Cases 15 and 16 the husband is born in Gemini Ascendant with Mars in the Lagna and Saturn in the 7th house. Here Mars is associated with Jupiter. Both Mars and Jupiter have mutual aspect with Saturn. This combination would have created havoc in the marital life of the native if the evils had not been neutralised in the horoscope of the wife by the presence of Mars and Saturn in her 7th house and aspect of Jupiter on the Lagna. The lord of Moonsign of both is Venus. Therefore mutual mental compatibility is also indicated. Both are born in Ascendants ruled by Mercury. There are 28 Kuta points with the cancellation of Kuja Dosha. Nadi Dosha is present. That has also been nullified as the *padas* of their birth constellation (Swati) are different *i.e.*, 1st and 3rd. Married life is smooth, though certain adjustments are certainly being made by them. The husband is a doctor, the wife is an actress. Both are living happily even after 30 years of marriage. In Cases 17 and 18 the husband is born in Taurus Ascendant with Saturn-Mars and Rahu in combination for a long and happy marriage. Strong Kuja Dosha is also present. This evil of the conjunction of Mars, Saturn and Rahu has been balanced in the horoscope of the wife by Mars and Saturn in her 12th house in Scorpio. Both have same Moonsign Libra ruled by Venus having different constellations Chitta (4) and Swati (4) respectively. Thus Nadi Dosha is also present. All evils are counter-balanced by the malefic planets Mars and Saturn in the same sign Scorpio in both the horoscopes. The couple is living happily with three children.

Moon-Venus

Apparently this appears to be a soft combination but in fact it has created disasters in married life, like separation or unsatisfactory married life, full of tension and worry. If such a combination is present in the horoscope of the boy and girl in the Lagna or the 7th house or the 2nd house, proper importance must be attached to it. Other-

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Case 5: Born 20-10-1942 at 7.30 (IST) at 75° E 52', 25° N 10'.
Rasi: Ascendant 126-6; Sun 183- on 313-08; Mars 178-22; Mer- 157-32; Jupiter 91-16; Venus Saturn (R) 48-56; Rahu 128-19; Ketu 308-19 with a balance of 9 3 months and 10 days of Rahu

Case 6: Born 28-4-1947 at 5.15 hrs 77° E 13;, 28° N 39'.
Rasi: Ascendant 2-54; Sun 13-44; 94-32; Mars 349-16; Mercury Jupiter (R) 211-36; Venus Saturn 99-21; Rahu 40-49; Ketu 220-49 with a balance of 3 months and 13 days of Saturn

Case 15: Born 25-9-1930 at 0h.54m. (IST) at 79° E 2', 26° N 47'.

Rasi: Ascendant 89-50; Sun 158-4; Moon 189-39; Mars 83-29; Mercury (R) 152-52; Jupiter 84-35; Venus 203-44; Saturn 252-33; Rahu 1-51; and Ketu 181-51 with a balance of 14 years, 0 months and 17 days of Rahu Dasa.

Case 16: Born 23-1-1938 at 23h.9m. (IST) at 84° E 32', 21° N 5.

Rasi: Ascendant 177-1; Sun 280-5; Moon 194-30; Mars 331-55; Mercury 255-59; Jupiter 284-57; Venus 277-21; Saturn 337-45; Rahu 220-1; and Ketu 40-1 with a balance of 7 years, 4 months and 29 days of Rahu Dasa.

Case 17: Born 2-2-1956 at 13.30 hrs (IST) at 72° E 43', 24° N 37'.

Rasi: Ascendant 43-6; Sun 289-12; Moon 183-46; Mars 229-21; Mercury (R) 276-56; Jupiter (R) 125-4; Venus 325-55; Saturn 218-19; Rahu 231-5; and Ketu 51-5 with a balance of 1 year, 6 months and 8 days of Mars Dasa.

Case 18: Born 14-1-1958 at 7.25 hrs (IST) at 74° E 38', 26° N 27'.

Rasi: Ascendant 269-59; Sun 270-7; Moon 199-16; Mars 232-3; Mercury 246-26; Jupiter 186-46; Venus (R) 292-15; Saturn 237-36; Rahu 193-28; and Ketu 13-28 with a balance of 0 years, 11 months and 25 days of Rahu Dasa at birth.

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5. In the presence of Grahamaitri, Gana merits 6 marks, despite its evil.

6. In the presence of Grahamaitri, Rasi merits 7 marks, despite its evil.

7. In the presence of Rasimaitri, Graha merits 5 marks despite its enmity.

8. If the Rasi of the boy and the girl is the same, and the stars differ, Nadi, despite its evil, merits 8 marks and Gana merits 6 marks despite its evil. Some say in this 8th case, that the boy's star should precede the girl's star, but not the other way round.

9. If the star of the boy and the girl is the same and the Rasis differ, Nadi merits 8 marks despite its evil, and Graha-maitri despite its evil gets 5 marks.

10. If both the star and Rasi of the boy and the girl are same, Nadi and Gana though evil merit 8 and 6 marks respectively. But the restriction is that the Padas of the star of the boy and the girl should differ.

II. Weightage

1. *Kuja Dosha* (Evil of Mars): Some astrologers view the evil of Mars through the magnifying glass and seek a number of alternatives for its cancellation given in some faulty Sanskrit verses, particularly in *Devakeralam*. The following are some of the examples of faulty verifications.

In the above mentioned underlined four *padas* the readers can know that the 'Vina' is tagged to either genitive or locative, which gives us ungrammatical expression. 'Vina' should connect only either accusative, instrumental or ablative cases.

Kuja Dosha occurs when Mars occupies the 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 12th from Lagna or from the Moon or from Venus. I give it a score of 2 marks. If Kuja Dosha is present in one case either in the boy's chart or the girl's chart, reduce 2 marks. In both the charts, Kuja Dosha merits 2 marks.

2. *Judgement of Janma Lagna*: If Janma Lagna of the boy and the girl is the same or in Samasaptaka (1 & 7), 2 marks can be given by weightage. Janma Lagna in Shashtashtaka (6 & 8) forfeits 2 marks.

3. *Lagna Lords*: If Lagna lords are mutually natural friends and are in Kendra or Kona-labha positions, 2 marks may be given. Otherwise 2 marks are to be forfeited.

4. *7th House Lords*: If the 7th house lords are equally in strength like being in exaltation, etc., 2 marks may be graced. Otherwise 2 marks may be forfeited.

5. *8th House*: If the 8th houses are occupied by the same number of planets, 2 marks may be given. But if one is vacant while the other is occupied by a planet, 2 marks may be forfeited.

N.B. In the case of the Name-stars of the boy and the girl, the method of weightage is of no avail.

Examples

Male: Born 23-9-1926 at 10.20 a.m. *Rasi*: Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Ketu; Capricorn - Jupiter; Pisces - Moon; Aries - Mars; Gemini - Rahu; Leo - Venus; Virgo - Sun and Mercury; and Libra - Saturn. *Navamsa:* Cancer - Ascendant; leo - Jupiter; Virgo - Venus and Ketu; Scorpio - Mars; Aquarius - Sun and Moon; Pisces - Mercury and Rahu; and Gemini - Saturn.

Female: Born 2-10-1932 at 11.00 a.m. *Rasi*: Scorpio - Ascendant; Aquarius - Rahu; Cancer - Mars; Leo - Venus, Jupiter and Ketu; Virgo - Sun and Mercury; and Libra - Moon. *Navamsa:* Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Venus and Rahu; Taurus - Sun; Gemini - Mercury; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra - Ketu; Scorpio - Mars; Capricorn - Moon; and Aquarius - Saturn.

Birth-star of the male - Revati - 3 in Meena Rasi. Birth. star of the female - Swati - 2 in Thula Rasi.

(1) Varna - 1 mark; (2) Vasya - 1/2; (3) Tara - 11/2; (4) Yoni - 1; (5) Graha - 1/2; (6) Gana - 6; (7) Rasi - 0; and (8) Nadi - 0; Total: 10 1/2.

I. Exceptions

1. In Navamsa due to Grahamaitri, Saturn being the lord of Kumbha (male) and Makara (female) 5 marks may be graced instead of 1/2 as given before, *i.e.*, 15 marks.

II Weightage

1. *Kuja Dosha*: In the male chart, Mars is in the 2nd from the Moon. In the female chart, Mars is in the 12th from Venus. Hence +2 marks.

2. Vrischika is the Janma Lagna of the male and the female +2 marks.

3. Lagna lord, Mars, is the same and in mutually Kendra positions +2 marks.

4. Venus the 7th lord is in Simha, in both the charts +2.

5. The 8th house of Lagna in male chart is occupied by Rahu, while the 8th house in female chart is vacant - 2. By weightage, 6 marks are gained. Hence the total = 15 + 6 = 21.

The native of the chart belongs to an orthodox Brahmin community, but he is handicapped due to infantile paralysis. An astrologer was consulted for his matrimonial alliance, with a fair complexioned girl. He gave a green signal in matching the boy's star with girl's star, whose chart is herewith illustrated. Though 10 1/2 marks were scored, the natives of the two charts are living a peaceful and happy life. The readers may note that 21 marks are gained, which is the astrological factor explaining their happy married life.—125.90

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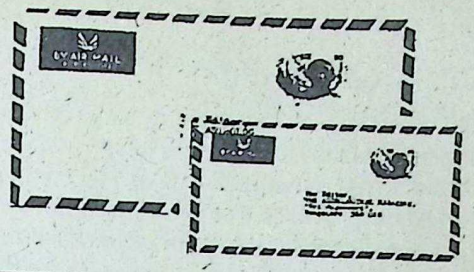
Letters to the Editor



The Iran Earthquake

Sir, - Your forecast based on Hindu Astrology the implication of Jupiter-Mars opposition, Saturn-Mars conjunction and Jupiter-Saturn position in triggering an earthquake in Iran specially about the time of the New Moon has been fulfilled. A massive earthquake rocked Iran June 21, 1990.

Our congratulations to you.

Babul K. Mahanta

Sir, - The earthquake, that rocked northern of Iran a few days back, occurred a day or two later than New Moon, after Saturn entered Sagittarius.

Reference may be made to statement in the annual issue of *A.M.* to Jupiter-Mars opposition, Saturn-Mars conjunction and Saturn-Jupiter position.

My congratulations to you.

Harsha Vardhan Chopra.

Sir, - Being a student of astronomy and Astrology the theory, based on eclipses and the transit of major planets, had helped indicate the probabilities of occurrence of earthquakes to the extent since 1967. Among the correct results are (1) Koyna 1967 (India), (2) 'Quakes of Japan 1986-(3) Armenia and Tazkistan (USSR) in 1988-89, San Francisco 1989, (5) China - April 1990 and (6) latest, one of Iran.

Teheran, capital city of Iran, is situated at 34 N 51 and 51 E 25. As per the geodetic equivalent, two sensitive points work out to Taurus 22 and Leo 27. All the earlier political events as well as natural calamities were tested and found that the eclipses occurring in Taurus and Leo caused lot of destruction to the country. Prior to and after the death of Ayatolla Khomenei I had said in the two articles published in various periodicals and almanacs that the Iran Government should be in readiness to face unprecendented calamity in 1990 and subsequent 4 years, because most of the eclipses were in Leo-Aquarius line in 1989-90 and due to the peculiar transit of Pluto. The system was applied to other countries also and it was found to work well.

In July and August 1990, two eclipses occur in Leo-Aquarius line. Both are not favourable to the country because Pluto transits Scorpio and Mars, Taurus and Gemini for a long time. It means Iran is not yet free from the natural calamity either by ....(1) first week of August, 1990 or May-June, 1991. Usually such events do not repeat but it should be noted that in 1981 - Iran was hit by quake on June 11 and July 28. Turkey should also take note of it. Since 1988, the area around Caspian Sea is affected by quakes thrice.

While concluding it can be said that my theory will be of use to the other scientists, if they care to exchange views with me.

Pune *S. K. Kelkar.*

Major War in 1999 ?

Sir, - "There is also a recognisable connection between the movements of the equinox and long-range terrestrial affairs"—These words appearing in DR. B. V. RAMAN'S *Planetary Influences on Human Affairs* inspired me to review the turmoil and tensions prevailing in the world from this angle also.

As per Lahiri Ephemeris, the Vernal Equinox entered the *shashtyamsa* of 'Danstrakaral' on February 1st, 1974. On this date, Mars was transiting 22° 35' of Aries (very near the junction

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: April 1963

A Rare Combination

Sir, - Recently a Vijayalakshmi Yoga based on the union of Rahu-Mars has come to my notice. It has surprised me that such malefics could give wealth and victory Yoga. I am a regular reader of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE since years, but do not remember to have ever come across such a Yoga. So it will be kind of you and your readers if more light could be thrown on this Vijayalakshmi Yoga - whether it is caused by either of them attaining Shadvargabala or harmonious dispositions in agreeable signs aspected by benign planets like Venus and Jupiter etc.

Surendranagar. *K. M. Dave.*

star of Bharani presided over by Yama). On 31st October 1984 when Mrs. Gandhi was assassinated, Saturn was transiting opposite this fateful point. Recently on December 25, 1989, the Romanian dictator was brutally shot dead when transit Pluto was in opposition to this point. As the Vernal Equinox is transiting the Navamsa of the Sun, heads of states all over the world are in trouble, more or less. The wave of terrorism sweeping almost the whole world can be attributed to the Equinox's transit of Danstrakaral *shashtyamsa*. Leo Navamsa with this ferocious *shashtyamsa* also explains as to why the celluloid media is flooded with horror and crime themes (Leo is the 5th house governing film industry).

The massacre of the student community in China clamouring for democratic rights in 1989 is also attributable to this combination. Coming events cast their shadows long before. The genocide in Bangladesh in 1971 and later vivisection of Pakistan can rightly be attributed to Pluto's transit opposite the equinox position of February 1, 1974 when it just touched Danstrakaral *shashtyamsa*.

The menacing trend of global violence will only stop around 2011 A.D. when the equinox will enter the Indumukh *shashtyamsa*. On 11-8-1999 the solar eclipse point will be squared by Saturn, Herschel and Mars. This dangerous configuration may trigger off a major war in 1999.

Indore. *Narendra Kumar Dixit.*

"Yoga in Daily Life"

Sir, - I congratulate Mrs. Rajeswari Raman for the above article. It is very useful and I have learnt something about Yoga through the two points of the article.

Walajapet. *J. G. Babu.*

Sir, - Mrs. Rajeswari Raman's article on Yoga is exceedingly good and I feel that it should be prescribed as a lesson for the 10th Class or Intermediate, so that students will be immensely benefited by knowing the value of truth, contentment, Dharma and also mental, physical and moral disciplines which are all so essential for the all-round development of one's personality.

Bangalore. *Krishna Rao.*

House of Education

Sir, - There has been much controversy among astrologers regarding the house of education. Our esteemed Editor DR. B. V. RAMAN, in his book *How to Judge a Horoscope* (Vol. I), has opined that education should be judged from the 4th house. The Karakatwa he attributes to Jupiter. There are other research-minded astrological scholars like Mr. K. N. Rao who firmly believe that education should be judged from the 5th and not from the 4th. This school upholds the doctrine of Parasara for authentication. They are also of the opinion that details regarding father should be judged from the 10th since 10th happens to be the 7th from 4th (mother).

There are two levels of knowledge or education. The lower level is known as *Vijnana* and usually takes in its fold the world and other mundane matters. We ordinarily call this branch of education as education proper and is judged by the 4th house. Its Karaka is Mercury, the Karaka for intelligence, since this kind of education can be attained by any person of average intelligence. Any affliction to the 4th, its lord and Karaka Mercury deprives him of this benefit.

The other branch of knowledge is known as knowledge supreme which is related to God and spiritual things and is usually termed as *Gnana*. This supreme knowledge is only possible for a person of an enlightened mind (spirit). This higher education or knowledge is to be judged from the 5th. It is but apt since the 5th house also governs Poorvapunya. This supreme knowledge can only be attained by one with much Poorvapunya. But education of the ordinary type is available to anyone irrespective of his or her good or bad deeds in the past.

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According to DR. RAMAN the Karaka for the 4th (education) is Jupiter. Anyhow, it is safe to me Mercury as the Karaka for the 4th house only ordinary intelligence represented by cury is needed for the fructification of this and not the divine intelligence represented Jupiter.

But when coming to the 5th house representing her realm of knowledge, Mercury, representa- of ordinary human intelligence, is found insuf- and since human intelligence has a certain limit and which it cannot expand. It is apt remem- here the saying "Divinity starts where riality ends". Here comes Jupiter, the divine et, to lift the individual up in his spiritual suits.

Hence it is right to assume the 5th house and her as representing higher education since a son having enough Poorvapunya coupled with divine grace of Deva Guru only can shine well the spiritual knowledge.

Mayolaparambu, Kerala. *N. K. Venugopal.*

Sir, - This is with reference to Mr. Venugopal's and reply thereto by Mr. K. N. Rao (*A.M.*, ch 1990). I feel that the 5th house has much ficance in determining the level of education research. I may be permitted to cite one scope: Ascendant Gemini 29-10 with Venus 25; Rahu in the 3rd; Saturn and the Moon in 5th; Jupiter (R) in the 6th; Mars and Ketu in 8th; Mercury and the Sun in Taurus. Saturn lted and retrograde in the 5th. There was a upheaval in life with the commencement of n Dasa from January 1942. The native rated and disappointed and despised by his y members, especially by his father, for poor rmance at the matriculation examination. Saturn, the 8th and 9th lord from Lagna and 8th and the 5th lord from the Moon Lagna, a karaka *par excellence*, was aspecting the e of *vidya*. There was a break in education. r a year the same Saturn came to his rescue. arnt stenography in no time and got an ap- ment. In 1946 in Mercury minor he picked up ge and decided to go for higher education against the wishes of his environment. He s post-graduation in commerce with much cal and economic hardship. Saturn Dasa give him only a teaching job at the higher ary level. As soon as Mercury Dasa com- ed he saw marked improvement in life. In ry/Mercury he acquired a post-graduate e in economics and a bachelor's degree in tion. In Mercury/Ketu unexpectedly he was appointed in a national organisation as a lecturer and went to the U.S.A. to study business education. Here Ketu in the 9th is deputising for Saturn in the 5th with the Moon. In Mercury/Saturn he did Ph.D work. His work was excellent by any standards so much so, that it was published as a research book by Macmillans. The research work relates to retaining which is connected with Venus, 5th lord, in whose house Saturn is posited. In Ketu/Jupiter, suddenly he got an UNESCO assignment in India and in Ketu/Saturn he visited the Far Eastern countries in connection with this assignment. I find that Mercury, lord of the 4th, aspected by Jupiter, lord of the 7th and the 10th, Ketu in the 9th and deputising for Saturn in the 5th has contributed much to the pursuit of academic life and foreign visits sponsored by the government. To me it appears the 5th house is the collective wisdom of the 2nd and the 4th houses which are taken normally for the study of education. The significance of the 5th house in determining higher education and research cannot be ignored.

Ranchi. *Dr. U. S. Prasad.*

Reflections on Ramayana

Sir, - Kindly refer to page No. 434 (*A.M.*, May 1990) to the discussion by Mr. P. R. Erady and Dr. Sureshwara's reply.

King Dasaratha, renowned for his acts of Dharma, in his hunting expedition in the jungles unknowingly shoots an arrow and kills the son of a Muni mistaking him for an elephant. He gets cursed by the Muni, "You will die of Putrasoka" (grief on account of son). The King is fully aware of the curse. The curse hangs on him like the sword of Damocles. It is this very same Dasaratha who proclaims to Kaikeyi that one who deserves no death will be put to death and the one who deserves death will be freed. A Dharmic king already having a curse on his head proclaims his willingness and readiness to an act of Adharma to please his wife! Only after the announcement of the King the boons are sought for by the queen (*Adhyatma Ramayana* by Ezhuthatchan). Dr. Sureshwara or any learned reader may kindly clarify the correctness of the position to enlighten the readers and worshippers of the Holy *Ramayana*.

Perikulam. *P. R. Sanathanan Nair.*

Thought-provoking

Sir, - Dr. B. Narasimhaiah's article (*A.M.*, June 1990) should be an eye-opener to the so-called rationalists and scientists who pooh-pooh the

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science of Astrology as unworthy of study just for the simple reason that a few predictions made by experienced astrologers have gone wrong.

Krishna Rao.
Bangalore.

Sir, - I convey my appreciation of the thought-provoking article by Dr. B. Narasimham (*A.M.*, June 1990). The writer is quite correct in pointing out that there are innumerable facts, accepted by science, for which we do not have any satisfactory explanations. The example of carminative effect of ginger given by the writer to corroborate his statement is most appropriate.

To study the impact of movements of heavenly bodies on terrestrial phenomena, it requires mental exercise and power of intuition. This comes within the purview of observation, which is a subjective matter. Therefore, the result varies from person to person. However, keeping in view the broader outline, if we study the matter seriously, definitely we find uniformity in diversity *i.e.*, correlation between planetary movements and actual happenings on the earth and we may generalise our statement. This is the essence of the subject, on which Astrology revolves. It has withstood all the heavy odds in all the ages and come out successfully time-tested.

Nadiad. *R. A. Parmar.*

Political Forecasts

Sir, - The predictions based on the Hindu new year horoscope for the year 1990 made by you have been fulfilled to a large extent though the year is more than half ahead. The lines reproduced confirm my statement.

".....lawless elements will continue to disturb normal life."

"Prices of food stuffs and essential commodities will soar higher and higher..."

"Agitation amongst workers in railways, post offices and telecom institutions are also likely."

"...increased military moves by Pakistan leading to serious border clashes."

"Farmers' debts may be written off and liberal financial grants given."

"...increasing incidence of AIDS and other types of venereal complaints."

"The Kashmir issue will be raked up and the state faces communal clashes, violent unrest and open defiance of Indian authority, thanks to the sinister role of Pakistan. No effort will be spared to destabilise the country by anti-Indian forces within and outside India."

"The virus of violence will strongly infect Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat."

"Charges of financial corruption in the Bhutto family may make news."

"Some steps may be initiated by the King of Nepal to democratise the country."

Varanasi. *Surendra Narayan Singh.*

"Re-writing Indian History"

Sir, - The above article by Dr. S. R. N. Murthy (January 1990 issue of *A.M.*) is very interesting. If such a spirit is created in our younger generation, we can hold our heads high and say with due pride "Yes, we come from the ancient land of the Vedas, Puranas - and the land of ancient culture."

Bharuch. *Manikant M. Shah.*

Spiritual Hymns and Cancer

Sir, - I am in agreement with Dr. Aman's article "Can Spiritual Hymns Cure Cancer?". I have a whole host of reasons to believe it.

About two decades ago, a girl (whom I know too well), who had a heart ailment and of a serious nature, came here all the way from India to undergo surgery. Earlier almost all the top physicians at home had ruled out recovery and had advised her to remain unmarried as she would not be able to bear children. This was highly disquieting to her poor parents.

A saint was performing a Yagna (Homa) for about twenty hours. At the end of it the saint (who knew about her ailment) sprinkled the sacred water on her face, forehead etc., and told her, there and then, that she now had no ailment and that to go to America was just a formality.

However, as fixed up, the girl came here. At the end of the detailed examination, the surgeons diagnosed that she had no ailment at all and that she could marry also. Now she lives here, married to a doctor and has a child also.

Mantras have a healing power which is only too well known to every one.

Salem. U.S.A. *T. N. Qazi.*

Sir, - Dr. Aman (*A.M.*, April 1990) has advised reading the *Quran* and *Bhagavad Geeta* for the cure of cancer and mental retardation, muscle-skeletal disorders and epilepsy. I appreciate the article which leads the minds of the people to the valuable hymns in our holy books. Moreover the author's scientific research and study give effective inspiration to people to read verses in our holy books to achieve peace and happiness.

Dr. Aman recommends Chapters 8, 9 and 16 of the *Bhagavad Geeta* for reading. But there are

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

(In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are put pertaining to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some similar doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at a time. This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE—Ed., A.M.)***

Q. 1. ***Rasi:*** *Leo - Ascendant and the Moon; Virgo - Jupiter, Mars and Ketu; Libra - Sun and Mercury; Sagittarius - Venus; and Pisces - Saturn and Rahu. How do Venus in the 5th and 5th lord Jupiter in the 2nd influence education prospects? Will Saturn's aspect adversely affect them?*

Ms. Vandana Bhargava, Ludhiana.

Ans: The 5th house relates to intelligence and the 4th, academic education. As the 4th lord Mars occupies the 2nd or the 11th from the 4th, educational prospects are good. The aspect of Saturn is counteracted by the presence of Jupiter who is a friend of Lagna and therefore more than a match for Saturn. The same argument will hold good for the 5th house too!

Q. 2. ***Rasi:*** *Cancer - Ascendant; Scorpio - Ketu; Capricorn - Sun, Venus and Mercury; Aquarius - Mars and Saturn; Pisces - Moon; and Taurus - Jupiter and Rahu. Is Mars strong or weak in this chart, especially that he is in the 8th house?*

Raj Kumar Bhatia, Delhi.

Ans: Mars is a Yogakaraka for Cancer and his position in the 8th is weak in the sense that he cannot do much good except financial gain through partner. This position also favours para-medical professions.

Q. 3. ***Rasi:*** *Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Jupiter; Taurus - Rahu; Leo - Mars; Libra - Venus; Scorpio - Sun and Ketu; Sagittarius - Mercury (R); and Capricorn - Moon and Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Pisces - Ascendant, Sun and Ketu; Gemini - Moon and Venus; Virgo - Rahu; Libra - Jupiter and Mars; and Scorpio - Saturn. Although the native planned to do medicine he has not been successful. Is it because of retrograde Mercury? Or, do Jupiter-Mercury acting on the 10th house show some other line?*

Ms. Kavita Gupta, Delhi.

Ans: The 10th lords both from Lagna and the Moon occupy Venus Navamsa while the 10th lord from the Sun occupies Jupiter's Navamsa. Hence, his avocation could centre round these two planets. The Sun being the principal planet for medicine, his occupation of the 8th from Lagna lord, perhaps, prevented the medical line.

Q. 4. ***Rasi:*** *Libra - Ascendant, Mercury and Ketu; Scorpio - Mars; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Mandi; Aquarius - Moon; Aries - Rahu; Leo - Venus and Saturn; and Virgo - Sun (in the first Bhava). Saturn is a Yogakaraka but placed in the Badhakasthana. Does this mean Saturn Dasa will give bad results?*

S. K. Ganapathy, Palghat.

Ans: For Libra Lagna, Leo is not only Badhakasthana but for Saturn it is enemy's house too. And the two receive the aspect of Jupiter who is vitiated by Mandi. And Saturn's evil effect will principally bear upon health, as he aspects the Lagna too besides the Moon and 8th.

Q. 5. ***Rasi:*** *Taurus - Ascendant and Saturn; Leo - Moon and Ketu; Scorpio - Jupiter; Capricorn - Mars; Aquarius - Rahu; Pisces - Venus and Mercury; and Aries - Sun.* ***Navamsa:*** *Cancer - Ascendant; Libra - Sun, Moon, Jupiter and Rahu; Capricorn - Mars, Venus and Saturn; Pisces - Mercury; and Aries - Ketu. This is an unusual case of a boy with clairvoyant powers. Which planets are responsible for this gift and what does the*

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future hold for him? At present the boy is with his parents who say that he is a clairvoyant.

K. A. Venkataraman, Calcutta.

Ans: I would prefer to know the date of birth of the boy before answering the question because the planetary positions are doubtful from a perusal of the almanacs; there could be mistakes in transcribing or typing. There are specific formulas for the required effect.

Q. 6. Rasi: *Sagittarius - Ascendant; Aries - Ketu; Leo - Sun, Mars and Moon; Virgo - Venus, Mercury and Jupiter; Libra - Rahu; and Scorpio - Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Leo - Ascendant; Virgo - Mars; Libra - Ketu; Scorpio - Saturn; Capricorn - Mercury; Aries - Venus, Jupiter and Rahu; and Gemini - Moon and Sun. The native is a doctor. Will Moon Dasa which has begun give beneficial results and prosperity in practice as the Moon joins 9th and 10th lords? Or, will the Moon (as New Moon) bring in adverse results?*

Dr. Shailesh Gupta, Chandigarh.

Ans: Cancer happens to be his Indu Lagna and Moon as its lord in 9th, the house of the Sun — medical sign — should help the native financially. Incidentally the luminaries have no inhibition arising from the 8th house rulership.

Q. 7. Rasi: *Gemini - Ascendant, Sun and Mars; Cancer - Mercury; Leo - Venus and Ketu; Virgo - Moon and Saturn; Aquarius - Rahu; and Pisces - Jupiter.* ***Navamsa:*** *Taurus - Sun; Gemini - Venus; Virgo - Ketu; Libra - Mercury; Sagittarius - Jupiter; Capricorn - Mars; Aquarius - Saturn; and Pisces - Rahu, Moon and Ascendant. Will Mars in Lagna and Saturn aspecting the 10th give a successful career in running a printing press, especially in Jupiter Dasa now on?*

A. M. Sundar, Coimbatore.

Ans: Printing press belongs to the 3rd house — media. its lord occupies Lagna whose lord occupies the 2nd whose lord receives Jupiter, 10th lord's aspect. Saturn and Mars relate to factories and engineering and hence are only of secondary assistance.

Q. 8. Rasi: *Pisces - Ascendant and Jupiter 27.37; Aries - Venus 2.46; Gemini - Rahu 14.39; Leo - Uranus (R) 14.31 and Pluto (R) 19.34; Libra - Moon 25.33 and Neptune 24.24; Sagittarius - Ketu; and Aquarius - Sun 20.14, Mars 16.46, Mercury 12.16 and Saturn 4.23. (a) The 12th house has Sun as lord of 6th, causing Vipareeta Rajayoga. Considering combination of four planets in the same Bhava, what will be the significance as it is connected to the 2nd, the 4th, the 6th, the 7th, the 9th and the 11th houses? (b) Will Mars cause early marriage; what kind of partner will he give?*

S. Rajendra. Mahudha (Gujarat).

Ans: (a) Any house except the 6th, the 8th whose lord occupies the 12th suffers. The 4-planet combination causes emotional imblance. (b) Saturn's aspect to the Moon and the 7th lord are apt to delay it; Mars, the 2nd and the 9th lord in the 12th, also indicates it.

Q. 9. *(a) Will the presence of Vidyakaraka in the 12th house ensure further studies? What are the chances of getting admission abroad for further studies? (b) What is the significance of retrograde Mars, the lord of the 10th house of occupation being* ***neecha*** *in the 6th house with Rahu? (c) Does Sun the 7th lord being in Aquarius (Saturn's house) signify unhappy marriage or is there Dwi-Dara Yoga present in the chart below? Presently running Saturn Dasa.*

Rasi: *Aquarius - Ascendant, Sun and Jupiter; Pisces - Mandi; Cancer - Mars (R) and Rahu; Libra - Moon; Sagittarius - Venus; and Capricorn - Saturn, Ketu and Mercury.* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant and the Sun; Sagittarius - Mars; Aquarius - Mercury, Moon and Ketu; Taurus - Jupiter; Cancer - Saturn; Leo - Rahu, and Virgo - Venus.*

Mrs. Ramanathan, New Delhi.

Ans: (a) The Karakas for academic education are the 4th house and Mercury. The 4th lord Venus occupies the 8th from it and Karaka Mercury occupies the 12th and afflicted by Mars. (b) Retrogression cancels debilitation. Mars in the 6th in the Moon's house may reflect profession connected with food products. Rahu there is a health hazard. (c) The 7th lord in Lagna and 2nd from Lagna lord is a good augury for a fortunate marriage. It does not indicate second marriage.

Q. 10. Rasi: *Scorpio - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Ketu; Aquarius - Saturn; Aries - Jupiter, Mars and Mercury; Taurus - Sun; and Gemini - Moon, Rahu and Venus. (a) What indicates continuous illness throughout since birth. Whether three planets each in Trika (6th and 8th) have something to say about this? (b) Further what are the educational prospects of the native?*

K. S. Sharma, Bombay.

Ans: Yes; you have hit the nail when you say the Trika houses are loaded. Jupiter in the 6th spoils digestion and the Moon in the 8th spoils mind too. Saturn in the 8th gives longevity, but reduces fitness.

Q. 11. Rasi: *Libra - Ascendant; Scorpio - Ketu; Aquarius - Saturn; Pisces - Mercury; Aries - Sun, Moon and Venus; Taurus - Jupiter and Rahu; and Leo - Mars.* ***Navamsa:*** *Gemini - Ascendant;*

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...cer - Rahu; Virgo - Mars; Libra - Venus; Capricorn - Mercury and Ketu; Pisces - Jupiter; and ...s - Saturn. (a) Will the Sun-Venus-Moon combine make the native flourish in business? (b) Does ... Moon in the 7th show early marriage?

P. L. Malhotra, Chandigarh.

Ans: The Lagna, the 10th and the 11th lords together aspecting Lagna should help prosperity in business and also answers (b) provided Venus is free from combustion. The 2nd lord in the 11th is another Dhana Yoga.

Q. 12. What is the difference between Mandi and Gulika?

K. Sudha Rao, New Delhi.

Ans: Some say they are two sons of Saturn; but Mantreswara and Vaidyanatha say it is one and the same. Personally I find the latter view works.

Q. 13. Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant and the Moon; Scorpio - Ketu; Capricorn - Mercury, Venus and Sun; Aquarius - Mars and Saturn; and Taurus - Rahu and Jupiter. (a) What kind of occupation does 10th lord Mars with Saturn in the 8th give ...? Or (b) Will the Adhi Yoga give highly successful career inspite of 10th lord Mars being in the 8th with Saturn?

Hemant Bhargawa, Ludhiana.

Ans: (a) Job could relate to factories/fabrications relating to food/medical/chemical products. (b) Adhi Yoga is not formed because all the three benefics should align in 6, 7, 8. Further, Venus should be combust.

Q. 14. Rasi: Gemini - Ascendant and Mars; Cancer - Saturn; Leo - Venus and the Sun; Virgo - Mercury; Libra - Jupiter; Scorpio - Ketu; and Taurus - Rahu. The native's life is bogged down by constant friction with mother and brother on one side and with bickerings with wife on the other. Which planets have caused these problems and is there a solution?

B. K. Nath, P.O. Krishnanagar.

Ans: Where is the Moon? If it does lie between Rahu and Ketu, it constitutes Kalasarpa Yoga. Mars aspect to the 4th, the 7th causes conflict with mother, spouse. Possibly Venus is combust in the 3rd giving rise to quarrel with brother. Propitiation of Mars could help.

Q. 15. Rasi: Gemini - Ascendant; Leo - Mandi; Virgo - Moon; Sagittarius - Saturn and Ketu; Aquarius - Mars; Pisces - Jupiter; Aries - Venus, Mercury and the Sun; and Taurus - Rahu. Is Adhi Yoga present? If yes, when will the results start showing?

S. Devdas, Tellicherry.

Ans: How can Sagittarius Ketu give Taurus Rahu? Please furnish correct data. Provided Venus and Mercury are not combust, partial Chandradhi Yoga is present.

*Q. 16. Rasi: Virgo - Ascendant; Libra _ Mars; Scorpio - Rahu and Moon; Sagittarius - Jupiter and Mercury; Capricorn - Sun; Aquarius - Saturn; Pisces - Venus; and Taurus - Ketu. In this chart the Moon being the lord of 11th house is in **neecha** position with Rahu in the 3rd house. (a) Does affliction of Rahu save the person from getting the bad effects of the **neecha** position of Moon? (b) Moon 9°, Rahu 10°. Does this conjunction form a Neechabhanga? (c) What would be the general pattern during Moon Dasa?*

Gamini Matrivardhane, Colombo, Srilanka.

Ans: (a) Both the Moon and Rahu are debilitated. (b) No. (c) There is danger from poison or poisonous creatures. The lot of co-born will be bad.

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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

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22. Sat.	12 03 30	156 27 24	190 43 44	46 55	138 54	104 31	145 53	266 25	282 12	253 20	259 31	203 36
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*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-9-1990 is 22°16' 54".

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ma positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-9-1990

Planets (Grahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhurva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
Ravi	158 19	159 58	0 00	8 N 27
Chandra	289 07	290 57	1 S 37	23 S 40
Kuja	60 15	58 28	1 S 44	18 N 31
Budha	171 32	170 27	4 S 29	0 S 45
Guru	122 51	125 12	0 N 19	19 N 50
Sukra	142 11	144 53	1 N 01	15 N 05
Sani	289 06	290 41	0 N 00	22 S 05
Rahu	305 36			

E SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward 16° Leo to 15° Virgo entering it on 15th. The h declination of the Sun decreases from 8° 27' the Sun crosses the equator to the south on 1. Then the south declination increases to 3° 0' e end.

E MOON

Starting from 27° Sagittarius the Moon makes complete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 8° rius. The south declination of the Moon eases from 23° 40' till the Moon crosses the tor to the north on 5th. Then the north nation increases reaching a maximum of 26° n 12th. Afterwards the north declination eases until the Moon crosses the equator to uth on 18th. Thereafter the south declina- creases attaining a maximum of 26° 42' on Then the south declination decreases to 12° the end.

escription of planetary movements is given on a basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-9-1990 is 22° 16' 54".

MARS

Mars continues to move forward in Taurus from 8° to 20° at the end. The north declination of Mars increases from 18° 31' to 21° 08' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury continues its retrograde motion in Leo from 29° till it becomes direct on 17th at 17°. Then Mercury moves forward from 17° to 30° Leo at the end. The south declination of Mercury decreases from 0° 45' till Mercury crosses the equator to the north on 3rd. Thereafter the north declination increases to 4° 47' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues its forward motion in Cancer from 11° to 16° at the end. The north declination of Jupiter decreases from 19° 50' to 18° 34' at the end.

VENUS

Venus moves forward from 30° Cancer to 7° Virgo entering Leo on 1st and Virgo on 25th. The north declination of Venus decreases from 15° 05' to 1° 34' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn continues its retrograde motion in Sagittarius from 27° till it becomes direct at 26° on 25th. Then it moves forward to the same 26° at the end. The south declination of Saturn increases from 22° 05' to 22° 10' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 283° 19' to 281° 43' at the end.

Uranus retrogrades from 253° 24' till it becomes direct at 253° 19' on 14th. Then it moves forward to 253° 26' at the end.

Neptune retrogrades from 259° 39' until it

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becomes direct at 259° 31' on 23rd. Then it moves forward to 259° 32' at the end.

Pluto moves forward from 203° 04' to 203° 53'.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the times, in I.S.T., noted: Mars at 26h 48m on 10th; Jupiter at 11h.12m. on 15th; Mercury at 24h.15m. on 17th; Venus at 7h.00m. on 18th. The Sun at 6h.16m. on 19th; Pluto at 7h.05m. on 23rd; Uranus at 11h.29m. on 27th; Neptune at 23h.44m. on 27th; Saturn at 13h.26m. on 28th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Trine Neptune 4th; opposition the Moon 5th; parallel the Moon 6th; conjunction Mercury 8th; trine the Moon 9th, 29th; parallel Mercury 11th; trine Saturn 11th; square the Moon 11th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 19th; square Uranus 29th; parallel Pluto 29th.

Mars: Trine the Moon 1st, 20th, 30th; square the Moon 4th, 17th; square Venus 11th; opposition the Moon 25th.

Mercury: Trine the Moon 1st, 9th, 28th; trine Saturn 4th; conjunction the Sun 8th; square the Moon 11th, 25th; parallel the Sun 11th; trine Neptune 11th; conjunction Venus 15th; conjunction the Moon 17th; parallel Venus 18th; trine Neptune 22nd; trine Saturn 28th.

Jupiter: Opposition the Moon 2nd; trine the Moon 6th, 24th; square the Moon 8th, 22nd; conjunction the Moon 15th.

Venus: Opposition the Moon 3rd; trine the Moon 8th; square the Moon 10th, 26th; square Mars 11th; trine Uranus 11th; conjunction Mercury 15th; trine Neptune 16th; conjunction the Moon 18th; parallel Mercury 18th; trine Saturn 22nd.

Saturn: Trine Mercury 4th; square the Moon 7th, 20th; trine the Moon 9th, 18th; trine the Sun 11th; opposition the Moon 14th; trine Venus 22nd; conjunction the Moon 28th; trine Mercury 28th.

Uranus: Square the Moon 6th, 19th; trine the Moon 8th, 17th; trine Venus 11th; opposition the Moon 13th; conjunction the Moon 27th; square the Sun 29th.

Neptune: Trine the Sun 4th; square the Moon 7th, 20th; trine the Moon 9th, 17th; trine Mercury 11th; opposition the Moon 13th; trine Venus 16th; trine Mercury 22nd; conjunction the Moon 27th.

Pluto: Square the Moon 3rd, 15th, 30th; trine the Moon 5th, 13th; opposition the Moon 9th; conjunction the Moon 23rd; parallel the Sun 29th.

I. *Full Moon: Dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha)* begins at 7h.16m. on 5th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 139° 58'; the Moon 319° 58'; Mars 39° 57'; Mercury 146° 00'; Jupiter 101° 23'; Venus 124° 54'; Saturn 266° 42'; Rahu 283° 06'; Uranus 253° 21'; Neptune 259° 31'; Pluto 203° 09'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 155° 51'; the 2nd 185° 43'; the 3rd 215° 35'; the 4th 245° 27'; the 5th 275° 35'; the 6th 305° 43'; the 7th 335° 51'; the 8th 5° 43'; the 9th 35° 35'; the 10th 65° 27'; the 11th 95° 35'; the 12th 125° 43'.

II. *New Moon: Bright fortnight (Sukla Paksha)* commences at 6h.16m. on 19th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 153° 33'; the Moon 153° 33'; Mars 45° 51'; Mercury 137° 29'; Jupiter 103° 59'; Venus 142° 11'; Saturn 266° 26'; Rahu 282° 22'; Uranus 253° 20'; Neptune 259° 31'; Pluto 203° 31'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 154° 35'; the 2nd 184° 33'; the 3rd 214° 31'; the 4th 244° 29'; the 5th 274° 31'; the 6th 304° 33'; the 7th 334° 35'; the 8th 4° 33'; the 9th 34° 31'; the 10th 64° 29'; the 11th 94° 31'; the 12th 124° 33'.

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MIHIRA

The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to ay time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Sat.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 7h.49m., then asi (12th tithi). Uttarashadha and Siddha whole day. Good for testing instruments, for asing food-stuffs.

2. *Sun.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 8h.48m., Trayodasi (13th tithi). Uttarashadha till 1m., then Sravana. Amrita Yoga whole day. for driving new vehicles, for testing instru- s, for deepening wells, for purchasing food- s, for erecting sheds.

3. *Mon.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 8h.56m., Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Sravana and Amrita till 7h.32m., then Dhanishta and Siddha Upto 7h.30m. good for driving new vehicles, eepening wells, for testing instruments.

4. *Tues.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 8h.24m., Poornima (Full Moon). Dhanishta and Siddha till 7h.44m., then Satabhisha and Amrita After 8h.24m. good for taking medicines, for ning.

5. *Wed.*- Poornima (Full Moon) upto 7h.16m., Prathama (1st tithi) till 29h.36m., afterwards eya (2nd tithi), Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga 7h.19m., then Poorvabhadrapada and Amrita Routine work only.

6. *Thurs.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 27h.33m., Triteeya (3rd tithi). Poorvabhadrapada till m., then Uttarabhadrapada upto 29h.06m., ards Revati. Siddha Yoga whole day. After m. good for driving new vehicles, for wearing garments, for taking medicines, for erecting for deepening wells, for purchasing and g food-stuffs, for gardening.

7. *Fri.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 25h.14m., then rthi (4th tithi). Revati till 27h.32m., then i. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for dealing members of the opposite sex, for travel, earing new garments or ornaments, for appointing staff.

8. *Sat.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 22h.46m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Aswini till 25h.49m., then Bharani. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for surgical operations.

9. *Sun.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 20h.15m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Bharani and Prabalarishta Yoga till 24h.05m., then Krittika and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

10. *Mon.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 17h.48m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Krittika and Marana Yoga till 22h.25m., then Rohini and Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

11. *Tues.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 15h.29m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Rohini and Amrita Yoga till 20h.51m., then Mrigasira and Siddha Yoga. Upto 15h.29m. good for testing instruments.

12. *Wed.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 13h.21m., then Navami (9th tithi). Mrigasira till 19h.36m., then Aridra. Siddha Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

13. *Thurs.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 11h.27m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Aridra and Marana Yoga till 18h.31m., then Punarvasu and Amrita Yoga. After 18h.31m. good for wearing new garments, for testing instruments.

14. *Fri.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 9h.49m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Punarvasu and Siddha Yoga till 17h.42m., then Pushya and Marana Yoga. Upto 17h.42m. good for driving new vehicles, for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for wearing new garments, for purchasing food-stuffs, for dealing with members of the opposite sex.

15. *Sat.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 8h.27m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Pushya and Siddha Yoga till 17h.09m., then Aslesha and Marana Yoga. Upto 17h.09m. good for wearing new ornaments,

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1.	Sat.	Dol Gyaras (Madhya Pradesh), Haikra Hitamba (Manipur), Vamana Jayanthi, Sakoothana, Parswapanvarthini Ekadasi.
2.	Sun.	Onam begins (Kerala)
3.	Mon.	Tiru Onam (Kerlala), Keel Muhurta (Coorg)
4.	Tues.	Anantha Chaturdasi, Indrapoornima, Onam 3rd day.
5.	Wed.	Pitrupaksha Tarpana Prarambha, Sri Narayana Guru Jayanti, Onam 4th day (Kerala)
9.	Sun.	Sri Madhava Deva's Jayanti (Assam)
10.	Mon.	Cheelum
11.	Tue.	Sri Mahalakshmi Vrata Samapana, Sri Krishna Jayanti (Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam)
12.	Wed.	Matri Navami, Sri Jayanti (Ramanujam)
15.	Sat.	Indira Ekadasi
17.	Mon.	Vishwakarma Puja
18.	Tues.	Sarvapitru Amavasya, Mahalaya Amavasya, Tarpana Lebhya (Manipur)
19.	Wed.	Akhri Chehar Shamba, Shaadat-i-Iman Hassan
20.	Thur.	Sharadeeya Navaratrarambha, Jewish New Year (Rosh Hasnaah) 57 51 a.m.
21.	Fri.	Sri Narayana Guru Samadhi
23.	Sun.	Upanga Lalitha Vrata (Lalitha Panchami), Jalavisuruva Dina
26.	Wed.	Saraswati Aavaahana
27.	Thur.	Mahashtami
28.	Fri.	Mahanavami, Ayudha Pooja
29.	Sat.	Vijayadasami, Sri Madhwacharya Jayanti, Saraswati Visarjane, Atonement Day or Yom Kippur
30.	Sun.	Bharat Milap, Papankusha Ekadasi

for testing instruments, for erecting sheds.

16. *Sun.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 7h.22m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Aslesha and Siddha Yoga till 16h.55m., then Makha and Marana Yoga. Upto 16h.55m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

17. *Mon.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 6h.38m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Makha and Marana Yoga till 17h.01m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

18. *Tues.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 6h.15m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga till 17h.29m., then Uttaraphalguni and Amrita Yoga. Upto 17h.29m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

19. *Wed.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 6h.16m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Uttaraphalguni and Amrita Yoga till 18h.22m., then Hasta and Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments.

20. *Thurs.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 6h.45m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Hasta till 19h.43m., then Chitta. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 7h.30m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for gardening.

21. *Fri.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 7h.44m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Chitta till 21h.33m., then Swati. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for borrowing, for appointing staff.

22. *Sat.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 9h.12m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Swati till 23h.51m., then Visakha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 9h.12m. good for purchasing food-stuffs.

23. *Sun.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 11h.08m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Visakha till 26h.53m., then Anuradha. Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

24. *Mon.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 13h.26m., then Jyeshta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for storing food-stuffs, for gardening.

25. *Tues.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 15h.56m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Jyeshta and Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

26. *Wed.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 18h.26m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Jyeshta and Siddha Yoga till 8h.32m., then Moola and Marana Yoga. Upto 7h.30m. good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for surgical operations, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

27. *Thurs.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 20h.40m., then Navami (9th tithi). Moola till 11h.25m., then Poorvashadha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

28. *Fri.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 22h.26m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Poorvashadha and Prabalarishta Yoga till 13h.54m., then Uttarashadha and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

29. *Sat.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 23h.31m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Uttarashadha till 15h.48m., then Sravana. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 15h.48m. good for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for storing food-stuffs.

30. *Sun.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 23h.49m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Sravana and Amrita Yoga till 16h.58m., then Dhanishta and Marana Yoga. Upto 16h.58m. good for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing food-stuffs.

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel.)

Aswini, Makha, Moola

2nd after 6h.41m.; 3rd upto 7h.32m.; 6th after 29h.06m.; 10th after 22h.25m.; 11th till 15h.29m.; 13th upto 17h.09m.; 20th till 19h.43m.; 24th upto 29h.33m.; 29th after 15h.48m.; 30th till 16h.58m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

1st whole day; 2nd upto 6h.41m.; 6th after 29h.06m.; 7th till 25h.14m.; 8th 22h.46m. to 25h.49m.; 13th after 18h.31m.; 14th upto 17h.42m.; 20th after 22h.26m.; 29th till 15h.48m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

2nd after 6h.41m.; 3rd upto 7h.32m.; 6th 7h.30m. to 29h.06m.; 8th 22h.46m. to 25h.49m.; 10th after 22h.25m.; 11th till 15h.29m.; 15th upto 17h.09m.; 20th till 19h.43m.; 24th upto 29h.33m.; 29th after 15h.48m.; 30th till 16h.58m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

1st whole day; 2nd upto 6h.41m.; 6th after 29h.06m.; 7th till 25h.14m.; 13th after 18h.31m.; 14th upto 17h.42m.; 28th after 22h.26m.; 29th till 15h.48m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

1st whole day; 2nd whole day; 3rd upto 7h.32m.; 6th 7h.30m. to 29h.06m.; 8th 22h.46m. to 25h.49m.; 10th after 22h.25m.; 11th upto 15h.29m.; 15th till 17h.09m.; 20th upto 19h.43m.; 24th till 29h.33m.; 29th after 22h.26m.; 29th upto 15h.48m.; 30th till 16h.58m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

2nd after 6h.41m.; 3rd upto 7h.32m.; 6th after 29h.06m.; 7th till 25h.14m.; 10th after 22h.25m.; 11th upto 15h.29m.; 13th after 18h.31m.; 14th till 17h.42m.; 20th upto 19h.43m.; 29th after 15h.48m.; 30th till 16h.58m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

1st whole day; 2nd upto 6h.41m.; 6th 7h.30m. to 29h.06m.; 8th 22h.46m. to 25h.49m.; 15th till 17h.09m.; 24th upto 29h.33m.; 28th after 22h.26m.; 29th till 15h.48m.

Pushya, Anuradha Uttarabhadrapada

2nd after 6h.41m.; 3rd upto 7h.32m.; 6th after 29h.06m.; 7th till 25h.14m.; 10th after 22h.25m.; 11th till 15h.29m.; 13th after 18h.31m.; 14th upto 17h.42m.; 20th till 19h.43m.; 29th after 15h.48m.; 30th upto 16h.58m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st whole day; 2nd upto 6h.41m.; 6th 7h.30m. to 29h.06m.; 8th 22h.46m. to 25h.49m.; 15th till 17h.09m.; 24th upto 29h.33m.; 28th after 22h.26m.; 29th till 15h.48m.

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Farmer's Guide for September 1990

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(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed.,A.M.)

1. Good for disposing off agricultural products, for storing wheat, paddy, corns, dhall etc., for testing instruments, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing.

2. Good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for sowing, for harvesting, for erecting sheds, for buying paddy, wheat, dhall, corn, etc.

3. Upto 7h.32m. good for sowing, for deepening wells, for testing instruments.

4. After 8h.24m. good for sowing.

5. Routine work only.

6. After 7h.30m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

7. Routine work only.

8. Routine work only.

9. This day also only routine work.

10. Routine work only.

11. Till 15h.00m. good for testing instruments.

12. Routine work only.

13. After 18h.31m. good for testing instruments.

14. Upto 17h.42m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for manuring, for ploughing, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

15. Upto 17h.09m. good for testing instruments, for disposing off agricultural products, for erecting sheds.

16. Upto 16h.55m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

17. Routine work only.

18. till 17h.29m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

19. Good for testing instruments.

20. After 7h.30m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for buying oxen or sheep, for ploughing, for sowing.

21. Good for borrowing.

22. Upto 9h.12m. good for disposing off agricultural products.

23. Routine work only.

24. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for sowing, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corns, dhall etc.

25. Routine work only.

26. Upto 7h.30m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for fixing pump-sets, for deepening wells.

27. Routine work only.

28. This day also only routine work.

29. Till 15h.48m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for testing instruments, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for erecting sheds.

30. Upto 16h.58m. good for sowing, for testing instruments, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

He who conquers himself, he indeed is the mightiest of warriors. Conquest of self is indeed better than the conquest of others.

Meditate, O Bhikkhu; do not be heedless. Let not your mind whirl around the pleasures of the senses.

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How Is This Month (September 1990) For You?

UTPALA

The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications given below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these indications to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed.* **A.M.)**

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Leo till 15th and then enters Virgo. Mars, Jupiter and Saturn continue their movements in Taurus, Cancer and Sagittarius respectively. Saturn resumes direct motion on 25th. Venus enters Leo on 1st and moves into Virgo on 25th. Retrograde Mercury in Leo resumes direct on motion 19th and continues his progress in the same sign. Rahu and Ketu continues their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

MESHA (Aries)

General: Mars in the 2nd, Mercury in the 5th, Jupiter in the 4th and Saturn in the 9th are all satisfactory. The Sun in the adverse 5th till 15th and afterwards the favourable 6th with Vedha. Venus in the favourable 5th till 25th with Vedha and thereafter the adverse 6th. Adverse influences will be in predominance. You will be engaged in fruitless activities. Happiness may elude you. You are advised to avoid arguments with business partners. Bharani is better than Aswini and Krittika.

Health and Domestic: Diseases of the abdomen and bilious complaints are denoted by the adverse aspects. Chronic sufferers may have to fake an improvement in their problems and they are therefore advised to take prophylactic care in advance. Having a few minor unpleasant situations domestically, it will be, on the whole, peaceful.

Finance and Speculation: While there may be a rise in the regular income, the expenditure will increase considerably. Losses may occur in a few enterprises through association with deceitful persons. The speculative transactions are better avoided during the month.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Damage agricultural crops is likely. You may also experience difficulties in dealing with the tenants. Services are likely to have penal transfers. Professions and businesses are not likely to find the month satisfactory.

Women: The emphasis is on expenditure which, if not controlled, is likely to land you in financial mess at the close of the month. As functional health is likely to be affected you should be particularly careful in this regard. Employed girls are likely to find the month quite trying.

Students: You should curb a tendency to drift away from studies. Relations with friends and teachers may tend to become unpleasant. You should watch your words and manners most carefully.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-11-17	2-10-24
Money dealings and enterprises	3-14-19	4-12-20
Journeys	5-15-21	6-13-23
Real property matters and educational activities	7-17-22	8-16-25

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Children and speculation	11-19-29	9-18-26
Services	14-21-30	10-20-27
Partnership	7-15-29	12-23-28
Insurance	5-11-21	6-16-26
Profession and business	1-15-29	4-13-25

Chandrashtama occurs from the evening of the 23rd to the morning of the 26th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: The Sun in the 4th and the 5th, Mars in the 1st, Jupiter in the 3rd and Saturn in the 8th are all unsatisfactory. Mercury in the favourable 4th yields to Vedha from 25th. The evil influences are in predominance throughout. Frustration will be the order of the day practically throughout. You should resist a temptation to resort to unorthodox methods for achieving success. Stoicism and detachment will help you greatly to have mental peace. Rohini is better than Krittika and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits do not generate any optimism in the field of health. Stomach ulcers are likely to worry you throughout. Chronic patients should take all steps to avoid an aggravation in their complaints. Domestic bliss will, however, be vouchsafed to you practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: This is altogether an unsatisfactory month for finance. Every item of expenditure should be carefully checked by you. Pressure from creditors will be somewhat severe. You are advised to refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions are better avoided during the month. You may have to resort to litigation to collect your dues from tenants. Services, professions and business are likely to find the month quite unhelpful.

Women: You should take particular care about your functional health. Romances should be avoided. Social contacts are not likely to be beneficial. In view of the adverse influences of planets, employed girls should exercise more than ordinary care in dealing with their superiors.

Students: You should curb a tendency to fritter away your time and energy in extra-curricular activities. You should make a very determined effort to concentrate on studies. The Vidyakaraka will assist you in your efforts.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	3-11-17	1-10-28
Money dealings and enterprises	3-14-19	6-13-23
Journeys	3-15-21	6-16-25
Real property matters and educational activities	3-17-22	6-18-26
Children and speculation	5-19-24	8-16-25
Services	5-19-29	8-18-26
Partnership	5-19-30	10-20-27
Insurance	11-17-24	10-20-28
Profession and business	7-17-30	2-18-26

Chandrashtama occurs from beginning to the morning of the 1st and again from the morning of the 26th to the morning of the 28th.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 15th transits afterwards the adverse 4th with check. Mars in the 12th, Mercury in the 3rd and Saturn in the 7th are all unsatisfactory. Jupiter in the favourable 2nd yields to Vedha. Venus in the 3rd and the 4th is fully favourable. The good influences will be more in evidence during the month. Relief from financial commitments and success over enemies are indicated. Official favours are also likely. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to have only minor health troubles. Some care will be necessary on the part of chronic patients. Children's success in the examinations will make you happy. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will be satisfactory during the month. The planetary influences will assist you to execute judicious foresight in making investments. Speculative transactions will yield very good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month cannot be said to be satisfactory for real property matters. It is advisable to postpone decisions on real estate matters to more favourable periods. Labour is likely to cause considerable worry to you. The month will be satisfactory for business and professions.

Women: The month will be quite favourable for the fair sex. Social climbers will find the month quite helpful. You will be quite popular in social gatherings. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will be successful in tests and interviews. Those pursuing medical courses are particularly favoured. You are advised to refrain from sports in view of your proneness to physical injuries.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	5-11-17	1-16-29
Money dealings and enterprises	5-14-19	1-16-30

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rneys	5-15-21	2-10-20
l property matters		
educational activities	5-17-22	2-10-23
dren and speculation	7-14-19	2-10-25
vices	7-14-22	8-13-25
nership	7-14-24	8-16-26
rance	11-15-22	8-18-27
fession and business	11-17-24	8-15-28

Chandrashatama occurs from the morning of to evening of 3rd and again from the morning 25th till the end.

KATAKA (Cancer)

General: Inspite of the fact that the major planet not in a favourable posture the month could be ssified as predominantly good from Gochara t of view. All the other planets are satisfactorily sited. Mars in the 11th, Mercury in the 2nd, nus in the 2nd and the 3rd and Saturn in the 6th e all helpful. Venus yields to Vedha and Sun is ourable from 15th till end when transitting the . He is unfavourable in the 2nd from 1st to 15th. will be successful in your activities. You will come more influential and powerful in political les. Aslesha is better than Punarvasu and shyami.

Health and Domestic: You will be in enjoyment good health practically throughout. Chronic erers will have considerable relief. Your eldest is likely to land a good job in a reputed industry business house. Domestic peace and harmony be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The month will not be for finances. You will be able to meet all your ncial obligations without any embarassment. culative transactions will yield excellent dends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Yield rentals will be at high levels. Litigation will end our favour completely. Services will thrive well. essions and businesses will find the month profitable.

Women: The month will not be unsatisfactory the fair sex. You are likely to climb up the order. r social contacts will help you considerably in business activities. Employed girls will find month quite fruitful.

Students: You will make rapid progress in studies. In sports also you will shine very well and the ces of your inclusion in state or national level s are quite rosy.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
nal and domestic	15-21-30	2-10-20
y dealings and		
prises	14-19-29	3-12-23
Journeys	11-17-24	5-13-25
Real property matters and educational activities	7-15-22	10-20-28
Children and speculation	1-14-21	10-20-27
Services	1-15-22	4-16-23
Partnership	1-15-24	4-16-25
Insurance	1-15-29	9-18-27
Profession and business	1-15-30	9-18-28

Chandrashtama occurs from evening of the 3rd to midnight if the 5th/6th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: Mars in the 10th and Venus in the 1st and the 2nd are fully favourable. The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd, Mercury in the 1st, Jupiter in the 12th and Saturn in the 5th are all unsatisfactory. The Sun is under check from the 1st to 15th and from 25th till the end and Mercury from 15th till the end. In a month of mixed results the bad side will be more in evidence. As the planetary transits indicate the likelihood of your being involved in criminal proceedings you should scrupulously follow the law of the land both in letter and spirit. Influential friends will, however, come to your resoue in case of any such mishap. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: Rectal complaints are likely to worry you. Those suffering from chronic diseases pertaining to stomach should be extra careful. Children's health is likely to cause mild concern. Domestic bliss of a high order is however, vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The month is not likely to be satisfactory for finance. Pressure from creditors will get more severe as the month advances. Quarrels with business partners are likely. You should refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property matter will be satisfactory, smooth and profitable. Setbacks are unavoidable for services. For business and professions there may be obstacles but these will be surmounted by them.

Women: It is mainly in respect of their health that the women should be careful. In club and social activities the conditions may not be entirely agreeable. Employed girls should refrain from politics in the office.

Students: Army commissions are likely to be offered to you. Domestic conditions are likely to hinder your studies. As quarrels are indicated by more than one bad transit, it is advisable to avoid unnecessary talks both inside and outside the family.

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	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	1-7-17	7-13-28
Money dealings and enterprises	3-14-19	2-9-16
Journeys	5-15-21	4-10-18
Real property matters and educational activities	11-17-22	6-12-20
Children and speculation	11-19-24	8-13-23
Services	11-21-29	9-16-25
Partnership	11-22-30	10-18-26
Insurance	5-17-29	12-20-27
Profession and business	5-17-30	12-20-28

Chandrashtama occurs from midnight of the 5th/6th to early hours of the 8th.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Jupiter in the 11th and Venus in the 12th and 1st are fully favourable. The Sun in the 12th and the 1st, Mars in the 9th, Mercury in the 12th and Saturn in the 4th are all unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check from the 1st to the 15th and from the 25th till the end and Mercury throughout. The month will have both good and bad effects. Persons in public life should be particularly careful in their utterances. You may undertake long and tedious travels without any benefits accruing to you from such trips. Hasta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Chitta.

Health and Domestic: You will be free from ailments. Chronic sufferers should, however, take extra care. Your children's success in their examinations will be source of happiness to you. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will be satisfactory. Expenditure also will be at high levels, but you will be able to manage the situation without resorting to borrowing. Speculative transactions should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: Real property matters will not be unsatisfactory. Labour problems will annoy you considerably. You are advised to settle labour problems through negotiation. This is a satisfactory month for services, businesses and professions.

Women: Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding. You will have refined entertainment. You will obtain relief from certain commitments. This is a good month for the employed girls.

Students: You should curb a tendency to drift away from studies. You will be successful in tests and interviews. A pleasant and enjoyable picnic in the company of the opposite sex is likely during the first half.

	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	1-11-19	2-9-18
Money dealings and enterprises	1-14-21	2-9-20
Journeys	3-11-17	4-12-23
Real property matters and educational activities	3-11-19	4-12-25
Children and speculation	7-15-21	6-13-25
Services	7-15-22	6-13-26
Partnership	11-19-29	8-16-27
Insurance	11-19-30	8-16-28
Profession and business	7-19-30	4-13-26

Chandrashtama occurs from the early hours of the 8th to early morning on the 10th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: The Sun in the favourable 11th till 15th transits thereafter the adverse 12th with check. Mars in the 8th and Jupiter in the 10th are both unfavourable. Mercury in the 11th, Venus in the 11th and the 12th Saturn in the 3rd are all favourable making allowance for the yielding to Vedha by Mercury from the 15th till the end. Venus till 25th and Saturn from the 25th till end. The adverse influence will be more in evidence. Accrual of power and contact with old friends with good benefits to you are indicated. You should curb a tendency to undertake travels without specific aims. Swati is better than Chitta and Visakha.

Health and Domestic: You should guard against glaucoma in your left eye by timely application of preventive medicine. Chronic sufferers may not find the month quite helpful. You will have domestic peace and harmony.

Finance and Speculation: The month cannot be said to be satisfactory for finances. Income is likely to shrink but you will be able to manage the situation through timely assistance from friends. Speculative transactions are likely to yield good dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions will not be unsatisfactory. You are, however, advised to postpone decisions on major deals to a more favourable period. The labour problems will be resolved by you satisfactorily. Services may find the month trying. This is an average month for business and professions.

Women: You are advised to go slow on romances and love affairs. You should keep a strict watch on your domestic budget. Club activities could be reduced with advantage. This is not an unsatisfactory month for employed girls.

Students: This us a good period students. They will make good progress in studies. Their performance in the field of sports will be excellent. Those interested in fine arts will find the month fruitful.

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	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
sonal and domestic	7-14-19	2-11-28
ey dealings and erprises	1-7-17	6-12-20
rneys	3-14-21	6-12-18
l property matters	3-14-22	10-18-26
educational activities	3-14-29	10-18-27
dren and speculation	3-14-29	10-18-28
rices	3-14-30	12-20-28
rnership	14-21-30	2-9-23
urance	1-15-22	4-12-25
fession and business		

Chandrashtama occurs from early morning of e 10th to morning of the 12th.

VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The Sun in the 10th and the 11th, ercury in the 10th and Jupiter in the 9th are all vourable making allowance for the yielding to dha by Mercury till the 25th and Jupiter, through- . Mars in the 7th and Saturn in the 2nd are both satisfactory. Venus in the adverse 10th till 25th nsits afterwards the favourable 11th with Vedha. ere will be more favourable influences during the nth. Gains and rewards are indicated by the fa- rable Jupiter. You will be successful in your dertakings. You will receive favourable news m Government regarding some property mat- s. Anuradha is better than Visakha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: Only minor health troub- s are likely to be there during the month. Chronic fferers could look forward to having some relief. e of your sons is likely to establish a good siness. Domestic peace is likely to elude you ring the period.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be sfactory for financial matters. You are likely to substantial income from an unexpected source d will settle your past financial commitments on urable terms. Speculative transactions will d satisfactory dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is a favourable period for property matters. Agri- ural crops may be affected adversely by pests. will be able to settle labour disputes on satis- ry terms. The month will be of good help to vices. This is a profitable period for businesses professions.

Women: True, the posture of Venus is not satis- ry for most days in the month. Even so the fair will find the month, more or less, satisfactory. y will enjoy long awaited luxuries. Employed should exercise more than ordinary care in office work.

Students: You will be successful in tests and interviews. Medical students are particularly favoured. Some of you have excellent chances of being elected as youth leaders in the political field.

	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	11-21-30	14-23-28
Money dealings and enterprises	7-19-29	12-20-27
Journeys	5-17-24	10-18-26
Real property matters and educational activities	3-15-22	9-16-25
Children and speculation	1-11-21	8-13-23
Services	1-15-22	6-12-20
Partnership	3-17-24	4-10-18
Insurance	3-17-29	2-9-16
Profession and business	7-21-29	6-16-27

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of the 12th to forenoon of the 14th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The Sun in the adverse 9th till 15th transits thereafter the favourable 10th. Mars in the favourable 6th yields to Vedha. Mercury in the 9th, Jupiter in the 8th and Saturn in *janma* are all unsatisfactory; Mercury is under check. Venus in the favourable 9th till 25th transits afterwards the adverse 10th. The adverse influences will be more in evidence. You will be engaged in fruitless activities. Happiness and prosperity may elude you. Arguments with business partners are better avoided. Poorvashada is better than Moola and Uttarashada.

Health and Domestic: The period is not propitious for good health. This us not a satisfactory month for chronic suffers. Your eldest son is likely have a minor ailment. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you for most days in the month.

Finance and Speculation: The month is not likely to be satisfactory for finances. Pressure from creditors will be pretty severe. Sources of help for finance are likely to dry up. Moderate profits are, however, likely in speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The period will not be unsatisfactory for real property transactions. Yield and rentals will be a little above average. Penal transfers may have to be faced by the services. This is a routine month for businesses and professions.

Women: The fair sex belonging to this sign will be able to enjoy more comforts and popularity. You should, however, cut down as much as possible love affairs. This, is, more or less, a satisfactory month for employed girls.

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Students: Research students could look forward to getting their theses approved by the Board of Examiners who will recommend them for admission to Doctorate Degrees. You will have an enjoyable picnic in the company of the fair sex.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-11-17	2-14-20
Money dealings and enterprises	3-11-19	2-15-23
Journeys	5-11-21	4-10-18
Real property matters and educational activities	7-11-22	6-12-20
Children and speculation	3-19-24	6-12-23
Services	3-19-29	8-16-25
Partnership	3-19-30	8-16-27
Insurance	1-17-29	10-18-27
Profession and business	1-17-30	10-18-28

Chandrashtama occur from morning of the 14th to afternoon of the 16th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The Sun in the 8th and the 9th, Mars in the 5th and Saturn in the 12th are all unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check till 15th. Mercury in the 8th, Jupiter in the 7th and Venus in the 8th and 9th are favourable making due allowance for the yielding to Vedha by Mercury throughout and Venus till 25th. The month leans on the side of the evil. Health complaints are likely to be present practically throughout. You will get opportunities of cultivating the acquaintance of persons having power and influence and this will help you in business. Sravana is better than Uttarashada and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: Bilious and urinary complaints are indicated by the adverse transits. Chronic patients should resort to prophylactic care. Your children's performance in the examinations will make you happy. You will have domestic peace during the month.

Finance and Speculation: The redeeming feature of the month is that all financial matters will prove entirely satisfactory. Some of the old uses which you had practically written off will be paid back to you. You are, however, advised to refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The planetary transits do not generate any optimism in the field of real property matters. Yield and rentals are likely to go down. The month will, however, be satisfactory for services.

Women: The monthly will be, more or less, satisfactory for the fair sex. Your participation in social gatherings could be conducted with advantage to you. Most days of the month will be somewhat troublesome for employed girls.

Students: You are advised to go slow on extra-curricular activities. You should go all out to concentrate on studies. Medical students are particularly favoured. You will be successful in interviews for jobs.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-11-19	8-17-28
Money dealings and enterprises	1-14-21	
Journeys	1-15-22	6-12-20
Real property matters and educational activities	2-14-21	6-13-23
Children and speculation	2-15-22	6-16-25
Services	2-19-24	8-13-25
Partnership	5-15-22	8-13-26
Insurance	5-19-24	10-18-27
Profession and business	5-19-29	10-18-28
		4-20-27

Chandrashtama occurs from the evening of 16th to night of the 18th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: The evil effects will be predominant during the month and may bring in their wake attacks from opponents, losses by theft and deceit, unhappy home life and worried mind. The Sun in the 7th and the 8th, Mars in the 4th, Mercury in the 7th and Jupiter in the 6th are all unsatisfactory. The Sun is under check except between the 15th and the 25th, Mercury and Jupiter throughout. Venus in the 7th for most days in the 8th month, from 1st to 25th is also not favourable. Venus in the 8th from 1st to 25th is also not favourable. Venus in the 8th from 25th till the end and Saturn in the 11th are favourable. Satabhisha is better than Dhanishta and Poorvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: The stomach ulcer if not promptly attended when it is in acute stage may become chronic and serious. Chronic suffers should resort to prophylactic measures. Domestic life will be anything but peaceful.

Finance and Speculation: An unsatisfactory financial position is indicated. There will be considerable expenditure mostly an account of medicines and doctor's bills. Whatever may be the temptation you should not run after public issue of equities. Speculative deals should be completely avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is not at all a favourable month for real property matters. There is likely to be a gradual reduction in yield and rentals while expenditure on properties may rise to unexpected levels. Services may have

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al transfers. Losses will be greater than gains professions and businesses.

Women: The month will be quite unsatisfactory. ances are likely to lead to disappointment and stration. This is a thoroughly bad month for loyed girls.

Students: No doubt you will fare very well in the of sports, games and athletics. You must tail your sports activities and make determined orts to concentrate on studies. Contacts with the posite sex should be avoided totally.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
rsonal and domestic	17-24-30	9-19-28
oney dealings and terprises	15-22-30	6-21-28
urneys	1-7-17	2-12-30
al property matters d educational activities	3-11-22	2-12-23
ildren and speculation	3-11-24	2-12-25
rvices	3-11-29	8-16-26
rtnership	3-11-30	8-16-27
surance	7-17-29	8-16-28
fession and business	7-17-30	10-18-28

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of the h to the morning of the 21st.

2. MEENA (Pisces)

General: Mars in the 3rd, Mercury in the 6th d Jupiter in the 5th are all favourable fully hout any affliction from Vedha. The Sun in the ourable 6th till 15th till the end. Venus in the 6th d the 7th is not satisfactory; so too Saturn in the h. The favourable influences have the upper nd during the month. Your enemies will be eated. You will realise most of your ambitions ring the month. Revati is better than Poorvabadra and Uttarabhadra.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health ring the month. The chronic sufferers will have siderable relief during the month. Children's formance is schools and colleges will make you e happy. But you may have to keep your fingers ssed in so far as peace and harmony in the mestic field are concerned.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs be quite satisfactory. You will have substantial ns in a few enterprises. Expenditure will be e reasonable and generally on approved lines. culative transactions will be profitable on the le.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc. quisition of new property is most likely. All real property transactions will be, smooth, satisfactory and profitable. Labour disputes will be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. Un- expected promotions are likely for the services. Professions and business will find the month quite profitable.

Women: Film artistes are likely to be offered excellent contracts by top of the ranking producers, and this is likely to take you to the top of the pyramid in the world of celluloid. Your social contacts will help you very well in your business. This is, more or less, a satisfactory month for employed girls.

Students: This is a good month for you. You should make redoubled efforts to derive full benefits due to the fully favourable vibrations of Jupiter, Mercury and Mars. Army commissions are likely to be offered to you.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	3-11-17	8-13-21
Money dealings and enterprises	7-17-30	8-13-22
Journeys	2-15-24	2-10-18
Real property matters and educational activities	11-19-30	2-12-23
Children and speculation	1-14-29	4-16-26
Services	1-14-30	4-16-27
Partnership	5-14-19	9-18-27
Insurance	5-19-30	9-18-28
Profession and business	5-19-29	2-12-26

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of the 21st to the evening of the 23rd.

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only 12 chapters in Ezhuthachan's *Bhagavad Geeta*. Please clarify which chapters are to be read.

Varkala. *P. C. Chettiar.*

*[The **Bhagavad Geeta** has 18 chapters. He is advised to procure the editions published by the Ramakrishna Mission in English and other Indian langauges.—Ed., A.M.]*

Baffling Situation

Sir, - The baffling situation faced by a student of Astrology over rectification of Antara period in Vimshottari Dasa system has been to a great extent solved by the innovatire and incisive research article by Mr. H. R. Shankar "Helpful Hints on Predictive Astrology" (*A.M.*, January.1990). Mr. Shankar has also given important hints with regard to the perplexed problem whenever Lagna falls in the beginning or fag end of a sign and in case where a planet is placed in the last degree of a sign and the additional result given by a planet for the Bhava for which it is "Jeeva" (the constellation theory). Since a student normally ignores the basic rules cited in the above article, he starts blaming the "Missing Links in Astrology".

I recall another interesting article written by Mr. H. R. Shankar on the outcome of a Yoga arising from two debilitated planets (*A.M.* June 1986—Page 491 - Chart I dated 16-3-1926 "Points to Ponder -- II") This was discussed at length by Ekalavya in March 1987 (pages 250 - 251) giving a case of 3 debilitated planets - a person becomes a slave (servant of *famous person*). Mr. Ekalavya's explanations to a handicapped foreign student like me seems to be confusing.

I shall be grateful if light is thrown on the outcome of a Yoga arising from two debilitated planets, -- Chart I 16-3-1926 -- Page 491, -- June 1986.

Karachi. *Saeed Chotani.*

Clarification Needed

Sir, - I am an ardent reader of the valuable contributions of Mihira in his feature "Your Technical Difficulties Solved". In the October 1989 issue, the reply to Question No. 2 is given that 10th lord Venus is *Neecha* and combust. The Rasi is presumed to be Leo (this seems to be an omission). Venus is found to be in lunar *kendra*. Besides he is with exalted Mercury in Virgo. In this connection, may I refer to the answer to Question No. 1 wherein it is stated that the *neechatwa* of Mars gets cancelled by virtue of lunar *kendra*. Replies to Questions No.10 and 11 conform to the view that debilitation gets cancelled due to association with lords in exaltation in the same Rasi. Projecting the same arguments, it occurs to me that Venus will be able to cast off its *neechatwa* in Chart 2 due to (1) Venus in lunar *kendra*; (2) Venus with exalted Mercury in Virgo.

In Question No. 1, the reader has presumed that Mercury is lord of *Badhakasthana* (11). For Leo Ascendant, the *Badhakasthana* lord must be lord of 9 *viz.*, Mars. I am sure that Mihira would not have subscribed to that view of the reader. But the answer is silent on this aspect. May I request Mihira to enlighten me further on this? In the same reply the *karaka* is shown as Venus while it should be Mars who gets *neechabhanga*. Besides Venus is *Vargottama* and can it not be beneficial to some extent to the career even though it may be *Neecha* in Amsa also?

Bombay. *Tirtha Ram Chopra.*

*[**Mihira replies:***

*In the case of **Q.2**, Mars is combust and Venus, though with cancellation of debilitation, occupies enemy's house, which makes him helpless.*

*Re: **Q.2**, you are right; the longitude of Saturn is wrongly printed. It could be 206. It is obviously a printer's error .*

*Re: **Q.1**, Mercury is lord of 11th and 11th is 8th from 4th governing education. Hence with reference to the latter, he lords over an evil house. Vidyakaraka is Mercury, who occupies neecha Navamsa and Venus here is a typographical error.]*

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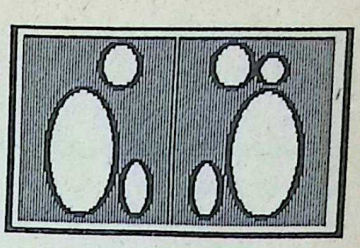

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Q. I am an air-hostess and married in October 1979. My husband was unemployed at the time of marriage. He started a garment business which began to bring in very good profits. But this sudden onrush of money brought out in him many bad habits such as gambling, racing, womanising. He has now even started living with another woman. I want us to reconcile and not a divorce which my husband often threatens me with. Enclosed are our details.

***Wife:* 16-8-1958 *Husband:* 15-1-1948**

K.S.

	KETU MARS		
Wife			SUN VENUS
			MOON MERC.
ASCDT.	SAT.	JUPIT. RAHU	

	RAHU		
VENUS MOON	Husband		SAT.
SUN MERC.			MARS
	JUPIT.	KETU	ASCDT.

Ans: The 7th lord Mercury is with the Moon which is not very strong and indicates an indifferent husband, fond of ease and pleasure. The 7th house is however aspected by Jupiter in both charts which means the marriage may yet survive. Mars is the 4th lord (from the Moon) in your chart and is with Ketu. During Mars Dasa, such tension may continue and you will need a lot of patience and strength to see you through this period. But if you keep trying with the advent of Rahu Dasa (Rahu being with Lagna lord Jupiter), things are bound to improve.

Q. My son got married in 1984. My daughter-in-law opened a beauty parlour, but her husband got involved as a witness in a murder case and so I sent them away. The poor girl had to close her parlour. When will she become economically independent?

Born 21-3-1958

S. No. 15657

ASCDT. MOON SUN MERC.	KETU		
	RASI		
MARS VENUS			
SAT.		RAHU JUPIT.	

MARS	SAT.		KETU
	NAVAMSA		VENUS
MERC.			
ASCDT. JUPIT. RAHU	MOON		SUN

Ans: All the unpleasant events occurred in Venus Dasa. Venus is the 8th lord and malefic but he joins exalted 2nd and 9th lord Mars in the 11th house. Therefore, although married peace may be lacking, monetarily, she will not be hardpressed for money. The Moon, ruler of the present Bhukti, is new and suffers affliction due to the 6th lord Sun. This will be so until September 1991. This period must be faced bravely. Thereafter once Mars Bhukti begins, she may

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generate her own income through a teaching or allied line of activity.

Q. My sister is yet to get married inspite of several attempts. Will she have family life or not?

Born 2-4-1948

S. No. 17116

	RAHU		MOON VENUS
	RASI		SUN MERC.
ASCDT.			SAT.
	JUPIT.(R)	KETU	MARS

Ans: The 7th house has serious afflictions and has not given marriage so far. But Mercury Dasa is to start in 1996. Before that in Jupiter Bhukti of Saturn Dasa she may get married. Jupiter, 7th lord from the Moon, though in the 6th trines Moon-sign lord Mercury and shows positive developments in this regard.

Q. My daughter's performance has been poor. She is studying I B.Com and also attending classes in Computer Science. She wants to work also, but my wife wants her to get married. What do you advise?

Born 24-3-1968

S. No. 15655

SAT. RAHU SUN	MARS		ASCDT.
VENUS MERC.	RASI		
MOON			JUPIT.
			KETU

Ans: The girl has just begun Rahu Dasa. Rahu is in the 10th house, though with Saturn and the Sun. Therefore though academic performance may not pick up at least she can train herself for a job. Rahu can be helpful in training in computers.

As regards marriage, there is no need to rush through it as the Rahu-Ketu axis afflicts *sukastana* with Rahu Dasa running and is hardly conducive to happiness in marriage.

Q. I am very worried about my sister. Her father-in-law is a crooked man and her husband is spineless. Will she ever have happiness in marriage?

S. No. 15607

Ans: The girl has Rahu in the 8th house and Rahu Dasa ends in late 1991. Until then she will be exposed to danger of violence. Therefore, if the husband cannot be prevailed upon to set up a separate household, it is better your sister is

		JUPIT.	RAHU
SAT.(R)	RASI		MARS VENUS
			SUN MERC.
KETU	ASCDT.		MOON

		KETU	MOON
	NAVAMSA		ASCDT. MARS
JUPIT.			
SAT.	RAHU	SUN	MERC. VENUS

brought back to the parental home. Jupiter in the 7th and the Mars and Venus (Lagna and 7th lord) together will protect the marriage even if she comes away.

Astrologically yours,

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MY TURN

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MARS AND WIDOWHOOD

ONCE a friend asked me whether I could predict widowhood from a woman's horoscope. I was little perplexed by this uestion.

My friend's question made me alert. For the next w days, I went about collecting horoscopes of idows — young, middle-aged and old. I began to udy these charts very deeply. Before long, I came some valid generalisations as to the causes of idowhood.

Many viewpoints have been presented. It is said at death is decided at the time of birth. Hence, the osophical view is that, one's fate is already determined. Only the malefic Karmas of past life termine widowhood.

The 8th house, for men, is the house of longe-y. In women, it bears an additional significance as ocating their Mangalya as well.

Any adverse factor afflicting the 8th house will t prejudiciously to the longevity of her husband, ting short his life prematurely. Mars in the 7th use, especially, if associated or aspected by lefics such as Saturn and Rahu, may cause idowhood.

Vaidhavya literally means, the state of being hout a husband. It might occur not only in the se of husband's demise, but also in the case of men separated from their husbands as in di-ce.

The 8th house is critical as far as females are ncerned. Marital felicity and longevity of the hus-nd are matters to be ascertained from the 8th use. Mars in the 8th house brings more disasters n Mars in the 7th house in a female horoscope. The presence of benefic, especially Venus, in 2nd house in the woman's horoscope, counter-s any tendency to widowhood caused by male-n the 7th or the 8th house. The good influence a benefic in the 2nd house strengthens the bhava of the husband, and also promotes the ngth of Mangalya Bhava of women.

A well-placed Venus, specially in the 9th house hout malefic aspects, does not cause widow-d. A 7th house Mars in the star of benefics does cause widowhood. Benefic aspects over the 7th and the 8th houses also avert widowhood.

After a careful analysis of horoscopes of widows, I have come to the following definite conclusions as indicating widowhood:

(1) Malefics occupying the 7th or 8th houses from Lagna or the Moon. (2) The Sun, Mars, Rahu, Saturn, Ketu, and waning Moon and afflicted Mercury, jointly or severally, occupying the 7th or 8th houses. (3) The 10th lord, if he is a malefic occupying the 8th or 7th house from the Lagna or the Moon. (4) A conjunction of the lords of the 7th and the 8th houses in the 7th house with malefics or malefic aspects. (5) The 7th lord with Saturn aspected by Mars. (6) The Moon and Rahu in the 8th house with evil planets. (7) When the lord of the 7th house is hemmed between 2 evil planets. (8) Mars and Saturn in the 7th. (9) The Sun, Mars and Rahu occupying 1st house. (10) The Sun-Rahu conjunction in the 7th house. (11) Debilitated Venus.

Widowhood occurs in the Dasa or Bhukti period of the lord of Navamsa occupied by the 7th lord.

Hence, I find Mars is a major planet that is responsible for causing widowhood. The evil effects of Mars may be warded off if equalled by a similar martian evil influence in the other chart.—269.88.

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IS MATCHING CHARTS FOR MARRIAGE NECESSARY ?

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he Moon-signs are in Samasaptaka and applying the usual tests, the matching count works out to an excellent 75 percent or so but to no avail. Kuta agreement then is to be made only after the important factors of longevity and strength of the 7th and 8th houses have been found satisfactory.

	ASCDT. RAHU		MARS JUPIT.		JUPIT.	RAHU SUN	
	Chart 7 Wife RASI		MOON	MERC.	NAVAMSA		VENUS
			SUN				SAT. MOON
SAT.(R)		KETU	MERC. VENUS		ASCDT. KETU MARS		

In the case of the lady (Chart 7) given above, the 7th lord Venus is in the 6th with Mercury aspected by malefics Mars and Saturn. Venus occupies a dual sign and is under Papakartari Yoga. Leaving aside all other factors, this is an indication of more than one marriage. In other words, the first marriage cannot survive, whether for reasons of divorce or death of first partner, the exact reason being of secondary importance. So, the boy's chart should, apart from good longevity, show a stable 7th house if it should be able to stave off the affliction in the lady's chart. Here, the solution of Dosha Samya cannot work. If the girl's chart were to be paired with a boy's chart with similar Dosha

VENUS	RAHU	MOON JUPIT.			MOON	SUN JUPIT.	
ASCDT. SUN MERC. MARS	Chart 8 Husband RASI			KETU	NAVAMSA		VENUS
				ASCDT.			RAHU
SAT.		KETU			MERC.	MARS	SAT.

also showing more than one marriage) what purpose would be served by the first marriage except that it would break up to pave the way for the second?

The man (Chart 8) this girl eventually

Mercury and Mars aspected by Saturn from the 11th house. Karaka Venus is in a dual sign hemmed in between malefics Sun-Mars-Mercury on one side and Ketu, on the other. This is again a chart indicating more than one marriage. Naturally after a temptestuous partnership of 16 years or so, the marriage broke up and the couple divorced. One of the major reasons for the differences between the couple was that neither respected much the marriage-vow of fidelity. What about the Kuta score of nearly 72 percent? Did it do nothing to help the couple? Going by the facts, it obviously did not help much.

In Charts 9 and 10, both husband and wife show short span of life. The marriage took place in June 1988 and the wife died on 15-5-1990 at about 9.15 a.m. (IST) and the husband a short while later in a fire accident.

	JUPIT.	MARS VENUS	RAHU		KETU	MARS	
SAT.	Chart 9 Wife RASI		SUN MERC.		Chart 10 Husband RASI		
				ASCDT.			SUN MERC. VENUS MOON
ASCDT. KETU		MOON			SAT.	JUPIT. RAHU	

Another factor, the dreaded Kuja Dosha, which has assumed this status and not without valid reasons must be carefully weighed in a compatibility test. Most classical works are agreed on the definition and results of this Dosha. But is it an absolute Dosha or are there factors to cancel it?

Mars in the 2nd, in the 4th and the 12th seems to create high-voltage tension in marriage but in the absence of other disintegrating factors does not generally indicate loss of spouse. On the other hand, Mars in the 7th or the 8th from the Lagna or the Moon or Venus leads to loss of spouse by mostly death if no other factors obtain to hold such Mars in check. And since the result of the Dosha is loss, pairing the chart according to Sloka 36, Adhyaya XIV of *Jataka Parijata* seems to work quite well.

Jupiter's aspect is never without force and holds back Mars Dosha from showing

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with Mars rarely helps is what I have noticed. The 5th or the 7th or the 9th house aspect of Jupiter on Mars is a strong protective influence. Saturn's association or the 7th house aspect works equally efficiently. Pairing two charts that have Mars-Saturn together in one sign or Mars and Saturn in the 7th from each other in both charts removes the evil of Kuja Dosha, even if Mars is in the 7th or the 8th house. Mars and Saturn in the 4th and 10th houses from each other also work equally well. There are some exceptions to the rule of Kuja Dosha and these are found in most standard texts and concern the position of Mars in specific signs as cancelling the Dosha.

But one painful truth that has emerged over and over again in my studies of horoscope matching is that where the charts of the boy and the girl with similar Dosha (indicating loss of spouse) have been matched, it has resulted in giving about 20 or 25 years or slightly more of marriage and then suddenly erupted. This eruption has always shown up in the female chart more strongly than in the male. Where a female chart has strong combinations for widowhood, such matching has helped to push the tragedy from say a few months or one or two years to at least 25 years. Where the astrological indications for widowhood are muted, loss of husband has occurred even after, say after 50 or 55 years after marriage, but it is always the female chart that has suffered the blow. Why this has happened is not easy to answer and may take us to the theory of Karma and Rebirth. In spite of all the opportunities (leave alone those rare privileged cases) a woman may be offered, she has certain distinct disadvantages she must bear. Perhaps that is why the subject of loss of spouse is given specific treatment under *Stri Jataka* and a note of caution sounded that great care must be exercised in examining the Mangalya-Bhava in the female chart. The woman is always more vulnerable and a prudent father, husband or son will never forget this fact in planning her future. Naturally, **the classical wisdom of our seers did not take any chances and emphasised the need to look into this aspect of love more closely and carefully than any other in a woman's chart.**

Balancing Dosha is not an absolute remedy and works only where the question of longevity is concerned. It protects one from losing one's partner prematurely by death. It is not a guarantee against unhappiness, infidelity or other problems in marital life although it endows a marriage with the capacity to absorb some of the shocks.

What about the results of children, prosperity and happiness promised by the Sloka?

Most of us who are acquainted with *puranic* literature are aware that at the end of many chants prescribed by our ancients such as the Sahasranamas, Ashtottaras and other hymns, there is what is known as the *Phalashruti* which promises dazzling benefits should one chant it even once. We know this does not happen in real experience but that does not mean they do not work either. But it is possible the Rishis who discovered or composed these hymns glamourised and exaggerated the results so that devotees stricken with various kinds of physical, mental, spiritual or secular afflictions would take to the chanting with enthusiasm and vigour. Likewise, it appears the other results of prosperity and children may not materialise only by virtue of Dosha Samya unless they are already promised in the charts independently. Otherwise, matching charts would parallel only the sham marriages many people are reported to go through to get a visa abroad. Likewise, charts could be paired only with emphasis on monetary and other material benefits, throwing to the winds the sacred function for which marriage is contracted. There are people who go through marriages only for material considerations but then as a Vedic science Astrology and her votaries cannot endorse such mercenary deals.

Matching charts for marriage has its scope and also its limitations. Charts which show loss of spouse within months or a year or two after marriage can benefit from astrological counselling through matching and manage to push the eventuality to a reasonably distant future point of time. Since a chart is bound by Karmic parameters, matching cannot bring about miracles. **But it can be an effective tool to fight premature loss of spouse and minimise other problems that occur between spouses.**

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NEW AND VIEWS

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ine from Gulika of that day or night as the case
y be.

No wonder that when, as the harbinger of fate announces the ripening of an evil *karma* he is ded and labelled as: दोषप्रदाने गुळिकः
d शनिवद् गुळिके

In other words, he is seen in evil focus, little lising the value of and totally ignoring his ative or positive role, as in the case of his effect the 6th house which naturally starves for bene- and also the paucity of scope for his "mischief" trong or benefic houses. Indeed he seeks to thold his "evil" propensities (or they become cuous) if the lord of the day is strongly posi- ed in the chart.

You will be surprised to hear that Gulika, ther with the blue-eyed boy Yama Kantaka in is commandeered to ascertain the sex of a ld-be child: their *sphutas* are added and should total reveal an odd Navamsa, it denotes the le, and even Navamsa, the female child. This underscore once over, the crucial role each s in our lives and that the two are not necessar- anti-polar.

I shall now switch over to the *muhurta* area and the items that are sanctioned for prosperity en undertaken in the hour of Gulika. Among rs they are harvesting of crops, storing grain, mencing Vedic studies, starting medical tment, *gruhapravesa*, performing *yagnas*, ning the eyes" of scupltured idols, crowning of , wearing jewels, repayment of debts, mak- valuable *danas*, and military manoeuvres. How constructive are the hands of Gulika!

Note on Meningitis

Meninges are membranes covering the brain the spinal cord; and meningitis is the disease ch affects the brain through the inflammation eninges by any of the diseases causing it of ch the brain fever is the commonest.

It is interesting that this disease was not known to Hindu Astrology of yore. Mantreswara s to it as (*dheejwaraha*) and says that death gh it is caused by the 8th house or 8th lord's amsa being Libra.

In the West a lot of research has been made on disease and astrological parameters have spelt out for spotting it.

The significators for meningeas as such, are the Cancer and the planet Uranus. The entire however, is signified by Aries and the planet Ptolemy would have the Sun too applying to the brain. The Moon signifies the substance of the brain. The brain's development and specialisation of nerve filaments in the foetus are governed by the planet Mercury. Consequently damage to the meninges is astrologically caused by the affliction of these significators.

It has been noted that brain fever occurs when the Sun or Mars is afflicted in Aries: the Sun conjuncts Saturn by direction; Mars squares or opposes Mercury; Mars in the 6th house — the latter's in the birth chart; Saturn is in conjunction or ill-aspect to the Sun.

Interestingly brain fever has been seen to break out in countries or regions where the First Point of Aries is afflicted and Mars rises.

In effect it has been found that brain fever is essentially an Arian and square disease. And death occurs when there are too many afflictions of this kind in the cardinal signs, especially Aries and Cancer.

In the western system too Saturn afflicted in Libra is said to cause death due to meningitis. Is not Libra the Maraka house for Aries?

Below is given a classic case of meningitis satisfying the above parameters. This boy who was born in Ottawa came to India while he was three months old where meningitis struck him, and today at 14, his brain-growth is that of a 5-year old child!

Aquarius rises. The 6th, the natural house of sickness, also happens to be Cancer—prone to meningitis. It contains Sun conjunct Saturn along with Mandi. Mars squares Mercury who also happens to be 5th lord. Libra contains Uranus and Moon in conjunction. Jupiter occupies Aries and is opposed by Uranus, another of the significators. The opposition aspect of Neptune to Mars also adds its quota of affliction. The affliction struck him when Jupiter (Mars' dispositor) Dasa and Mercury Bhukti ruled.

	JUPIT.	MARS KETU	
ASCDT.			SUN SAT. MANDI
			VENUS MERC.
	RAHU NEP.	MOON URA.	PLUTO

Is the damage temporary or permanent is the thousand dollar question! The presence of Mandi, the karmic planet in the 6th, should provide the answer.

If the present case did not end fatally, it was because the cardinal signs are sparingly occupied. Students of medical Astrology can replicate these factors in other cases of meningitis they come across. —124.90.

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COMPARISONS FOR MATRIMONIAL ALLIANCE

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remain inoperative. Similarly there may be marriage without love if horoscope matching is effected with the help of a simple arithmetical identity without detailed study of individual Rasis, Lagnas, Ganas and above all, over all planetary build-up of individual horoscopes of eligibles.

4. Lastly the rule will never click if horoscopes do not hold out any prospects for marriage. In a horoscope with visible indications for delayed marriage, say after 30 years in the case of a girl, an exercise on horoscope matching will be a futile task. An indiscriminate application of this identity in a bid to obtain positive results may lead to frustration and disillusionment of the party. Yet the very simple rule, as stated in this paper, because of its simplicity has an in built element of fostering an attitude of dispensing with the vigours of a detailed examination of horoscopes for obtaining a quick, one-dimensional estimate. This horoscope agrees with that horoscope because the two-way test has yielded positive results and so, definite marriage. What a faulty approach

1.7 A Glimpse of Detailed Analysis:

Marriage has a complex heterogeneous structure. An exercise in horoscope-matching is for obtaining highest possible values for different aspects of married life, *viz.*, mental affinity, sexual compatibility, duration of married life, domestic happiness etc., of course within the given horoscopic frame work. In Example No.1, in addition to fulfilling the elementary test, the following factors were also considered by the astrologer at the time of matching the two horoscopes before recommending their union.

(a) The Ascendants of both the husband and the wife were trinally placed from each other. (b) Moon-signs of the couple are sextile each other. (c) The husband's 8th house Mars has been balanced by wife's 8th house Saturn which is functioning as Mars due to its residence-interchange with Mars. (d) The wife's combust Venus is also counterbalanced by the husband's combust Venus. This rules out sexual incompatibility. (e) The wife's 9th house is found to be exceptionally strong. (f) The husband's 9th house is aspected by wife's Jupiter while Wife's Sun is conjoined with husband's Mars and Jupiter. So the wife supports husband's luck while husband functions as wife's friend and patron.

The couple, married in 1964, have been leading till date a happy and contented married life. So who will deny the utility of horoscopic comparisons for an enduring and ebullient marital alliance?—135.90.

PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF MATCHING—I

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(x) Saturn, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury in the 8th increase the longevity. This chart has no such position.

(xi) Lord of 8th in 8th also increases longevity. This is also missing here.

(xii) 22nd Drekkana lord Jupiter, Venus (the 2nd lord from the Moon), Jupiter (12th from the Moon) are *Marakas* for this chart. The lord of the 23rd Nakshatra from the Moon's constellation is also *maraka*. Venus and the Sun are in Mrityu Bhaga. These *marakas* are also afflicted and connected with the 2nd and 7th lords.

(xiii) Rahu in the 8th. The position can be ascertained from the behaviour of the 8th lord. In this case Saturn being retrograde and afflicted by enemy Sun and also in Nakshatra of the Sun is not expected to give any favour.

(xiv) If benefics are in the 3rd, the 11th and the 12th, there is increase in longevity or if malefics, the result may be decrease in longevity. Here Saturn a malefic is in the 3rd which is aspected by the Sun and is not desirable.

(xv) The powerful Lagna lord and 8th lord can increase the period of longevity which is not the case here.

There are many other ways given by great Rishis to calculate the period of longevity but here only general assessment of Ayu is given. The position is generally found favourable. In the case of doubt the exact calculation can be made. Under such circumstances it is necessary to locate a girl's chart which has a promise of long life of the husband.—140.90 *(To be continued)*

SOME FALLACIES IN CONSTELLATIONAL MATCHING REMOVED

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(viii) If Samasaptaka of Janma Rasis be in such signs as Aries, Libra, Leo or Cancer and Capricorn, it savours of Dosha and hence is not allowed.

(ix) Janma Rasis Aries-Virgo, Sagittarius - Taurus, Libra - Pisces, Aquarius-Cancer and Gemini-Scorpio in 6/8 (Shashtashtaka) are auspicious.

(x) The matching of the constellations Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha and Uttarabhadrapada, Hasta, Mrigasira, Swati, Makha and Anuradha do not cause among them evil of Vipat, Pratyak Tara and Streepoorva Dosha.

The discrepancies between *Kalavidhana* and *Kalaprakashika* need to be attended to promptly by scholars.—144.90.

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DOES MATCHING REALLY HELP ?

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...se the married life will be ...happy. In Case 6 Venus is in ...e 7th house with both the lu...minaries in Virgo, its sign of de...bilitation. This combination has ...not been balanced in Case 5 of ...the husband. There are only 13 ...Kuta points. Nadi Dosha is also ...present. The native got married ...before 40 years (Case 6). She was ...not happy for even a day or two. ...She did not beget children. After ...5 or 7 years of marriage the ...husband started living with ...another woman. The married wife ...had to live in the servant-quar...ters. Off and on she is even beaten ...by her husband even at this age. ...Venus joining the Sun and Moon ...is very bad. Here, Venus as 8th ...lord occupies the 7th in ...association with her bitterest ...enemies, Sun and Moon, spoil...ing happiness.

Mars-Moon

Mars and Moon form Mangala Yoga if they are associated. This Yoga is good in certain aspects but not for marital happiness if present in the Lagna, the 7th, the 8th, or the 2nd house. Opposition of Moon and Mars also creates serious problems in marital life. A chart with the Moon and Mars in the Lagna and 7th house or *vice versa* or the two conjoined in the 8th or 2nd must be counter-checked by similar kinds of placement in the horoscopes of the partner. Otherwise serious marital unhappiness would result. In Case 19 the native has Scorpio Ascendant and Mars and Moon in Lagna. He got married with a Mangali girl after proper matching of horoscopes. There was no Nadi Dosha and the Mangali Dosha was properly balanced. 19½ Kuta points were present. The native married on 24-1-1968. Shortly afterwards the husband and the wife separated under very critical circumstances. The father of the girl died of shock. The Moon and Mars in Lagna should be held responsible for this destruction of family life. In 1976 when I learnt Astrology, I got a special *anushthana* done for this girl (Case 20) and both were reunited. They are now living happily with three children. --145.90

(to be continued)

Case 19: Born 24-1-1941 at 3.35 hrs (IST) at 79° E 30', 27° N 9'.

Rasi: Ascendant 228-35; Sun 280-30; Moon 236-2; Mars 229-52; Mercury 288-54; Jupiter 13-36; Venus 259-30; Saturn 15-3; Rahu 161-53; and Ketu 341-53 with a balance of 5 years, 0 months and 18 days of Mercury Dasa.

Case 20: Born 20-7-1948 at 8.29 p.m. (IST) at 82° E 8', 26° N 40'.

Rasi: Ascendant 303-16; Sun 94-38; Moon 269-15; Mars 158-51; Mercury 74-52; Jupiter (R) 237-1; Venus 61-52; Saturn 119-21; Rahu 17-0; and Ketu 197-0 with a balance of 4 years, 10 months and 1 day of Sun Dasa at birth.

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MATCHING HOROSCOPES: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

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quantum of affliction in the charts of the would-be couples and Mars' position in the female chart gave this attempt the much needed fillip.

धने व्यये च पाताले जामित्रे चाषृमे कुजे ।

स्त्रीणां भर्तृविनाशः स्याद्भर्तृणां दारनाशनम् ॥

Mars in 2, 12, 4, 7, 8 in the female chart causes death of the husband, and that of wife in the male chart.

It is followed by other dicta such as:

लग्नेन्दु शुक्राद्द्यस्थाने यद्यास्ति क्षितिसंभवः ।

तद्दशापाकसमये दोषमाहुर्म नीषिणः ।

Should Mars occupy those adverse houses with respect to one's Lagna, Moon and Venus, without the other, harm befalls the other party.

In this verse all the three planes — Lagna the physical, Moon the mental and Venus the emotional planes — are taken into consideration, which is an advance in concept. Here you can pinpoint the source of the harm.

It must have occurred to the great astrologers of yester years, that mere diagnosis won't do; and a method to offset the same should be evolved. How else can humanity survive? How to get such girls and boys married with impunity?

By a flash of insight they evolved a formula. It is this:

दम्पत्योर्जन्मकाले व्यय धन हिबुके लग्नरन्ध्रे

लग्नाच्चन्द्राच्च शुक्रादपि यदा भूमिपुत्रेदू योर्वै ।

तत्साम्ये पुत्रमित्रप्रचुरधनपती दम्पती दीर्घकालं

त्वेको हीनस्तदन्ये भवति मृतिरिति

प्राहु रात्रात्रिमुरण्याः ॥

Should in the charts of both the couple Mars occupy 12, 2, 4, 1, 8 from Lagna, the Moon and Venus, equally, the couple will enjoy long life, children, friends and great wealth. Should one lack it, the other dies: so say Atri and other great Rishis.

This rule may look quizzical at first sight, but looked at from the latter hypothesis, the result will seem natural.

The masters were not satisfied. They probed the subject deeper and spotted the lacuna in the argument which is set out below:

चतुसप्तमगे भौमे मेषकर्काळिनक्रगे ।

यदा राशौ शुभं प्रोक्तं कुजदोषं न विद्यते ॥

When Mars occupies 4, 7 but in Aries, Cancer, Scorpio and Capricorn, no Dosha attaches to him.

चरराशिगते भौमे चतुरष्ट व्यये धने ।

लग्ने पापविनाशः स्याच्छेषे पापं विशेषतः ॥

Should Mars occupy moveable signs in 4, 8, 12, 2, 1, there is no Dosha of Mars; but in others certainly yes.

पञ्चगस्थानगे भौमौ लग्नेदुं गुरुसंस्थितौ ।

बुधे स्थिते न दोषोऽस्ति दृष्टे दोषं न चिन्तयेत् ॥

While Mars occupies 5th, should Jupiter, Moon or Mercury occupy Lagna, Mars yields no Dosha; there is certainly no Dosha when they aspect him.

जामित्रेच यदा सौरिः लग्नेवा पञ्चमे व्यये ।

अष्टमे दशमे चैव भौम दोषो न विद्यते ॥

Mars does not cause Dosha in 1, 5, 12, 8 or 10 as long as Saturn occupies the 7th.

लग्नेन्दु कारकैक्ये तु लगनादेव विचिन्तयेत् ।

लग्नात्पूर्णं चन्द्रलग्नात् त्रिपादं शुक्रादर्धं पापमाहुर्मुनीन्द्राः ॥

Doshas (of Mars) should be reckoned from the Lagna alone when the others Moon and Venus together occupy Lagna. The unit of Dosha from the Lagna is 1, that from Moon 3/4 and Venus 1/2. So say the Rishis:

धूनकुटुंबपतौ यदि पापौ दारवियोगजदुःख करौ तौ ।

सप्तमनिधनगतौ यदि पापौ भर्तृ वियोगजदुः खकरौ तौ ॥

Should the lord of 7 and 2 be malefic, they could cause grief through death of wife. So could the 7th and the 8th lords should they be malefic through demise of husband.

भूपुत्रे सप्तमस्थे निधनमुपपगते योषितां पूर्णदोषम् ।

पुंसां लग्नाद्धनस्थे शशि सितभवनात् तान्त्रिपादं तदर्धम् ॥

राहोर्भौमस्य तुल्यं रविजगुळिकयोः पादमर्के तदर्धम् ।

तेषां धष्टे तदर्धं शुभमथ गुरुणा वीक्षिते स्वोचगे वा ॥

Mars cuases one full unit of Dosha in the bride's chart while occupying the 7th or the 8th. For men Mars in the 2nd causes 3/4 Dosha from Lagna and 1/2 from the Moon and Venus. Rahu's Dosha is equivalent to Mars, Saturn and Gulika cause 1/4; and the Sun 1/2. Their aspects yield half the units prescribed for them; the aspect of Jupiter to them and their own exaltation make them benefic or innocuous.

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स्वक्षेत्रे उच्चराशिस्थे उच्चांशे स्वांशगेऽपिवा ।
भौमारको न दोषः स्यात् कर्कय सिंहे न दोषभाक्॥

Mars occupying own sign, exaltation, exalted Navamsa, own Navamsa does not cause Dosha; but no Dosha is caused while in Cancer and Leo

It would seem from the above extensive quotations that (1) Mars is not so terrible as he is made out, (2) he can be innocuous under certain conditions and (3) other planets like Rahu and Saturn can also cause Dosha. In the tally they all could be included in terms of same units.

It is the practice to count the Doshas in the bride's and groom's chart separately after filtering them by allowing for all the cancellations and seek equality between them, allowing it if need be to tilt slightly higher for the groom — under present social conditions.

Now, as a corollary to the general rules of prediction, that planets yield their promised results during their rule (by Vimshottari), it can be claimed that a Dosha-causing planet exhausts its gifts during the pendency of their rule and when that is over or never applies, their sub-periods could be considered being controlled by the major lord.

Again, Dasas are said to yield adverse results at their fagend. Based on this theory, the change-over from one major Dasa to another is bound to be fraught with difficulties. Says *Deva Keralam:*

दशासन्धौ मनस्तापं जातिवर्गे विचारकृत् ।
दशासन्धौ ज्वरं तापं शान्त्या शान्तिं प्रचास्यति ॥

The water-shed between two major Dasas causes misunderstanding and anxiety in finally circle, besides fever and problems, which, however, are capable of amelioration by appropriate remedial measures.

On this count, it is ensured that the couple do not end or begin a Dasa at the same time, with a margin of one year, as the actual difference in the balance could be more or less at birth—so, they now not suffer simultaneously.

This, however, does not preclude the concurrence of the same planet's Dasa in both charts for the simple reason that they need not be malefic both.

Deva Keralam gives a clarification on this

स्वर्वे वर्गोत्तमे स्वांशे शुभांशे वा दशासन्धौन
दोषभाक्।

Dasas of planets, that are Vargottama, occupy own or benefic Navamsa do not cause harm during Dasa-sandhi. This should put one at ease on this account.

In all these considerations, one should not miss the wood in the tree.

Even as the doctor instinctively picks up his stethoscope first to test breathing, one must test automatically the (1) *ayus,* (2) children, (3) wealth and (4) health in each and they are ensured in the first instance, and in the context of ensuing Dasas and transits, and later others can follow; for of what use is matching when the longevity is short.

Following the logic of progress in the art of matching charts over the years as charted above, one could recommend now as the new step that the Lagna, Moon, Venus and Sun in the charts of the couple representing the physical, mental, emotional and soul planes are in harmony; that the Karaka planets be harmoniously placed (*Sambandha* - Upachachaya etc.) between them and that they are not at 6/8.

Couldn't we? — 123.90.

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Case 4: Wife: Aslesha; *Husband:* Mrigasira.

SAT.	KETU		
JUPIT.	Wife 8-1-1939 8.30 a.m. Udupi		MOON
ASCDT.			
SUN MERC.	VENUS	MARS RAHU	

SUN MARS RAHU MERC.		VENUS	MOON
	Husband 11-4-1932 11.54 p.m. Mangalore		JUPIT.
SAT.			
ASCDT.			KETU

Referring to the above, we notice the following: In wife's chart, IV (6). In husband's chart IV (4). Comparing both, III (b), III (c) (i) are all present. Married for 27 years, they are leading a peaceful married life with their three daughters (two are married).

He who can stop the plunging horses is the strong man.

—*Swami Vivekanand*

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COMPATIBILITY: THE TEST OF A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

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nearly all, if not all, of the races, cultures and religions of the world. In fact, there seems to be a certain attraction between those of different races.

In addition to the above, Western astrologers frequently consider such factors as, say, her Moon and his Sun in Virgo; her Moon in Gemini and his Sun in Sagittarius; her Venus in Scorpio and his Mars in Scorpio; her Mars in Scorpio and his Sun in Scorpio or Taurus; her Moon or Venus in Libra and his Mars in Aries; or her Ascendant in Pisces and his in Virgo.

These combinations may be helpful although there is more to marital compatibility and success than in these factors alone. More than half of the marriages in the United States now end in divorce and a similar situation obtains in most European countries. Many states now have "no fault" divorce, so that one party does not have to find something wrong with the other to get a divorce, "Irreconcilable differences" is now a sufficient ground for divorce in some states. Even so, divorce can be a harrowing experience if there are children of the marriage, as this results in a custody battle, some husbands and wives going so far as to kidnap the children. The situation has become so bad that some do not bother to marry, but simply "live together". But if one decides to leave the other, there is often a "palimony suit" over the property jointly held while living together unmarried.

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The example horoscopes given herewith are of relatives and known to be correct as to birth time. In the first two, where the horoscopes of both wife and husband are known or at least one's birth date is known, we shall apply the five *Kutas* to see if they match well for a successful marriage. In the others we shall consider only the aspects, lordships and asterisms the planets are in. It is significant that the asterism the planet is in, rather than the planetary lord of the 7th house of marriage, often determines when the native will marry.

Generally, one would think that if the Ascendant is, say, Capricorn and the Moon, lord of the 7th, house of marriage, is in the 7th, for instance, that the native would marry during the Dasa of the Moon. But if he or she never runs the Moon's Dasa or does not begin running it until, say, age 70, then one would look to the Moon's Bhuktis in the other Dasas. But this is not necessarily the case, either, for if the Moon is in the asterism of Jupiter, marriage can hardly occur because Jupiter is lord of the baneful 12th and 3rd houses.

In our first horoscope, the woman had a Virgo Ascendant and married on November 24, 1913 in Venus Dasa, the Sun Bhukti. Venus is in the 3rd house in Scorpio (with the Moon) in the asterism of Jupiter, lord of the 7th (marriage) and Venus aspects the 7th from the Moon Chandra Lagna). The Sun is in the asterism of Jupiter, too.

In her Navamsa chart, Venus is in Cancer in the 1st house, aspected by the Moon (in the 7th), lord of Lagna. Her debilitated Sun in Libra becomes exalted in Aries in the 10th in the Navamsa chart. Saturn, lord of the 7th in the Navamsa, is in the 8th with Rahu.

She and her husband (born July 5, 1890, time unknown) could not agree on anything - where to live, what church to attend, etc. In addition, he was a sadistic character (threatened to splice her nose with a knife on one occasion about 20 years before she died), and they lived apart most of the time from April 1932 until September 1961, when she began having hallucinations (Neptune transiting her Sun) and he returned home. **The psychiatrist made her worse instead of better.** Living the rest of her life with an abusive husband added to her misery and she drowned herself in a well on June 9, 1962, at which time she had Ascendant opposite Neptune by primary direction. She died in Rahu Dasa, Mercury Bhukti. Rahu was in the asterism of Krittika (the Pleiades) ruled by the Sun, which is very bad.

Kalidasa, in *Uttara Kalamrita*, Khanda V, Sloka 14 1/2 (a), says: "If Rahu or Ketu occupies a *trikona* (5th or 9th house) and is conjoined with or aspected by the lord of the 2nd or 7th house *(marakas)*, they will cause death during their Dasas." Her Rahu in Taurus gave the results of Venus, lord of the 2nd from Lagna and the 7th (Chandra Lagna). Venus, lord of the 2nd, was in the 3rd, aspecting Rahu in the 9th, a *trikona* house, and Rahu was with Neptune and Pluto. Mercury was lord of the 8th from the Moon and in the 2nd from the Ascendant and in the asterism of Jupiter, lord of the 7th from Lagna and the 7th is also a *maraka*, or death-inflicting house.

Natal Saturn in the 1st aspected the 7th (marriage) and Mars in the 1st aspected the 7th and also the 8th and Jupiter, lord of the 7th, was in the 6th, which leads to disgrace in marriage, separation from spouse, who is or becomes impotent or contracts a venereal disease.

In her Navamsa chart, her Moon, lord of the 1st, is in the 7th, aspected by Mars, and the lord of her 7th is in the 8th with Rahu.—146.90 *(To be continued)*.

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FACTS AND MYTHS ABOUT MATCHING

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d in 3 and aspected by debili-
d 8th lord Jupiter who is with
rn. From Navamsa he has
s in the 2nd. The significator
pected by Saturn and malefic
ter. The girl has Kuja Dosha.
s is in the 7th with debili-
d Sun and Mercury (lord of
). From the Moon Mars and
cury (lord of 7) are in the 8th.
re is marital discord.

The seventh charts give a Kuta
e of 24 which has been of no
e. The 7th lord of the boy is in
5th aspected by Saturn from
6th. The 4th and 6th lords
e exchanged signs. The 12th
(conjugal bed) is with Rahu
e 7th. The girl has Mars in
7th from the Moon aspected
Rahu and the 12th lord. The
lord is in the 6th with his
y aspected by the 12th lord
rn. The man was in love with
her and avoided his wife from
first day of his marriage. He
s divorce. His Navamsa shows
th lord in the 7th and the 7th
debilitated.

The eighth charts give a Kuta
e of 22. The boy has a strong
a Dosha from Lagna. His
s is in opposition to Jupiter.
opposition is found to be
se in actual experience thus
icating the view of
neswara Sphujiddhwaja
h was explained by Shudraka
play, Shudraka compared
datta with Jupiter opposed
rs—like Shakara. His 7th
is in the 3rd with Mercury
of 3 and 6), Sun and malefic
s, all aspected by Saturn
the 6th. From the Moon
, the 7th lord is in the 6th.
Navamsa Venus as the 6th
is in the 7th opposed to Sat-
The girl's chart shows Mars
4th from the Moon and this
as strong as the boy's Kuja Dosha. Her 7th lord is in the 10th with the 12th lord aspected by the 6th lord Mercury. The boy is after divorce.

Now for a change, look at the ninth charts. The man's 7th lord is in the 4th with his friend the Sun and with Mercury (lord of 5) and Rahu. Debilitated Moon is in the 7th opposed to Saturn, a Yogakaraka from Lagna. The lady's 5th house has a benefic aspected by exalted Saturn. Kuja Dosha is present from the Moon. His Mars is in the 12th from Arudha Lagna. From her Navamsa, Mars is in the 8th causing Dosha-samya. This is neutralization of Kuja Dosha, not a cancellation. His 5th lord is with the lord of the 12th Mars. Her 9th lord is in the 3rd. Her 6th lord in the 5th and the 5th lord with his foe in the 4th are to be noted. In Navamsa her 5th lord is in the 8th. The two are having a happy married life, though they are childless. The Kuta score is 27.

These examples show clearly that the Kuta score is misleading, that Kuja Dosha has no exceptions, and that Navamsa charts have to be carefully evaluated before recommending any alliance.

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Wife: 1955.1.16. *Rasi:* Pisces - Ascendant 22-26 with Moon 7-29; Cancer - Jupiter (R) 1-37 and Uranus (R) 2-27; Libra - Neptune 5-7, Moon 4-56 and Saturn 26-19; Scorpio - Venus 15-34; Sagittarius - Rahu 12-16; and Capricorn - Sun 2-2 and Mercury 15-26.

2. *Husband:* 1944.12.7. *Rasi:* Virgo - Ascendant 27-57 with Jupiter 2-24 and Neptune 13-2; Scorpio - Mars 14-58 and Sun 21-34; Sagittarius - Mercury 12-20 and Rahu 25-42; Capricorn - Venus 1-45; Taurus - Uranus (R) 17-57; Gemini - Saturn (R) 15-57; and Leo - Moon 13-26.

Wife: 1950.8.30. *Rasi:* Gemini - Ascendant 3-17 with Uranus 15-24; Cancer - Venus 23-0; Leo - Sun 12-42 and Saturn 27-22; Virgo - Mercury 7-58 and Neptune 22-30; Libra - Mars 18-45; Aquarius - Jupiter (R) 8-52; and Pisces - Moon 8-44 and Rahu 5-11.

3. *Husband:* 1951.11.1. *Rasi:* Libra - Ascendant with Sun 14-32, Mercury 25-55 and Neptune 27-45; Scorpio - Moon 3-30; Pisces - Jupiter (R) 12-29; Gemini - Uranus (R) 20-5; Leo - Mars 23-10, Venus 28-35 and Ketu 15-3; and Virgo - Saturn 16-13.

Wife: 1958.8.5. *Rasi:* Gemini - Ascendant 20 with Venus 23-10; Cancer - Sun 18-44 and Uranus 18-35; Leo - Mercury 13-24; Libra - Rahu 1-56, Jupiter 1-30 and Neptune 8-52; Scorpio - Saturn (R) 26-6; Pisces - Moon 18; and Aries - Mars 15-30.

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Wife: 1959.7.23. *Rasi:* Virgo - Ascendant 8 with Rahu 12-55; Libra - Jupiter 28-50 and Neptune 10-55: Sagittarius - Saturn (R) 8-37; Aquarius - Moon 15-35; Cancer - Sun 6-12, Uranus 21-48 and Mercury (R) 26-1; and Leo - Mars 8-20 and Saturn 16-52.

5. *Husband:* 1960.12.5. *Rasi:* Virgo - Ascendant 27-42; Libra - Neptune 16-45; Scorpio - Sun 19-26 and Mercury 2-31; Sagittarius - Jupiter 14-36 and Saturn 23-14; Capricorn - Venus 0-10; Gemini - Moon 8-21 and Mars (R) 23-56; and Leo - Uranus 2-26 and Rahu 17-27.

Wife: 1971.5.7. *Rasi:* Scorpio - Ascendant 22-28 with Jupiter (R) 10-14 and Neptune (R) 8-39; Capricorn - Mars 8-16 and Rahu 25-52; Pisces - Venus 23-22; Aries - Sun 23-58 and Mercury 0-23; Taurus - Saturn 1-22; and Virgo - Moon 20-45 and Uranus (R) 16-43.

6. *Husband:* 1961.4.24. *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant 18; Cancer - Mars 0-41, Moon 23-4 and Uranus (R) 28-21; Leo - Rahu 10-55; Libra - Neptune (R) 16-48; Capricorn - Saturn 6-21 and Jupiter 12-18; Pisces - Venus (R) 20-44; and Aries - Mercury 1-36 and Sun 10-21.

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A VITAL POINT IN TALLYING

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male who married in South Africa twenty-seven years ago and has a very good married life. Jupiter and Mercury aspect the 2nd house and there is an excellent Lagnadhi-Yoga (Jupiter, Venus, Mercury in the 6th, 7th and 8th houses). In the second case while the 2nd lord is in his own house Jupiter aspects the 7th house. Whatever tensions may have come, Jupiter and the 2nd lord have saved the marriage. In both cases the 7th lords are in the 6th house.

Instances of Actual Predictions

As has been said, irrespective of the favourable tally, some points in a horoscope have been found to be disturbing, sometimes, alarmingly and in such cases, as far as possible, forewarning was given but the inevitable happened, there was recovery from the shock of the mishap and thereafter events revolved round a pleasant humdrum existence with a traumatic memory lurking in the subconscious. Here is the horoscope of a male (Sun 12-9, Moon 10-4, Mars 17-48, Jupiter 6-47, Mercury 23-29, Venus 26-12, Saturn 15-36, Rahu 23-32 and Lagna 1-45).

			ASCDT. KETU
MARS MOON SAT.	Chart 5 Italian Male		
MERC. SUN			
VENUS RAHU	JUPIT.		

RAHU	Chart 6 Indian Lady		MOON
SAT.			ASCDT. SUN KETU
	MARS VENUS	JUPIT.	MERC.

Between the end of 1986 and 1988 this person was breaking academic records which naturally made him ambitious. His parents one day asked us about his marriage and our prediction was that his first marriage would collapse and only the second marriage would be successful. It was Mercury-Saturn period when it was decided that he could accept a big job in USA and marry a naturalised Indian girl to overcome difficulties of settling down there. All formalities were gone through and something like a legal marriage had again to be performed in USA to overcome legal hurdles, if any. It is needless to narrate the agony this man faced in USA in spite of a very high job. Jealousy by colleagues, most of them Indians, and the strange behaviour so Un-Indian and Un-Hindu behaviour of the half-betrothed girl shocked him to such an extent that as soon as Ketu Dasa started he had to come back to India, treated for lunacy through electric shocks. Now again in a big job and married, the second one, he has settled down comfortably in his life.

SUN VENUS			
JUPIT. MARS MERC.	Chart 7 Acutal Prediction		RAHU
SAT. KETU			
		MOON	ASCDT.

An afflicted 7th lord in the 6th house and afflicted 7th house is enough to give a solid base to our astrological reading as would be obvious from the cases given earlier.

In the second case at one stage it was thought that this prosperous young industrialist would marry a foreign girl. But he finally married an Indian with whom he has been having an excellent married life though there is one serious problem they have to face. Here unlike the previous case though the 7th lord is in the 6th house he has been joined by benefics and receives the aspect of Jupiter in addition. In this case the prediction given was that his marriage would be orthodox, with a well-educated girl coming from a prosperous family. The horoscope is:

MOON MERC. VENUS MARS	SUN	RAHU	
	Chart 8		SAT.
	JUPIT. KETU	ASCDT.	

As a basic rule let it be stated here that where the 7th lord is in the 6th house, the Dasa of the 6th lord proves difficult in matrimonial affairs. If it comes very early in one's married life the slightest provocation can lead to divorce and if comes at the fag-end of life it proves bad for the spouse as far as health is concerned. This point will be illustrated with two horoscopes.

			ASCDT.
KETU	Chart 9		
			MOON RAHU
	JUPIT. VEN.	SAT. SUN MERC.	MARS

The first is the horoscope of a retired Chief Justice of an Indian High Court. He was married in 1947 and led a happy comfortable married life. But in his Jupiter Dasa his wife developed an incurable disease.

The next case deserves a more detailed discussion as it has enough material for those as are interested in doing deep research in marriage problems and those twists in life as perhaps can be answered by going much deeper, even into Nadi-amsas.

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MARS			KETU
	Chart 10		JUPIT.
MOON SUN MERC.			
RAHU	VENUS	ASCDT. SAT.	

The degrees of pla- are: Sun 10-46, 19-45, Mars 13- Mercury 28-36, 0-27, Venus 23- Saturn 26-55, Rahu 5 and Lagna 14-9 She was married in Sun (and here is the 7th lord of amsa) in Muslim style when in a swimming she met a Muslim diplomat; later she married in the Hindu style six months later in Rahu-

One day in the early months of 1985 she came place with three young foreign diplomats had earlier taken predictions from us. Look- at the horoscope the following struck us:

a) The 6th lord, Jupiter, is aspecting the 7th in the 6th house. But Jupiter is less than one ee which makes him rather ineffective in the ence he casts on the 2nd and the 6th house. he does exert a type of influence which is very sant. When she met us she was running Jupi- Saturn. In Navamsa Saturn casts third as- on the 7th house and Jupiter is in the 6th e while in the birth horoscope Saturn aspects th house and Jupiter influences the 7th lord. We worked into certain other details which e necessary in such cases and straightaway her a question whether she was thinking of cing, without friction, her husband. She not ly laughed but pointed towards one of the for- diplomats sitting and said that she had come place after divorcing him on that day itself! after the divorce she lived with him for two or more years and even though divorced, they often and keep alive a happy old memory.

We will conclude this article with not an illus- n of a prediction but what should be an logical puzzle.

This woman mar- naval officer who n an accident and married another who too died. Not barrass her we are vealing any birth s.

JUPIT.			RAHU
ASCDT. MOON	Chart 11		SUN MERC.
			MARS VENUS
KETU	SAT.		

mary

will be seen that in six cases where the 7th s in the 6th house is afflicted it has given varying degrees of conjugal tension but has rced separation.

If together with the above-mentioned combination aspects on the 2nd house by Jupiter or presence of benefics in the 2nd house (not retrograde) has been quite effective and has saved marriage.

Jupiter influencing the 7th lord or 7th house has saved marriages which were almost ruined. Or where parting was inevitable it was so graceful that the distinction between parting and meeting got blurred.

The conclusion is that the mere presence of the 7th lord in the 6th which has led to the rejection of many horoscopes of girls by very orthodox astrologers has surprised us as we have more than fifty examples with us where such marriages have not merely been very successful but highly prosperous. But along with the presence of the 7th lord in the 6th house, afflicted, there have been other bad combinations as shown in two cases when the marriage has broken down in very tragic circumstances. In many cases we have seen this point being overlooked by astrologers when they tally horoscopes for the purpose of marriage.

There are many other points which get overlooked even when horoscopes tally perfectly. To miss them, particularly when they point towards a tragedy is a slip we can fall into; to overemphasise them without ascertaining the balancing roles of benefics is a more unfortunate slip.—129.90.

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Wife: 1961.10.22. *Rasi:* Aries - Ascendant 9-21; Leo - Uranus 6-20 and Rahu 1-30; Virgo - Venus 12-7; Libra - Sun 5-32, Mercury 8-12, Neptune 17-17 and Mars 20-51; Capricorn - Saturn 9-25 and Jupiter 5-20; and Pisces - Moon 16-49.

7. *Husband:* 1944. 5. 4. *Rasi:* Capricorn - Ascendant 25-29; Aries - Venus 5-32, Mercury (R) 18-23 and Sun 20-9; Taurus - Uranus 14-15; Gemini - Saturn 1-8 and Mars 26-48; Cancer - Rahu 8 and Jupiter 24-56; Leo - Moon 28-49; and Virgo - Neptune (R) 8-45.

Wife: 1950.3.20. *Rasi:* Virgo - Ascendant 4-55 with Mars 9-55, Neptune (R) 23-13 and Ketu 14-14; Capricorn - Venus 22-21; Aquarius - Jupiter 1-36 and Mercury 28-55; Pisces - Sun 6-11 and Moon 27-1; Gemini - Uranus 7-51; and Leo - Saturn (R) 26-51.

8. *Husband:* 1952.6.20. *Rasi:* Aries - Ascendant 5-17 with Jupiter 18-30; Taurus - Moon 6-37; Gemini - Sun 5-16, Venus 3-54, Mercury 17-51 and Uranus 20-4; Cancer - Ketu 29-47; Virgo - Saturn 15-4 and Neptune (R) 25-45; and Libra - Mars 8-37.

Wife: 1958.4.5. *Rasi:* Capricorn - Ascendant 25-1'2 with Mars 20-23; Aquarius - Venus 4-59; Pisces - Sun 21-22; Aries - Mercury 7-23 and Ketu 8-5; Cancer - Uranus (R) 14-19; LIbra - Jupiter 5-3, Moon 2-16 and Neptune (R) 10-38; and Sagittarius - Saturn (R) 2-26.

9. *Husband:* 1942.8.19. *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant 4 with Uranus 11-15 and Saturn 18-18; Gemini - Jupiter 22-25 and Uranus (R) 21-20; Cancer - Venus 10-9; Leo - Sun 3-0, Mars 18-35, Mercury 18-48 and Rahu 11-26; Virgo - Neptune 5-24; and Scorpio - Moon 8-4.

Wife: 1953.3.4. *Rasi:* Sagittarius - Ascendant 11; Capricorn - Rahu 18-50; Aquarius - Sun 19-50; Pisces - Mercury 7-10 and Mars 21-46; Aries - Venus 1-40 and Jupiter 12-56; Gemini - Uranus 21-30; Virgo - Moon 24; and Libra - Neptune (R) 0-16 and Saturn 3-30.

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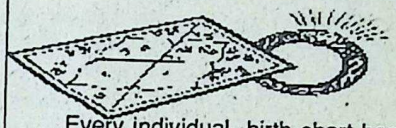

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MY EARLY EXPERIENCES IN ASTROLOGY - XXXI*

THE years 1942 to 1946 covered by the sub-periods of Mercury, Ketu and Venus in the Dasa of Jupiter, in my horoscope were of much significance. It was during these four years that I became fairly well-known not only in India but also in other countries probably because of my many successful forecasts bearing on world affairs. And it was during this period that my financial position also began to show some signs of stabilising. I could now sigh with some relief that the days of penury were over.

My Mother died when I was slightly less than 7 years old. Father, mostly immersed in spiritual practices, did not concern himself much with family cares. Yet I had a fairly comfortable childhood until 1924-25 under the care of grandfather. Thanks to his over-generosity grandfather was soon in dire financial straits and the family had to pass through much hardship. Poverty was a part of my life throughout my Rahu Dasa which lasted till 1946. I had often wondered why Rahu should have proved so adverse to me especially in relation to financial matters.

An astrologer who used to occasionally visit us was emphatic that Rahu's position in my horoscope was responsible for the poor finances our family was in. I did not agree with his astrological views. I felt since grandfather was the head of the family, his horoscope alone could explain the state of the family at that time. Eversince Saturn Dasa began for him in 1924, Saturn being in the 2nd house in the constellation of Mars, who in his turn, is in the 6th with Ketu, poverty had plagued us.

For Aquarius, Jupiter as lord of the 2nd and 11th is no doubt, not quite a benefic, but during his Dasa as *Dhanakaraka* aspecting the 2nd, Jupiter did confer on me the blessings of his innate nature apart from the effects of Gajakesari Yoga which unfolded as the Dasa progressed. Contrary to the views held in some quarters, Venus in Jupiter bestowed on me mostly favourable results, but for one event, considered calamitous then, viz., birth and death of my 4th son, Sri Krishna. Venus the sub-lord in association with Mercury, lord of the 5th, in Makha ruled by Ketu, who occupies the 5th from the Moon caused this event. In fact I had anticipated it astrologically also. However, this being my first experience of the

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The conviction that I had to play an important role in the future to procure for Astrology its rightful place in the heirarchy of sciences and in the minds of the educated public began to grow in my mind. My main aim which I pursued with missionary zeal was to eschew Astrology from charlatanry and refute through my writings., stale objections against Astrology raised in some 'scientific' quarters. I also planned to bring to light so far unpublished literature on the subject and do research in the science. I had a great desire to make the Magazine and publications an Institution and not just a business concern. Looking back I feel Destiny has graciously led me to fulfill this ambition. My literary activities increased and a research section for the collection and codification of astrological data was also started.

Father died in September 1943 when I was having Ketu Bhukti. Jupiter and Ketu (major and sub-lords) have reference respectively to a *maraka* place (2nd) and house of loss (12th) from the 9th house.

I was also under the grip of *sade-sathi* for the second time. In the first round mother died. And I expected that in the second round there would be a bereavement on my paternal side. Inspite of his heavy leaning towards spirituality, from a worldly point of view father's was a tragic life. Unmindful of the tragedy that had befallen him by way of loss of sight and an unhappy domestic life, he pursued with unabated zeal the task of performing more than 21 lakhs of Gayatri Japa - and created around him a spiritual halo. Rajeswari who had a special place for father in her heart served him with devotion. She took great care to ensure his comfort and that nothing came in the way of his attending to his daily religious practices. He died in Mars sub-period of Saturn Dasa. In his chart Saturn as lord of 12th is in the 3rd, while Mars, a *makara* is in the 12th.

During those days consultations formed only a minor part of my activities. My third son Suresh (now Dr. Sureshwara) was born in 1942. Family responsibilities further increased. At the same time there was also a steady increase in the readership of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. The small house I was living in since 1940 and which also housed my office was no longer adequate. Three rooms and a big verandah close by were rented on a monthly rent of Rs.60/- which today may fetch anything between Rs. 2500 to Rs.3000 a month. Additional staff had to be employed — a "stenographer" on Rs. 30 a month, a dispatching clerk on Rs. 25, an editorial assistant on Rs.60 a month and a Sanskrit Pandit on Rs.50 a month and 2 attenders on Rs.15 a month.

These details though not relevant are given so that young friends of today may have an idea as to how plentiful the times were and what the real worth of a single rupee was.

The printing of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE had to be shifted to Bangalore Press, then considered to be the best equipped printing house in Bangalore. The composing work was done on monotype and lino type machines. The appearance of the Magazine no doubt improved but the cost of production became equally prohibitive. The manager of the press, one Srinivasa Rao, was a stickler even in regard to small matters, and he would insist on an agreement on stamped paper being entered into every year. The change of printing press was also a blessing in disguise because I was not required to visit the press everyday as I used to do in the previous place and this gave me enough time to do astrological work and reimburse my income. My literary work also was progressing satisfactorily. My popular title "The Next Five Years" giving forecasts of world events from 1941 to 1945 underwent several reprints and secured wide circulation almost throughout the English-knowing world. As I learnt later, during the war years, a large number of copies were being smuggled into Burma, Malaya and other Japanese occupied territories.

The nature and type of horoscopic work handled by me was generally to do with occupation, yearly prospects, health and diseases, litigation involving landed estates — especially of the zamindari type and marriage. Today in view of the number and diversity of occupations an astrologer's task becomes formidable. In this respect we were perhaps more fortunate as we had to deal with less number of professions.

Questions bearing on marriage hinged mostly on the nature of married life, the longevity of the couple, whether the couple would continue living together and prospects of chil-

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The Indian woman had not yet been "ated" then and she lived in the shadow of husband. Sometimes situations would when a husband would have a *upa patni* in many such cases seen by me, on this the relations between the *dharma patni* the husband would naturally go sour. Of such instances were rare. There were cases of separation of the couple but they far and few in between . In fact, I had to with some cases of ladies indulging in -marital relations clandestinely but much was never made.

Unfortunately today, in the name of "prog-", a dangerous term which we have blindly wed from the West, even the sanctity of riage is being questioned, thanks to the sored programmes and serials of the T.V. the "progressive" ideas publicised in the a by those calling themselves as champi- "women's rights". Life values so fondly shed for generations and forming the dations of family life in India are as a t being threatened and disruptive forces freeplay. Sometimes the couples rush to logers just a few months after getting ried to know when they would be able to ce their partners. Some marriages hardly even a year. Something must be done to the sense of alienation gripping the mod- Indian generation. These remarks are by way.

Before discussing a horoscope, I would first with verification of the birth-time. One horoscope dealing with birth-time and rity as done by me fifty years ago is repro- d below from my archives for the informa- of my esteemed readers.

Before going into a study of the horoscope, necessary to have a check-up on the birth on the correctness of which the entire ure of the horoscope is to be erected. e are several well-known methods to see her the Lagna arrived at is the correct One test is the Mandi test. Note the Rasi ied by Mandi at birth and note also the where the lord of the sign containing di is located. The Lagna at birth will be a on triangular to that of the aforesaid lord e triangular to the Navamsa occupied by wner of the sign representing the Na- Mandi. In this horoscope Mandi is in Virgo and the lord of this sign Mercury is in Sagittarius. As the Lagna is Leo which is trine to Sagittarius, this test indicates the Lagna to be correct.

"There is another test called Pranapada test by which also the correctness of the Lagna can be determined. Multiply the *ghatikas* after birth by 4 and divide the *vighatikas* by 15. Add the two and divide the sum by 12. The remainder will indicate the Lagna or its trine — (42 *gh* x 4) + (55/15) = 168 + 3 = 171. This divided by 12 leaves a remainder of 3 and this indicates Gemini, or Libra, or Aquarius. As the Ascendant is Leo some rectification appears to be called for. Rectification by the method of Epoch (details of calculation of which are too technical to be given here) will suggest the birth time to be 43 *gh*. 15 *vigh*. instead of 42 *gh*. 55 *vigh*. as per recorded birth time, an increment of 20 *vgh*. or 8 minutes, we find that the Lagna will be Leo as per this test:

		JUPIT.		JUPIT.	MOON	RAHU	MARS MERC. VENUS
SAT. KETU	RASI				NAVAMSA		
MOON MARS			ASCDT. RAHU				ASCDT.
MERC.	SUN	VENUS		SUN	KETU SAT.		

"(43 x 4) + (15/15) = 172 + 1 =173. This divided by 12 yields a remainder of 5 and this number corresponds to the number of Lagna as counted from Aries. That we are correct in assuming this to be the correct birth time is confirmed by another test. For this, the birth *ghatikas* and *vighatikas* have to be multiplied by 2 and then the number 9 added to the product as a fixed sign ascends and then again multiplied by 4. This product should be divided by 27 and the remainder should indicate the birth star.

"That is, (43 *gh* 15 *vgh* x 21) + 9 = 95.50. This should be multiplied by 4 and the product 382 so got divided by 27 or $382\frac{\bullet}{\bullet} \cdot 27 = 14$ and remainder 4.

"The fourth star is Rohini and the birth star being Sravana falls in the trine group Rohini, Hasta and Sravana. This double verification is eminently satisfactory and we can therefore take the birth time to be 43 *gh*. 15 *vgh*. after

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sunrise. The only resulting change in the chart would be that the Amsa Lagna would be Leo instead of Cancer and this makes the Lagna Vargottama and gives added strength to the entire horoscope.

"Regarding longevity: There are various methods of determining the longevity such as by judging the strength of Lagna, 3rd and 8th houses, called the houses of life, also by determining the *maraka* lord and the period when he will function to cause death of the native. Again there are methods of judging according to certain set rules, and there are the mathematical methods. Experience tells us that not one method taken by itself proves satisfactory and that a harmonious blending of the various methods alone will give the desired results.

"The 3rd and 8th houses are deemed the houses of life. Lord of Lagna is in a *kendra* in a sign that gives vitality to the constitution. He is also aspected by Jupiter who is a benefic and lord of 8th house (life) and by Saturn (Ayushkaraka). Venus is placed in the 3rd sign but actually in the 4th house. But Venus is lord of the 3rd house and strong in *kendra* . He is also in his own sign though the house he occupies is the 4th. There are no planets in the 8th house but Jupiter is the lord of that house and he is strongly placed in the 10th house. He is also retrograde and aspected by the Sun, lord of Lagna. In the Amsa we find that Jupiter is strongly placed in his own sign in the 8th house. These are testimonials for a fairly long life for the native. Jupiter and Venus in Kendras may be taken as another indication for long life. We shall next apply the method set out in *Phaladeepika* verse 14 of Chapter XIII. "Consider the following 3 pairs: (A) the decanate Rasis of the Lagna and the Moon; (B) the Navamsa Rasis of the lord of Lagna and lord of the sign occupied by the Moon; (C) the Dwadasamsa Rasi of the lord of Lagna and lord of the 8th house. The life of the native is long, middle or short according as (a) when one of the Rasis in the said three pairs is movable and the other also movable or fixed and common, (b) when one of the signs is fixed and the other is movable, or when both are common, (c) when one is common and the other is movable or when both are fixed. 'Applying this test in your case, we find the following results.

(A) Lagna Drekkana Rasi -- Common Sign

Chandra Drekkana Rasi -- Fixed Sign = Life Long

(B) Navamsa Rasi of Lord of Lagna -- Common Sign

Navamsa Rasi of Lord of Janma Rasi -- Fixed Sign = Life Long

(C) Dwadasamsa Rasi of Lord of Lagna -- Fixed Sign

Dwadasamsa Rasi of Lord of 8th house -- Fixed Sign = Life Short

"The majority indication according to this test is long life which confirms our former judgement according to the strength of the Bhava. Next the actual length of life has to be ascertained by the period of the *maraka* lord. As the life is long, the major period of Mercury, lord of 2nd house occurring between 69 and 86 years of life is the most likely period. And as regards the sub-period, as we find no planets associated with lord of 2nd house, and there being also no planets in the 2nd house, we choose the planets found occupying the 7th house. There are two planets there, Saturn and Ketu. Saturn is simply lord of 7th in 7th, whereas Ketu is in 7th and also associated with lord of 7th house. Ketu has apparently better claims and so the life may be judged to be about 72 years long".

Sri Krishna Sinha, a respected Congressman of Bihar had contacted me as early as 1940 desiring to have an interpretation of his horoscope, particularly about his political career. He was a regular reader of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE and had once congratulated me on my successful forecasts. The war developments in 1942--'43 resulting in the withdrawal of the British from Burma and Malaya seemed to have unnerved many Congressmen that Japan might overrun parts of eastern India. Sinha gave vent to these feelings lurking in his mind. I had assured him, on the basis of my humble knowledge of political Astrology, that Japan would not be able to invade India or occupy any part of it and invited Sinha's attention to my editorials in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

Sri Krishna Sinha's elder brother, Deokinandan Sinha, an admirer of grandfather, was well versed in Astrology. In fact when grandfather visited Muzaffarpur in 1906 or so this gentleman had played host. The elder Sinha used to write to me now and then on important

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m-Janma Bhoomi

NOT less serious than the Punjab and Kashmir imbroglios is the Rama Janma Bhoomi-Babari Masjid dispute, that bids to engulf the nation in violence and confusion, ecially in the context of the rigid postures intained by the feuding parties on the one hand d the indecision and drift on the part of the vernment.

It is well to recall in this context the genesis of e dispute.

It was the Mughal invader Babar who first molished Sri Rama's temple at Ayodhya in 1558 D. and put up a mosque at the hallowed spot.

To the Hindus the world over, Sri Rama is not ythological figure, but the embodiment of the best virtues of human personality or the **Maryapurusha.** And the restoration of His temple Ayodhya is a bounden obligation to be fulfilled.

A similar fulfilment was vouchsafed to us in the toration of Somnath Temple in 1951.

President Rajendra Prasad who inaugurated t function observed on the occasion that by that , **the Indian people had redeemed their ory after a thousand-year-slavery to the reign invaders.**

Liberation of Rama Janma Bhoomi too stands an equal, if not one higher, footing.

The difference today is that Sardar Patel o took the initiative for Somnath's restoation, Mahatma Gandhi who supported it d the Central Cabinet which unanimously solved to take it up as a Government proct are not present.

And the situation in the country too is different.

continue the story.

Soon after Independence Sri Rama's idol was talled on December 22/23, 1949, and sanctified the hallowed spot; but the temple was locked up and guarded by a sentry. Daily formal puja alone was permitted and devotees were not allowed to offer worship.

As a result of public agitation, the temple was thrown open to the public in February 1986, but permission was refused for its renovation.

Much water has flowed down the Sarayu since. The Mukti Yagna Samiti, Bhajrang Dhal, Rama Janaki Ratha Yatra, procession of Dharmacharyas, taking a pledge on the banks of holy Sarayu are all recent history.

Lately there have been efforts at fresh Silanyasa, which have been foiled by successive ukases.

The crunch today is that, our country is run by a minority government and the Opposition is more intent on party gains than national interests. Neighbour Pakistan misses no opportunity to foment trouble on our shores.

One has to view the whole issue with this background. And any step taken should not allow the situation to deteriorate, as **rigid postures on all sides threaten disaster.**

It is in this context that one recalls Gandhi's observations.

Wrote he in the *Harijan*: "The lesson of non-violence is present in every religion, but I fondly believe that perhaps, it is here in India that its practice has been reduced to a science.

"Innumerable saints have laid down their lives in *tapascharya*, until poets had felt that the Himalayas became purified in their snowy whiteness by virtue of their sacrifice.

"But all this practice of non-violence is nearly dead today.

"It is necessary to revive the eternal law of answering anger by love and of violence by non-violence; **and where can this be more readily done than in this land of King Janaka and Ramachandra?"**

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Prophetic, it appears.

We are now faced with the postures of rival Action Committees; but given the will, there is no problem on earth that cannot be solved and successfully at that, as Mahatma Gandhi has demonstrated.

At the present juncture, after exhausting all our experiments and related experiences in the resolution of this apparently intractable fix, there appears to be no alternative to the present government but to wear the mantle of Mahatma Gandhi with faith and determination and find a solution to this vexed problem in terms of Gandhi's proven prescription.

It is pertinent to recall here that to Mahatma Gandhi Rama, Rahim and Christ were one and the same God and this concept could sort out the differences. And our Independence has made this difference that the foreigner equation has dissolved and our **Muslim brethren are now *de jure* and *de facto* partners in carrying the nation forward in all its ramifications and hence, there can be no scope for conflict in national interest.**

Currently the planet Jupiter transits Cancer in strength. It is the Janma Rasi and Lagna of Sri Rama. It is his own natal position. Let us hope that He blesses us with a happy solution to this vexed problem.

Conception in Ashada

A reader writes: "When sometime back the in-laws of my recently married daughter asked me to take her home as change for a month in Ashadha, I was amused, as it was hinted that she should not conceive in Ashadha. But after I heard and saw the same reason trotted out in a T.V. slot as a widely held belief, I am curious to know if there is a valid reason for it."

While I cannot vouch for its truth, I can adduce plausible reasons for holding that belief.

The months Ashadha and Kartika are deemed the evil teeth of the Goddess of Time and skipped for auspicious functions.

In gynaecological Astrology it is held that certain planets rule over the different stages of the growth of foetus from the 1st to the 10th month; that the strength or weakness of those planets during the periods will determine the health of the growing foetus during these stages.

According to Yavana, Mars and Venus rule the first and second months, while Venus and Mars rule those two months, going by Vasishtha, Garga, Varaha etc. Now, in the Adhana chart Cancer becomes the solar Lagna and Mars the ruler of the 1st month of the foetus is debilitated there when the foetus is apt to become endangered.

Should it, according to the other school, be Venus, he too will find himself uncomfortable with Cancer the Adhana solar Lagna being enemy's house and hence there is danger to the foetus.

These months incidentally are reckoned by the stellar count and hence when delivery takes place, the Sun will mostly occupy the Adhana solar 9th. Now the stellar 10th or solar 9th month is ruled by the Sun according to both schools. It becomes Karaka in Karaka house or solar (*adhana marka*) in 9th which is equally unwelcome.

And of course there is the mundane consideration that the girl could be spared the excessive heat of the southern summer during her confinement. These may have given rise to the belief.

In the above consideration, the Adhana Lagna is captive and could make some difference to the result besides other cancellation factors. As a too general belief therefore it can pass muster.

Death Held in Leash

Readers will recall the case of a young woman in the U.S. lying in a nursing home in a vegetative state for seven years now, and threatening to continue doing so for another thirty years (*A.M.*, June 1990) her life being sustained by artificial feeding and her relatives frantically trying to spare her the misery by removing the connecting tube through courts of law.

The U.S. Supreme Court before which it had ended has now upheld the lower court's ruling that the relatives cannot do so for lack of clear evidence that the patient wants it so.

The Court however has conceded the constitutional right to the U.S. citizen to delegate another person through a valid power of attorney to terminate medical attention in such a contingency.

Death is thus held in leash and there are many likes of her in the U.S. languishing in nursing homes with no hope of recovery.

Incidentally, we humble folk, are used to the notion of a "will" being a legal document of post-death validity.

It transpires that there is a "living-will" too — something like the out-of-wedlock brother — which is said to take effect even while one breathes, and which is recognised in the U.S.

It is confined as of today strictly to the incapacitated, terminally ill, since otherwise euthanasia will smell into its penumbra.

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Astrological Miscellany

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In this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed astrologically. They may be about anything — birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, weather, animals and the list is endless —so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are invited to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa to Astrological Miscellany, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)

Dosha Vs. Dosha

BORN 7-10-1958 at 6.45 p.m. (IST).

Rasi: Aries - Ascendant; Taurus - Mars; Cancer - Moon; Virgo - Sun, Mercury, Venus and Rahu; Libra - Jupiter; Scorpio - Saturn; and Pisces - Ketu.

The native has Mars in the 2nd and Jupiter in the 7th house. Is it a case of Kuja Dosha being cancelled? writes reader M. Rajaram from Madras.

Mars in the 2nd is said to cause Kuja Dosha but then, Jupiter in the 7th is a highly beneficial factor. But it does not cancel the Dosha. What, in effect, does that job is Saturn's aspect on Mars. However, the question is in the context of match-making, though Kuja Dosha is cancelled, the Sun-Mercury-Venus-Rahu combination in the 6th needs to be handled with caution if marriage should pose no problems afterwards.

Boy or Girl

"On the 18th February 1990 at 12.15 p.m. (I.S.T.) here I was asked a question whether a son or daughter would be born to a lady in an advanced stage of pregnancy. After recording the time of question I drew up a chart as below: Lagna in Simha, Jupiter in Mithuna, Ketu in Karkataka, Moon in Kanya (under Chitta asterism), Mars in Vrischika, Saturn and Mercury in Dhanus, and Sun, Venus and Rahu in Makara.

"Finding Saturn in an odd house (9th house) from the Lagna in the chart, besides being under 5th house aspect from Jupiter, I predicted the birth of a son to the lady. Of course, due to association of Mercury with Saturn in the 9th house of the chart I was inclined to feel the possibility of a twin but did not reveal it.

"But to my utter surprise a daughter was born to the lady on the 25th February at 11.12 a.m. (I.S.T.) at Cuttack" writes reader D. P. Dash of Cuttack in Orissa.

First Step Missed

Obviously reader Dash was in a great hurry to make the prediction and as it invariably happens in such cases, he did not stop to verify the correctness of the chart he had cast.

The Lagna is Taurus, the 5th and Lagna lords are in Capricorn, and not as reader Dash shows.

Rasi Taurus - Ascendant; Gemini - Jupiter; Cancer - Ketu; Scorpio - Moon; Sagittarius - Mars and Saturn; Capricorn - Venus, Mercury and Rahu; and Aquarius - Sun.

The answer is plainly apparent. The Lagna and 5th lords are in the 9th in a female sign which explains the female child.

The best way to understand a *prasna* chart is to analyse it rather than apply combinations *adverbatim*. The latter can be resorted to when an analysis fails to give any clue due to the complex planetary juxtapositions.

Index Finger Tells All

"The index finger is an indication of the individual's attitude to the external work, his self-assertion, ambition and aspirations in the world.

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He uses his finger to point, order or threaten.

"With the gesture of the index finger, man not only tries to exhibit his power to his fellowmen but also attempts to reflect his superiority to animals. The high degree of mobility in the human index finger is incomparable with that of monkeys, who are unable to use this digit separately. The length of the human index finger is another of its most striking features, because all monkeys have index fingers much shorter than those of man.

"In comparing the index finger to the thumb we could state that the index finger manifests the ambitions and aspirations of the individual. The thumb manifests the amount of energy available to attain those desires. Therefore, if you have a strong index finger and a weak thumb, you will experience difficulties in achieving your life aims.

Strong Ego Structure

"A well-developed and strong index finger accompanied by a good thumb is an indication of a strong ego structure, which enables a person to adapt himself to any life situation or environment.

"The normal index finger reaches the half point of the first phalange of the middle finger and it is about as long or slightly shorter than the ring or fourth finger. If It is longer than the ring finger, it is a sign of an urge for power or dominance. A person with an exceptionally long finger is never content to have a subordinate position in home, business, profession or social life. He is often snobbish and hard to please.

"In contrast, people with abnormally short index fingers have an inferiority complex. They lack pride and ambition, they are dependent, are willing to be dominated or ruled because they are usually afraid of responsibility and leadership.

"An ill-formed, long index finger denotes a distorted ego, morbid vanity or false pride. If it curves to the middle finger, this signifies possessive tendencies.

"A well-developed, muscular padding of mount (Jupiter) at the base of the index finger emphasises the significance of the index finger" concludes a very informative note from reader Kultar Singh Rattan of New Delhi.

Consuming Fear

Reader K. Ramasubramanian of Madras has a health problem.

"Between 1938 and 1942 I was a resident of Trichy and as a neighbour had acute T.B. of the intestine I moved away to another place. After 10 years I had cough and cold and this yielded to treatment as for T.B. It reappeared after 10 years and was diagnosed as T.B. After treatment I was declared free from this dreaded disease. In 1989 besides cough (occasionally) and cold, my belly bloated. I was treated and now am normal. I am dubbed as suffering from abdominal T.B.

"May I know if I am destined to suffer from this disease, astrologically? If so, will it get cured at least?"

He has given only the Rasi positions of birth and the current Dasa is of Saturn and the Bhukti, of Venus.

Born 24-4-1910 at 52 gh. 42 vgh. after sunrise.

Rasi: Pisces - Ascendant and Venus; Aries - Sun and Saturn; Taurus - Rahu; Gemini - Mars; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra - Moon; Scorpio - Ketu; and Aquarius - Mercury.

Consumption occurs according to classical works when the lord of Lagna and Venus occupy *dusthanas* or, when Mars is in the 4th and Rahu is in the 12th from Karakamsa, or when the Ascendant receives the combined aspect of Mars and Saturn or when the Sun or the Moon are in each others' Rasi or Navamsa and in some other planetary conditions. In this case the Moon is not in the Sun's sign but in his debilitation sign aspected by Saturn (also in his debilitation sign).

The Sun is in exaltation as the 6th lord and is aspected by the Moon. The Dasa is of Saturn who joins Sun. Saturn gives it a chronic colour and as 6th lord the Sun gives ailment.

Jupiter, as Lagna lord is aspecting the Lagna. The present Dasa and Bhukti lords are adversely placed. The Dasa lord Venus is not evilly disposed and so, may give relief as his Bhukti finishes. The next Bhukti is of the Sun, ruler of the 6th lord, and he is in a fiery sign and may check the coughing and phelgm. Our reader ned not be consumed by any worry as the Dasa lord in Lagna will contain the ailment.

Encounters of the Wierd Kind

"Here is a chart which is bound to interest your readers. The native has had many encounters with snakes."

"Born 26-4-1941 at 41 gh. 51 vgh. after sunrise at Lahore.

Rasi: Ascendant - Scorpio 0-03; Sagittarius - Mars 23-02; Aries - Sun 12-45, Moon 14-48, Mercury 0-41, Jupiter 29-44, Venus 13-46, and Saturn 23-17; and Virgo - Rahu 5-23 with a balance of 2 years, 2 months and 8 days of Venus Dasa.

"When he was a one-year old a snake was found on his back. Between 1967 and 1972, he came across lots of snakes. Every, time they would be coming out of his house. Almost 26 snakes were killed by him but the snakes never attacked him. The last encounter was on 31-1-1990 around 8 p.m.

"What are the reasons for such incidents in a native's life?" asks reader Dr. S. M. Goel of Jalgaon.

Readers can write to us before October 30, 1990.

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Future Prospects for Kashmir

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ACCEPTANCE of partition of the country on the basis of religion was a grave mistake on the part of the leaders of the Indian National Congress. It caused much bloodshed and uprooted ten million people on both sides of the border. While Pakistan was established as a theocratic state, India remained secular as she had been since the days of the Buddha. Pakistan got a big jolt by the separation of Bangladesh since it exposed the hollowness of the two-nation theory based on religion. In India, secularism did not require any extra emphasis since the Hindu majority has lived with the Muslim minority in peace for over 700 years. In keeping with the tradition of the *Ramayana* Hindus regarded a ruler as their respected servant whose job was to provide security to the people. As long as a ruler protected the people and did not discriminate on grounds of religion he was acceptable to them irrespective of the faith he might profess. At the same time, a partisan ruler would not be acceptable to the Hindus as was the case with Aurangzeb. Thus, in an undivided India, a Muslim could have been the head of state provided he emulated the policies of Asoka or Akbar.

Unlike Pakistani rulers, who drove away the minorities from their soil, leaders in India enacted a Constitution under which every citizen had equal right without distinction of caste, creed and community. Thus, there was no need for the Muslim minority to quit India *en masse*. From India's viewpoint, accession of Jammu and Kashmir state to the Indian Union could not be considered illogical though Pakistani rulers expected that state to accede to Pakistan on grounds of religion. The state of Jammu and Kashmir thus became a bone of contention between India and Pakistan and a major irritant in normalizing relations between the two countries. Having failed to make a dent on India by wars, Pakistani rulers started aiding and encouraging the secessionist elements in Punjab and Kashmir, using religion once again as a trump card. Will they succeed? We shall attempt to seek an answer through Astrology.

In an earlier article "Mundane Astrology — An Illustration" published in the September issue of the *A.M.*, this scribe had suggested the use of divisional charts of the national horoscope for deriving conclusions on political events in different states of the country. The horoscopes corresponding to the midnight of 15th August, 1947 referred to Delhi, Amritsar and Jammu (the *de jure* capital of the late Maharaja Hari Singh of the Jammu and Kashmir state) do not show any difference in their Rasi and Navamsa charts. The difference in the charts of Amritsar and Jammu *vis-a-vis* Delhi, is revealed in the 12th division, *viz.*, Dwadasamsa. In the chart of Delhi, the Dwadasamsa of Leo rises in the Ascendant, while Cancer rises in the Ascendants of the Dwadasamsa charts of Amritsar and Jammu. The charts are reproduced below. In Jataka, Dwadasamsa chart is used in ascertaining the status and relationship with parents. But, in mundane Astrology it can be used in determining the Centre-state relations.

The fact that the separatist problem in the states of Punjab and Kashmir are almost similar, is explained by their identical Dwadasamsas *vis-a-vis* Delhi. There is some merit in the statement that border states can pose problems for the Central Government. But why? The

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answer lies in the astrological fact that due to greater difference in the longitudes of the capitals of these states relative to Delhi, their Ascendant longitudes would also show greater difference. Divisional charts would differ from those of Delhi. In fact, even the Rasi charts might also have different Ascendants. The states of the Indian Union, having identical Rasi, Navamsa and Dwadasamsa charts with those of Delhi, are not going to witness separatist movements. The Central Government should be watchful about those states whose Dwadasamsa charts reveal bad Centre-state relations.

In the Dwadasamsa charts of Punjab and Kashmir, Rahu is posited in the Ascendant in Cancer whose ruler Moon is aspected by Saturn who rules the 7th and 8th houses. The Ascendant is hemmed in between two malefics, the Sun and Mars. This configuration clearly indicates troublesome relations of the two states with the Centre.

		ASCDT.	RAHU MARS
	Rasi Delhi, Jammu, Amritsar Midnight of 15-8-1947		SUN MOON MERC. VENUS SAT.
	KETU	JUPIT.	

After the commencement of Ketu's period in August 1980, the seeds of separatist movements in the two states were sown almost simultaneously Notice that in the Dwadasamsa charts of both Ketu, who is the 'Karaka' of conspiracy and subversion, is posited in the 7th house in the sign of Saturn along with Mercury who rules the 3rd and 12th houses. In the Rasi chart, Ketu is posited in the 7th house whose ruler Mars occupies the 2nd house. Thus Ketu acts as a 'Maraka' planet.

ASCDT. SUN RAHU			JUPIT.
VENUS	Navamsa Delhi, Jammu Amritsar		
SAT.			MOON
MARS	MERC.		KETU

The secessionist movement in Punjab reached its climax between September 1983 and October 1984 during the sub-periods of Mars and Rahu in the major period of Ketu. It has been continuing since then in varying degrees.

SAT.	VENUS		SUN
	Dwadasamsa Jammu and Amritsar		ASCDT. RAHU
MERC. KETU			JUPIT. MARS
			MOON

SAT.	JUPIT.	VENUS MOON	MERC.
	Khavedamsa (Jammu)		RAHU KETU ASCDT.
SUN MARS			

It is now well-known that preparations for launching the separatist movement in Kashmir valley were going on with support from Pakistan while the coalition government of the National Conference and Congress (I) was in charge of the affairs of the state. The movement came to surface with a bang when extremists abducted the daughter of the Home Minister in the National Front government in December 1989. This happened during the period Venus/Venus/Saturn/Mercury. It is explained by the 40th division (Khavedamsa) which is used in determining the good or bad effects of Bhavas. While the divisions of Navamsa and Dwadasamsa are identical for Jammu and Amritsar, their Khavedamsa Ascendants are Cancer and Gemini respectively. In case of Jammu, Mercury rules the 12th and 3rd houses and hence becomes a functional malefic. For Amritsar, Mercury being the Khavedamsa lord of the Ascendant improves his position. Let us recall, that Mercury subperiod in the major period of Saturn ran from 20-8-1947 to 29-4-1950. During this period Kashmir was invaded by Pakistan. But conditions remained peaceful in Punjab because, for the latter, Mercury rules the Khavedamsa Ascendant. After Kashmir's accession to India, the Indian army rescued Kashmir from the invaders. Still a big part of the territory of the state went under the occupation of Pakistan due to vascillating policy of the Indian government. Presence of the Kalasarpa Yoga in the Indian Rasi chart shows struggle for existence. As Rahu occupies the Ascendant, both in Rasi and Navamsa, confused thinking and hesitation in taking vital decisions would affect the performance of the Central Government. Conditions in Kashmir remained unsettled during the periods Saturn/Ketu and Saturn/Venus which lasted till 8-8-1954. It was during this period that late Sheikh Mohd. Abdulla manoeuvred for an independent Kashmir. However, his attempts were foiled by the timely action of the Central Government. Though Pakistan continued to harp on Kashmir in international forums, relative peace prevailed in Kashmir till the end of the

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s Rectification of Birth Time Necessary?

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BIRTH in this world is the fruition of past *karma* on the part of *jeeva* and in consequence, its incidence in the matter-space-e continuum is of universal consequence. d the horoscope is the snap of that multi-ensional phenomenon which attempts to ess its value quantitatively in all its ramifi-ions.

To enable us do so the *rishis* have evolved trology and propounded its laws of obser-ce in minute detail.

Ipso facto, all practitioners of Astrology be-g to this "religion" and they are expected to ow its tenets faithfully, failure to do so or nkeying with them fetching the sin of com-ssion and omission on their heads.

In the practice of Astrology, the basic input he accurate time, and in nativities, the time irth.

In the context of our "religion" this can be pared to the Moola-Sthana of our principal y and, of its nature, sacrosanct. Any at-pt, therefore, to alter it to suit one's whims, adding one cube or two of sugar to our tea to individual tastes is the cardinal sin visiting astrologers; for, it is an incontrovertible fact t more often than not, we are unable to erpret charts accurately and, that should not nce us to play ducks and drakes with birth es to suit our predictions.

Natural justice demands that in all such es, the birth time provided should be ac-ted on its face value, and any plea to rectify should be entertained only, when all tests fail, rectification is but an elitist synonym for ration.

Rectification may, if at all, be needed when (1) the Lagna is on the border line, (2) birth is caesarian and (3) when the client himself is unsure.

Although classical texts prescribe a number of tools to check the correctness of birth-times such as Maandi, Moon, Prana pada, Tatvas, Kunta-nighna etc., I find that more than any of them, feedbacks from the person's life should fit in the chart raised and that should be the criterion of acceptance.

Here, for instance, is a case: It belongs to a medical student who has passed his M.B.B.S.; had a bout of liver-enlargement in early childhood; has mutli-layer caries in his teeth; was miraculously saved from hematemesis (vomiting of blood); was boxed on the left ear by a ragging student when his ear-drum broke; is brilliant in his studies.

SUN MERC. VENUS	SAT. MARS		
RAHU	Chart 1		
			KETU MOON
	MANDI. NEP.	JUPIT. ASCDT.	URA. PLU.

Original birth data: Born 21-3-1970 at 10.25 p.m. Lat. 18-31, Long. 73-55. The chart framed for this time is given alongside, Libra rising.

Prima facie, the presence of Jupiter in Lagna and Mars-*cum*-Saturn in the 7th is ominous; says *Prasnamarga:*

लग्नस्थे धिषणे दिवाकरसुतो भौमोथवाद्यूनगे
उन्माद दायिनो योगाः ।

i.e., this mutual disposition gives rise to madness, which is far from the truth.

This makes one sit up and look at the longitude of the Lagna which is 209.02, and lo! it is on the border line.

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We know that the native is a medico and it is a caesarian case. Does not Scorpio suit a medico better than Libra? That Lagna rises just 5 minutes later. Let us assume that Scorpio could be the Lagna and see whether the other known facts fit in.

SUN MERC. VENUS	MARS SAT.		
RAHU	Chart 2		
			KETU MOON
	ASCDT. NEP. MANDI.	JUPIT.	URA. PLU.

Mantreswara says that should Saturn, along with the Moon, occupy 6th or 8th, the native will suffer from enlargement of spleen or Gulma (XIV-II). In Chart 2 with Scorpio Lagna, Saturn occupies 6th and Moon occupies his trine which is one of the accepted forms of Sambandha (*Ibid* XV-30). Hence we can take it as indicating spleen trouble.

In western Astrology the spleen is considered to be the focal point of the astral body into our physical body and the gateway of the solar forces into our body. And according to it, enlargement of the spleen is a Saturn disease caused when Saturn and Mars are afflicted especially in the 6th house. In Chart 2 both Saturn and Mars occupy 6th, which answers the requirements.

Secondly, the 11th is the left ear and Jupiter the Karaka for hearing or the ear-drum. In Chart 2, the 11th is occupied by the extra-saturnine planets Uranus and Pluto which are malefic, and Jupiter occupies the 12th which is a Trika house and aspected by Saturn and Mars.

According to western Astrology Mars denotes left ear and his affliction in Aries (conjunct Saturn 6th house) led to ear trouble.

And now to caries. Nisva Yoga *i.e.*, the 2nd lord in the 12, here Jupiter, gives rise to bad teeth (*Ibid*, Chap. VI).

Vomiting of blood (*haemotemesis*) is caused, by affliction to Cancer by Mars and here it is squared (aspected) by Mars. Thus according to both the Indian and western systems, it applies here. Jupiter's aspect to Mars saved him from it through *mantras*.

Finally, in a successful medico's horoscope the 6th, the 8th and the 12th houses are highlighted by the presence in them of the Karakas or key planets. Here the Moon, the Karaka for medicine, occupies the 10th; Mars occupies the 6th along with Saturn, Jeevanakaraka, and Jupiter the 12th which is equally favourable for money through serving in a hospital. Nipuna Yoga (in the 5th) marks his outstanding performance and promise.

This Lagna also conforms to the rule that the Moon's dispositor (Sun here) should be in trine to the Lagna (*Phaladeepika*, III-15). Hence the rectified chart answers the known facts of his life and also fulfils one of the tests and hence it was recommended.

Amazingly the boy's father too has Scorpio Lagna and Leo Moon and both his parents are medicos! This is not uncommon.

The question was, whether the boy should opt for medicine or surgery in his post-graduation/specialisation.

Based on the second chart the predominating influence is exercised by Mars as Lagna lord, occupying the 6th, in own house along with Saturn, trining the Moon in the 10th, aspecting Jupiter in the 12th and Lagna suggests better performance in surgery and it was advocated.

What is emphasised in this paper is that rectification should not become a fad; in case of doubted birth times, it could be undertaken and accepted only when it answers all or most of the major known facts of life, and in any event, its operation should be spared earning the odium which politics has. It is far better to admit in all honesty that the data do not answer known facts.

I am reminded of a joke. A wealthy man who could burn money went to a foreign-returned specialist for a medical check-up. It was a fad with him. Not detecting any serious ailment, the specialist was in a fix. He did not want to be seen as a simpleton by saying so. Then the thought of his handsome fee made him try a gamble. At once he put on a grave face and declared, "I believe your basic trouble is with your teeth; better see a dentist. I shall give a note. Otherwise everything is all right!."

At this the patient's face melted into a mischievous smile and pulling out his artificial denture, he flourished it before the petrified specialist!

Your slip too could show.—128.90.

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Compatability: The Test of a Successful Marriage — II*

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SO WHILE her horoscope showed marriage, which did occur, it also showed a marriage would be a failure, rtly because of certain aspects d lordships. Neither ever made single effort to get a divorce d she was much opposed to di- rce on religious grounds. Je- s said there could be no divorce cept for adultery or fornica- n, but this is absurd. Physical d mental cruelty are good unds for divorce.

She had the Moon in Jyeshta ntares or *Delta Scorpio*) and Moon was undoubtedly in the erism Dhanishta. *Antares* has n known since ancient times be a martial star that makes native headstrong, rash, reli- us but somewhat hypocriti- , and in danger of a terrible or lent death. Dhanishta (*Alpha Gamma Delta Delphini*) has n seemingly overlooked by stern astrologers, yet it is a y important fixed star. anishta produces a cunning racter who is insincere, re- geful, very rash, courts dan- , and becomes a flirt, with riage a pastime and who cares e or nothing for a home or dren.

Taking the five *Kutas* (indi- ons of compatibility) into

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consideration, in *Dina Kuta* (Karma compatibility) we count from his lunar asterism (Dhanishta) to hers (Jyeshta) and these are 23. This divided by 9 gives 5 as remainder, which causes losses and obstacles.

In *Rasi Kuta* (Moon-sign compatibility) his Moon in Capricorn is the 3rd from hers in Scorpio and this yields misery.

In *Graha Maitra Kuta* (psychological compatibility) her Moon-sign Scorpio, ruled by Mars, and his, Capricorn, ruled by Saturn, are highly inimical.

In *Yoni Kuta* (sexual compatibility) her Moon's asterism (Jyeshta) is symbolized by the deer and his (Dhanishta) by the Lion. These are considered fairly compatible.

In *Varna Kuta* (class compatibility) they came from similar backgrounds — racial, religious, cultural, social and economic -- though they had different tastes in food and clothes and could not agree on which Protestant church to attend. Therefore, their *Varna Kuta* was fair.

So three of the five indications for marital harmony are very bad and two are average. Considering the bad aspects and lordships also, we may conclude that they were, indeed, a bad match.

Regarding the second married couple, whose horoscopes are both known as to time, the woman has been married three times and the man twice. In her horoscope Aquarius rises and the Sun, lord of her 7th house, is in the 3rd with Mars and both aspect Saturn in Libra in the 9th. The Moon in Taurus with Jupiter is in the 4th.

In her Navamsa chart, the Ascendant is Aries. Venus lord of the 7th, is in the 12th. The Moon in Leo in the 5th has Saturn in the 7th therefrom. The Sun, lord of the 5th, is in the 2nd in Taurus.

Her first marriage was in February 1972 (his birth date is unknown) in her Rahu Dasa, Venus Bhukti. Rahu in the 12th in Capricorn is in the Moon's asterism and the Moon (Chandra Lagna) in Taurus aspects the 7th (marriage) therefrom. Venus, lord of the 4th and 9th, is in Pisces in the 2nd but in the asterism of Mercury, lord of the 5th and 8th. This was not an auspicious time for her to wed and the marriage was short-lived.

Her second marriage was on December 30, 1977 in Rahu Dasa, Mars Bhukti. The prospects for a successful marriage were somewhat better here, since Mars is in the asterism of the Sun, lord of the 7th from Lagna; and Mars is lord of the 7th from Chandra Lagna also and aspects it. However, she said he was lazy among

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other things (his birth date is unknown) and they separated in August 1980 and she sued for divorce, which was granted three months later.

Her third marriage was on January 22, 1982 to a bank officer. This took place in Jupiter Dasa, Saturn Bhukti for her. Jupiter is in the asterism of the Sun, lord of the 7th from Lagna and aspects the 7th from Chandra Lagna. This marriage has been rather successful thus far. Her Sun is opposite his Ascendant, her Moon conjoins his Venus and Jupiter, and their Moons are in trine. He has a good income and they have an expensive home. They have two sons, the first children for her. He has a son by a previous marriage.

This third husband's horoscope (No. 3) has Libra ascending with the Moon in Virgo, aspected by Jupiter from the 8th. Jupiter and Venus in the 8th from Lagna and 9th from Chandra Lagna are good for the acquisition of wealth, vehicles, and a fine residence. From Lagna, Jupiter and Venus aspect the 2nd and Jupiter aspects the Moon and Saturn (Yogakaraka) in the 12th, and also the 4th. From Chandra Lagna, Venus and Jupiter conjoin as lords of the 4th and 9th, respectively.

The marriage on January 22, 1982 occurred in his Rahu Dasa, Mercury Bhukti. His Rahu in the 4th in Capricorn gives the results of Yogakaraka Saturn, who is in the asterism of Mars, lord of the 2nd and 7th from Lagna And Mercury is in the asterism of Yogakaraka Saturn, who aspects the 7th from the Moon.

Considering their *Kutas* (areas of compatibility), in *Dina Kuta* his Moon is in the asterism of Uttaraphalguni and hers in Mrigasira. Counting from his asterism to hers and dividing the sum by 9 gives a remainder of 3, which is *vipat* and causes adversity and misery. So their lunar asterisms are not compatible.

In Rasi Kuta (Moon-sign compatibility) his Moon in Virgo and hers in Taurus are in trine and, therefore, good except that when the husband's Moon is in the 5th from his wife's, there is danger of her early death leaving him a widower.

In *Grahamaitra Kuta* (psychological compatibility) her Taurus Moon ruled by Venus and his Virgo Moon, ruled by Mercury, are not bitter enemies and consequently fairly good.

In *Yoni Kuta* (sexual compatibility) her Moon's asterism (Mrigasira) is symbolized by the serpent and his (Uttara-phalguni) is symbolized by the cow. They are different, but considered neutral and give average sexual compatibility.

As for *Varna Kuta* (class compatibility), they come from similar economic, social and religious backgrounds so that they are compatible in this respect.

Their overall compatibility may be considered only fair and the marriage may yet fail. For if a couple does not match well in the first two *Kutas, Dina* (asterism) and *Rasi* (Moon-sign), there is not much hope for a smooth and happy marriage.

The remaining two horoscopes are of sister and brother to Horoscope No. 2. Their spouses' birth data is not known and, therefore, their *Kutas* (compatibilities) cannot be judged. But they show, as in the others, how important it is to note the asterisms the planets and luminaries and Rahu and Ketu are in when marriage takes place.

In Horoscope No.4 the man was married on June 23, 1978, five days after the death of his paternal grand - father. His Moon in Taurus is in his 7th house, ruling the 9th. Both the Moon and the 7th house of marriage, like Horoscope No. 1, are aspected by Saturn, and like Horoscope No. 1 the 7th and 8th are aspected by Mars.

In his Navamsa chart although Jupiter, lord of the Ascendant, is in the 1st, aspecting the 7th, the lord of the 7th is in the 6th, aspected by both Saturn and Mars, and Mars also aspects the 7th.

The marriage did not last long and they were divorced in April 1979. His wife threw dishes and other household articles at him, was lazy and did not like to keep house. Her birth data is not known.

His Moon in the 7th is in the asterism Krittika (or *Alcyone* - the *Pleiades*), ruled by the Sun. In Western mythology the *Pleiades* were called the "seven little weeping sisters", daughters of Atlas, and cause the native to weep over matters denoted by the house in which they are posited. In his case they are in the 7th (marriage).

The lord of the 7th, Venus, is in the 3rd, but he married in Rahu Dasa, Rahu Bhukti, Rahu being in Libra in the 12th and giving the results of Venus in the 3rd. But Rahu is seldom a propitious Dasa in which to marry.

In Horoscope No. 5 the Ascendant is Aries. The lord of the 7th is exalted in Pisces in the 12th, but in the asterism of Saturn. She was married on June 23, 1978 also, like her brother in the previous horoscope. It was her Saturn Dasa, Mars Bhukti. Saturn in the 9th in Sagittarius is in the asterism of Venus, lord of the 7th, house of marriage; and Mars in the 2nd is in the asterism of the Moon, and her Moon is in the 7th in Libra. Jupiter from the 8th aspects Venus in the 12th and Mars in the 2nd.

In her Navamsa chart, the Ascendant is Scorpio and its lord Mars is in the 7th, exchanging houses with Venus in the 1st. And Jupiter in Virgo in the 11th aspects Mars in the 7th.

They have had a happy marriage (though the husband's birth

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Quantification of Matching of Horoscopes for Marriage

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IN THE customary matching of horoscopes of a boy and girl for marriage, the points usually checked for agreement are (1) Dina, (2) Gana, (3) Yoni, (4) Rajju, (5) Vedha, (6) Nadi, (7) Mahendra, (8) Stree Deergha, (9) Rasi, (10) Rasi-Adhipati and (11) Vasya. Of these, Gana, Yoni, Rajju, Vedha and Rasi-adhipati are more important than the rest. In addition to this primary consideration of matching on the basis of Nakshatra, other secondary considerations such as Kuja Dosha, the 7th house, Lagna and Venus (Kalatrakaraka) also become relevant and sometimes predominantly significant. In order to evolve a simplified integrated formula for judging the agreement of horoscopes on a suitably weighted scale incorporating the above principles, the following procedure is adopted:

TABLE - 1

Sl. No.	Nakshatra	Gana	Yoni (M-Male) (F-Female)	Rajju	Vedha (Star No.)	Nadi
1.	Aswini	Deva	Horse (M)	Pada	18	Aadi
2.	Bharani	Manusha	Elephant (M)	Vooru	17	Madhya
3.	Krittika	Rakshasa	Goat (F)	Udara	16	Antya
4.	Rohini	Manusha	Cobra (M)	Kantha	15	Antya
5.	Mrigasira	Deva	Snake (F)	Sira	14	Madhya
6.	Aridra	Manusha	Dog (M)	Kantha	22	Aadi
7.	Punarvasu	Deva	Cat (F)	Udara	21	Aadi
8.	Pushya	Deva	Goat (M)	Vooru	20	Madhya
9.	Aslesha	Rakshasa	Cat (M)	Pada	27	Antya
10.	Magha	Rakshasa	Rat (M)	Pada	27	Antya
11.	Poo-Pha	Manusha	Rat (F)	Vooru	26	Madhya
12.	Uttara	Manusha	Bull (M)	Udara	25	Aadi
13.	Hasta	Deva	Buffalore (F)	Kantha	24	Aadi
14.	Chitra	Rakshasa	Tiger (M)	Sira	23	Madhya
15.	Swati	Deva	Bullock (M)	Kantha	4	Antya
16.	Visakha	Rakshasa	Tiger (F)	Vudara	3	Antya
17.	Anuradha	Deva	Deer (F)	Vooru	2	Madhya
18.	Jyeshta	Rakshasa	Stag (M)	Pada	1	Aadi
19.	Moola	Rakshasa	Dog (F)	Pada	9	Aadi
20.	Purvashada	Manusha	Monkey (M)	Vooru	8	Madhya
21.	Uttarashada	Manusha	Mongoose (M)	Vudara	7	Antya
22.	Sravana	Deva	Monkey (F)	Kantha	6	Antya
23.	Dhanishta	Rakshasa	Lion(F)	Sira	5	Madhya
24.	Satabisha	Rakshasa	Mare (F)	Kantha	13	Aadi
25.	P. bhadra	Manusha	Lion (M)	Udara	12	Aadi
26.	U bhadra	Manusha	Cow (F)	Vooru	11	Madhya
27.	Revati	Deva	Elephant (F)	Pada	10	Antya

Part I: Primary Criteria On the Basis of Nakshatra

For each of the above matching criteria numbered 1 to 11 above in para 1, points are assigned in proportion to its importance, as given below: (The details are available in any standard work on Muhurta):

Table 2: Scoring on Gana-basis

No.	Pair having Gana	Score Points
1.	Same	4
2.	Dissimilar, except manusha-Rakshasa	2
3.	Manusha - Rakshasa	0

Table 3: Scoring on Yoni - basis

No.	Yoni Pair (girl and boy)	Score Points
1.	Same (with girl having female yoni and boy having male yoni	4
2.	Same, but with sexes reversed (i.e., boy having female and girl male yoni)	3
3.	Dissimilar but not inimical	2
4.	Dissimilar and not inimical, but with sexes reversed	1
5.	Irimical, i.e., Lion-elephant; Tiger-bull; cow-Gaur; Snake-mangoose; deer-lion, tiger; Monkey-goat.	0

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(1) Dina (3 points); (2) Gana (4 points); (3) Yoni (4 points); Rajju (5 points); (5) Vedha (4 points); (6) Naadi (2 points); (7) Mahendra (2 points); (8) Stree Deergha (2 points); (9) Rasi (3 points); (10) Rasi-adhipati (4 points); (11) Vasya (2 points).

Table 4

No.	Condition (Rasi Lords)	Score Points
1.	Both friends (or same)	4
2.	One friend, the other neutral	3
3.	Both neutral	2
4.	One friend, the other enemy	2
5.	One enemy, the other netural	1
6.	Both enemies	0

Table 5: Vasya Chart

No.	Rasi	Vasya
1.	Aries	Leo, Scorpio
2.	Taurus	Cancer, Libra
3.	Gemini	Virgo
4.	Cancer	Scorpio, Sagittarius
5.	Leo	Libra
6.	Virgo	Gemini, Pisces
7.	Libra	Capricorn, Virgo
8.	Scorpio	Cancer, Virgo
9.	Sagittarius	Pisces
10.	Capricorn	Aries, Aquarius
11.	Aquarius	Aries
12.	Pisces	Capricorn

Score Criteria for matching (Part-I): The maximum score (marks or points) for the above eleven components of Nakshatra matching as per this ad-hoc weighted scale will be "35" (thirty five) as given in Table 6.

Table 6: Score Card of eleven components in Part II

No.	Matching Component	Score
1	Dina	3
2	Gana	4
3	Yoni	4
4	Rajju	5
5	Vedha	4
6	Naadi	2
7	Mahendra	2
8	Stree Deergha	2
9	Rasi	3
10	Rasi-adhipati	4
11	Vasya	2
	Total	35

If the score obtained while considering a horoscope pair exceeds 18 (18/35) the agreement may be said to be good. Otherwise, the agreement is poor. If the score exceeds 25 (25/35) the match may be deemed very good (*vide* Table 7).

Table 7: Compatability rating Chart

No.	Score (out of 35)	Agreement Rating
1	less than 18, and 18	Poor and fair
2	18-25	Good
3	25-30	Very good
4.	above 30	Excellent

For the convenience of readers a ready reckoner chart showing the extent of matching of any two star pairs (representing the Nakshatras of the girl and boy) based on the above method of calculation has been prepared in Table 8, the vertical columns representing the girl and the horizontal columns representing the boy. The Nakshatras wherever required have been split into their respective Rasi components to enable the right assessment of score.

Part II: Secondary Criteria

Other Considerations in Judging Horoscopes for Marriage

Even though the above rating is complete in itself and leads one to unmistakable assessment of the compatibility, yet there are a few more considerations which are relevant and useful to the meticulous. These are:

(1) Kuja Dosha consideration (8 points)
(2) Seventh-house consideration (4 points)
(3) Lagna consideration (2 points)
(4) Sukra consideration (1 point)

adding up to a sub-total of 15 points on the score-card on the same weightage. These are assessed as follows:

(1) *Kuja Dosha:* According to classical tradition Kuja Dosha exists if Mars is found in 2, 12, 4, 7, and 8 in a horoscope, *vide* dictum.

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जामित्रे चाष्टमे कुजे ॥

However as the above dictum does not clarify from which house exactly the above positions

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Girl ↓ / Boy →		Aries 1 2 3	Taurus 3' 4 5	Gemini 5' 6 7	Cancer 7' 8 9	Leo 10 11 12	Virgo 12' 13 14	Libra 14' 15 16	Scorpio 16' 17 18	Sagittarius 19 20 21	Capricorn 21' 22 23	Aquarius 23' 24 25	Pisces 25' 26 27
Aries	1	19 25 22	16 21 18	18 18 17	19 22 16	18 21 18	15 21 18	20 26 22	24 28 16	19 27 24	22 28 21	21 25 21	25 27 26
	2	29 19 22	17 19 20	19 18 18	18 13 19	22 18 26	21 15 16	20 22 22	26 17 27	25 25 29	27 21 21	21 19 25	27 21 29
	3	27 27 19	14 16 17	16 19 11	13 23 20	24 22 16	11 19 16	20 23 11	15 31 28	29 23 17	13 21 23	23 29 14	16 25 24
Taurus	3'	25 25 17	19 21 22	19 22 14	13 23 20	21 19 13	14 22 19	21 24 12	13 29 26	26 20 14	16 24 26	26 32 17	13 22 21
	4	26 26 22	24 16 26	23 16 22	10 16 13	14 20 21	23 16 19	21 20 21	18 22 22	23 27 23	26 19 24	24 17 30	29 25 23
	5	27 22 25	27 31 19	21 22 22	21 23 17	18 12 21	22 26 8	12 26 24	19 27 22	24 21 22	25 29 15	15 27 24	21 24 23
Gemini	5'	26 21 21	27 31 19	24 25 25	19 21 15	16 22 21	24 28 10	10 24 22	16 24 19	24 21 22	25 29 15	15 27 24	21 24 23
	6	20 26 21	24 24 29	29 18 22	18 17 20	16 23 20	23 17 22	20 16 20	18 15 18	18 26 25	28 18 20	20 16 27	25 23 26
	7	26 21 19	22 25 29	29 27 19	14 22 19	23 16 41	17 23 24	22 24 16	13 21 15	22 21 15	18 18 27	27 25 19	16 24 23
Cancer	7'	26 21 19	22 25 19	29 27 19	20 28 25	24 17 15	12 18 19	19 21 13	17 25 19	23 22 16	15 25 24	24 22 16	18 26 25
	8	25 21 25	24 24 25	24 25 29	33 15 25	19 19 19	17 24 15	14 21 17	22 18 24	20 14 20	21 24 19	19 24 22	24 18 24
	9	21 21 28	26 16 23	23 21 26	29 29 19	15 15 25	23 18 22	21 17 20	24 24 20	16 18 23	22 19 26	26 25 22	25 25 19
Leo	10	22 26 27	21 20 19	20 22 21	24 29 22	19 25 25	16 23 20	19 18 19	21 22 19	18 20 15	11 20 19	22 25 20	24 25 18
	11	28 22 26	21 21 22	22 22 21	25 19 23	29 19 27	22 17 18	18 17 18	20 14 20	20 16 24	20 15 18	21 18 25	29 15 27
	12	26 30 19	14 25 19	22 18 11	12 27 22	25 30 21	17 18 14	13 24 8	10 22 17	18 24 23	19 17 11	14 20 13	17 30 25
Virgo	12'	25 29 18	18 29 23	25 31 14	9 24 21	23 23 19	21 22 18	16 27 11	8 20 15	18 21 20	23 21 15	15 21 14	15 28 23
	13	21 24 24	27 21 29	31 19 31	26 23 24	25 25 25	19 19 25	23 17 24	21 19 18	17 19 19	22 17 21	21 6 24	24 21 26
	14	24 19 26	29 25 19	21 27 26	22 23 24	28 21 21	22 28 18	16 21 24	21 19 18	21 14 17	20 22 13	13 23 18	18 22 22
Libra	14'	25 20 27	29 25 19	19 25 24	21 22 23	25 18 18	24 30 20	19 24 27	22 20 19	21 14 17	22 24 15	13 23 18	13 17 17
	15	24 25 22	26 17 30	29 21 29	26 23 24	21 23 25	30 28 29	27 18 21	16 19 22	16 19 16	21 18 22	20 16 20	17 18 23
	16	27 20 14	17 23 28	29 27 21	16 22 21	26 19 15	20 28 33	31 25 18	13 19 18	26 15 10	15 21 27	25 24 15	12 15 14
Scorpio	16'	26 19 13	15 21 26	26 24 18	18 24 23	30 23 19	17 25 30	29 23 16	18 24 23	29 18 13	13 19 25	23 22 13	15 18 17
	17	22 16 25	22 25 24	23 22 26	29 21 27	24 22 24	23 27 22	21 23 25	27 19 27	17 17 19	16 21 14	14 19 17	20 14 24
	18	12 18 29	26 20 25	24 17 22	25 27 19	23 22 25	24 23 26	25 24 25	27 31 18	11 17 22	19 15 19	19 18 13	16 20 16
Sagittarius	19	14 20 21	18 18 18	21 21 20	23 26 26	23 23 20	17 23 23	23 24 24	27 24 21	16 20 18	15 20 19	9 19 14	18 22 19
	20	22 16 18	15 18 18	21 23 19	22 18 25	25 21 29	26 20 22	22 21 21	24 28 25	27 19 27	22 19 18	18 24 22	26 18 22
	21	22 24 12	9 17 14	17 26 12	15 27 22	23 28 23	20 24 19	19 21 12	15 26 23	24 31 19	14 17 14	14 16 14	18 25 20
Capricorn	21'	21 22 11	12 20 17	16 25 11	13 25 20	16 24 19	22 26 21	22 27 15	12 23 20	22 29 17	19 22 19	18 23 18	17 24 19
	22	22 21 17	18 14 23	22 22 25	26 21 22	20 23 23	26 22 26	28 20 27	23 22 24	23 27 25	27 20 25	24 28 23	20 17 20
	23	21 14 22	23 20 10	9 19 18	19 23 23	25 17 17	23 25 21	23 27 27	23 23 22	26 20 23	25 29 18	17 25 21	18 18 16
Aquarius	23'	21 14 22	23 20 10	9 19 18	16 20 20	25 17 17	23 25 21	22 26 26	23 23 22	26 20 23	26 30 19	18 26 29	18 18 15
	24	8 19 22	23 15 22	22 12 20	17 16 27	22 21 18	22 16 29	29 21 28	25 21 27	28 21 22	25 23 31	30 19 19	17 15 22
	25	21 18 13	14 23 22	22 22 14	11 17 14	23 18 8	12 23 26	26 25 20	17 23 16	23 24 23	26 27 28	27 24 19	17 21 15
Pisces	25'	21 19 15	12 20 19	19 19 11	13 20 16	24 23 13	14 22 24	23 22 17	20 26 19	26 27 25	24 26 27	25 22 17	19 26 20
	26	19 19 17	4 21 16	17 22 20	22 14 19	17 17 25	25 24 18	19 26 20	23 19 25	22 26 26	26 27 20	18 25 29	29 19 25
	27	19 21 22	19 14 21	21 18 21	22 23 13	11 19 33	24 24 24	23 23 21	25 25 22	21 24 27	27 24 25	23 24 23	25 29 19

Names of Nakshatras: 1 Aswini, 2 Bharani, 3 Krittika, 4 Rohini, 5 Mrigasira, 6 Aridra, 7 Punarvasu, 8 Pusya, 9 Aslesha, 10 Makha, 11 Purvaphalguni, 12 Uttaraphalguni, 13 Hasta, 14 Chitta, 15 Swati, 16 Visakha, 17 Anuradha, 18 Jyeshta, 19 Moola, 20 Purvashada, 21 Uttarashada, 22 Sravana, 23 Dhanishta, 24 Satabhisha, 25 Purvabhadrapada, 26 Uttarabhadrapada & 27 Revati.

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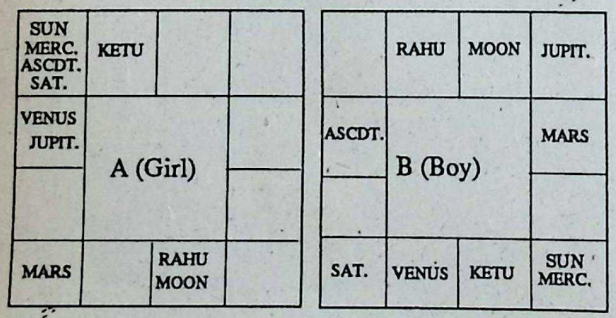
2, 4, 7, 8 and 12 are to be reckoned (*i.e.*, whether from Janma Rasi, Lagna or Karaka Venus) astrologers are in the habit of reckoning the above positions (2, 4, 7, 8 and 12) of Mars from all the three, namely Janma Rasi, Lagna and Venus (Karaka of the 7th Bhava) and coming to a sort of qualitative assessment of Kuja Dosha — much to the chagrin of customers sitting in front of them, sometimes.

However, in an attempt to quantify the extent of Kuja Dosha present in a horoscope, the following weighted system of scoring has now been introduced:

(i) For Kuja Dosha (from Lagna)	— 4 points
(ii) For Kuja - Dosha (from Moon)	— 2 points
(iii) For Kuja - Dosha (from Venus)	— 2 points
Total	— 8 points

If Kuja Dosha exists for both the boy and the girl or if both their horoscopes are free from Kuja-Dosha, the score is full, *viz.*, 4, 2, and 2 for each of the three circumstances respectively (Lagna, the Moon and Venus). If, on the other hand, Kuja Dosha exists for one (girl or boy) and not for the other, then the score is zero for that particular circumstance (Lagna, Moon or Venus).

The total marks or score for Kuja Dosha consideration is the sum total of the three cases (i), (ii) and (iii) together. For example, taking the pair having charts A (girl - Swati -4) and B (boy - Krittika), the Kuja Dosha score will be 4 + 2 + 2 = 8 in as much as all the three circumstances give clearance from Kuja Dosha, *i.e.*, there is no Kuja Dosha from Lagna, the Moon or Venus in both the charts A and B.



(2) *Seventh-House Consideration* (4 points): *For happy marital status, the 7th house should be free from affliction and if possible, have benefic aspects.*

The scoring for this purpose is done as follows:

(a) If the 7th house of the girl is favourably occupied or aspected -	1 point
(b) If the 7th house of the boy is favourably occupied or aspected -	1 point
(c) If the lord of the 7th (girl's) is well placed and/or aspected -	1 point
(d) If the lord of 7th (boy's) is well placed and/or aspected -	1 point
Total score -	4 points

In the example under consideration given in Charts A and B, the score on the 7th house consideration will be

(a) 0 (aspect of Saturn and Sun)
(b) 1 (free from bad aspects)
(c) 0 (Mercury debilitated)
(d) 0 (Sun not happily placed)
Total = 1 point.

3. *Lagna Consideration:* It is customary to assess the health of the couple as a prerequisite for their ultimate happiness by examining the first house (Lagna):

(i) If the Lagna is strong for both, score = 2 points
(ii) If the Lagna is strong for one, score= 1 point
(iii) If Lagna is weak for both, score = 0 point

In the example under consideration this score works out as 1 (strong for boy, Chart B)

(4) *Sukra or Venus (Score, 1 point):* A small addendum to all the above criteria of matching is sometimes the position of Venus (the Kalatra karaka) in the boy's horoscope. If the position of Venus in the boy's horoscope is good, the score is '1' point. If Venus; is badly placed, the score on this count is O.

In the example under consideration the score (Venus) = 1 [Venus is Yogakaraka in chart B being the lord of a Kona (9) and a Kendra (4)]

Total Percentage Match or Final Score Card

From the above, it can be seen that the total matching score for all the criteria (Part I & Part II) put together is 50 as given in Table 9.

Multiplying this score T by two, the match percentage is worked out as 2T=100% (max.).

In the example under consideration the match

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There Lurks Fear — III*

MEENAKSHI RAUT

HOW fatal or how less fatal will be the period of a planet in Mrityu Bhaga (M.B.) is not easy to predict. But if many other factors are also dangerous, the Dasa of the planet in M.B. can be the beginning of a major mishap or a tragedy.

I have been cautioned to observe the following:

(a) Generally if a benefic, unaspected by a malefic, is in M.B. it may prove mildly troublesome only.

(b) But if such a benefic has malefic association it may prove troublesome.

(c) On the other hand, if Jupiter is aspecting planets in M.B. chances of surviving critical periods are very bright.

From Mr. K. N. Rao's data two contrasting instances are shown:

SAT.	KETU		
JUPIT.	RASI Female		
			MARS SUN MERC. 7° 14'
MOON	ASCDT.	VENUS 3° 13' RAHU	

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In 1979, the lady of the horoscope was running Moon-Venus. She was hospitalised twice and operated upon twice during this period.

The case history was: In Moon-Mercury she had developed serious affliction, appendicitis. It was controlled through medicine. But in Moon-Venus it burst and she hovered on the precipice of death. Two noteworthy points here are:

(a) Two planets are in M.B., Venus and Mercury, but both are aspected by Jupiter.

(b) Saturn was in Leo in 1979 when she suffered physically and nearly died. In 1979 both Rahu and Saturn were in Leo transiting her natal Mercury in M.B. and from there Saturn aspected her natal Venus also in M.B.

In 1982 she had come to consult Mr. K. N. Rao when she had lost hopes of surviving. What can an astrologer do? But hope had existed in a rather extraordinary way in October and November 1982 as explained to me. Strong planetary grounds existed in this case for hope.

In October 1982 she was passing through Mars-Mercury period and she had to undergo a third operation within three years. The planetary position, frightening, was also not without hope.

MOON			RAHU
	RASI Oct. 30, 1982		
MARS KETU		VENUS SAT. JUPIT. MERC. SUN	

Now Saturn (2-54) was going to transit Venus in Mrityubhaga. But three benefics Jupiter, Venus and Mercury were there too and soon the Moon would transit into Aries and also aspect Venus of the birth horoscope on the day fixed for her third surgical operation. Doctors had told her relations to be prepared for the worst as the chances of survival in such cases were one or two percent only.

Strong Points of Lagna

Now the strong points in the horoscope are:

(a) The Lagna has a benefic in the 12th house and a waxing Moon in the 2nd from it.

(b) Similarly the 7th house has no malefic, the 8th house is blank and Ketu is in the 6th house. Malefics in 3, 6, 11 are

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good for longevity.

(c) In *kendras* there are two benefics, Jupiter and Mercury.

(d) Both Lagna lord and the 8th lord in *kendra* are also aspected by Jupiter.

In 1982 there was no danger but ten or twelve years later there would be was Mr. K. N. Rao's calculation as noted down in his register. The prediction proved correct. The lady survived the operation and eight years have now passed. Her health, of course, is maintained through over-medication.

Having said that let me now give Mr. K. N. Rao's modified Table of Mrityubhagas. He has told me that it is based on his experience and if I felt the need to alter it I should do it boldly but with intellectual honesty. At the moment I am using the Table as it is.

The need to modify the degrees of Mrityubhaga for planets arises because of the following facts:

(a) No planet will be, say exactly twenty degrees in Mesha (Aries) as for the Sun to be in M.B. It will be some minutes more or less.

(b) Different Ayanamsas are used by different astrologers. There are more than six hundred *panchangas* in India each giving different degrees of planets. We have followed the Ayanamsa of Lahiri which has given us substantially correct results.

(c) Birth time noted could be inaccurate. Some flexibility has to be introduced and the birth time corrected.

(d) When a particular event is not explained easily there could be some difference, minor though, in the birth-time and consequently in the degrees of the Moon, Mercury and Lagna particularly; to a lesser extent in the degrees of the Sun and Venus; to a still lesser extent in the degrees of Mars; and in the case of Saturn and Jupiter the difference will be the least.

(e) In the case of Rahu and Ketu only true (not mean) Rahu has given us results.

(f) The biggest problem created is by Mandi. All computers in Delhi are giving the degrees differently and we can rely on none.

Table: Mrityubhaga (Modified)

	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc.	Jupit.	Venus	Sat.	Rahu	Ketu	Mandi	Lagna
Mesha	20	26	19	15	19	28	10	14	8	23	1
Vrsihabha	9	12	28	14	29	15	4	13	18	24	9
Mithuna	12	13	25	13	12	11	7	12	20	11	22
Kataka	6	25	23	12	27	17	9	11	10	12	22
Simha	8	24	29	8	6	10	12	24	21	13	25
Kanya	24	11	28	18	4	13	16	23	22	14	2
Thula	16	26	14	20	13	4	3	22	23	8	4
Vrischika	17	14	21	10	10	6	18	21	24	18	23
Dhanus	22	13	2	21	17	27	28	10	11	20	18
Makara	2	25	15	22	11	12	14	20	12	10	20
Kumbha	3	5	11	7	15	29	13	18	13	21	24
Meena	23	12	6	5	28	19	15	8	14	22	10

Scheme of Modification

Mr. K. N. Rao admits that he has used some arbitrariness in the modification of the M.B. Table and he says he can be attacked by orthodox astrologers for this. But what he has found correct over a period of twenty years after testing them on thousands of horoscopes I too have tested on nearly five hundred horoscopes in his data and marked them out myself as guided and directed by him.

(a) In the case of the Moon, Mercury and Lagna add or deduct forty minutes and see whether a fatal event is explained.

(b) In the case of the Sun, it should be around twenty minutes either way, plus or minus.

(c) Saturn, Jupiter, Rahu and Ketu too have to be corrected upto fifteen minutes minimum either way.

(d) Mandi as calculated by an expert can be modified like Jupiter at most. But Mandi is mostly calculated wrongly.

Test it

Then test it. See if the Dasa, Bhukti or even Pratyantar Dasa of a planet reveals an unpleasant or fatal event. Test it further by seeing if a planet in MB is in association with another planet to whom it has passed on its malefic function. Test it finally by seeing if malefics are aspecting or transiting planets in M.B. when the unhappy event has taken place.

Caution

Do not overemphasise the role of M.B. But do not overlook it also.—74.90.

(to be continued)

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Epoch-making Conjunctions—II*

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C SANKARAN NAIR'S resolution brought about a spate of inter-party negotiations. Finally in December 1929, the Congress came out with outright declaration that the word Swaraj in Article 1 of its Constitution shall mean complete independence. By December end 1929 Mars conjuncted Saturn in Sagittarius 10°. Before March 1927 when the resolution was passed, Mars was stationary in Aries from July 1926 to February 1927. Fortunately at that time no major conjunctions between planets like Saturn, Uranus and Neptune were taking place. Though it may not be appropriate to compare these two blocks of periods, nevertheless the defiance of the Ruling Authority and atmosphere charged with religious tension were the special characteristics of these two blocks of periods. Let us now see into this future. Mars-Saturn would conjoin again in Libra in 2042 in September in 9°. Mars becomes retrograde in Gemini and remains stationary from September 2039 to April 2040. During this period of three years from 2039 to 2042 several adverse aspects will take place between major planets. Notable amongst them are Jupiter-Saturn conjunction in Virgo 23° in November 2040, Uranus-Neptune square from Cancer to Aries 11° in August 2040 and a series of conjunctions between Mars and Uranus between October 2041 to March 2042 in Cancer when he becomes stationary in that sign. This has made that period volatile and I see major domestic unrest, epidemics, major fires gutting hundreds of houses and an overall period of panic and uncertainty. We will come to this position later on in this article, when we will examine the Jupiter-Saturn conjunctions.

Now having examined the Libra conjunction of Mars-Saturn 58 years backwards and forwards with reference to 1984, let us see what happened 265 years back when Mars-Saturn met in the same degree of Libra. This takes us to 1719. The Moghul Emperor Aurangzeb died in 1720. With the death of Aurangzeb not only the Moghul empire collapsed, it also heralded the end of the line of Emperors starting from Babar. That was a period of dynasty and Aurangazeb's death heralded the beginning of the end of one such dynasty. The end came with Nadirshah conquering Delhi in 1739. Does it then mean that the death of Indira Gandhi heralded the end of a dynasty? Does it mean that within two decades from 1984 the set-up of the Ruling party would undergo dramatic changes?

Saturn-Jupiter Conjunction

I have already alluded to these conjunctions in my earlier articles on Pluto and the Great Depression. I will recapitulate the basis of these conjunctions in short to get a better understanding of the subject.

In Mundane Astrology the conjunctions between these two planets has a unique position. The major periods of a nation's life when it prospers, when its society flourishes and it tries to achieve national goals, based on religious aspirations and social morality are denoted by the conjunctions of these planets. It is because Jupiter is the planet of prosperity, religious aspirations, philosophical achievements and above all, the planet of great opportunities. On

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the other hand Saturn is the planet of discipline, hard work, precise realisation of limitations and ability of surmounting the limitations by sheer hard work. When these two planets conjoin, their characteristics get fused and the nation, whose destiny they control by their coming together becomes acutely aware of what is lacking in them. People, therefore, strive to come together and make concerted efforts to better their lot, achieve their aspirations, religious sentiments, moral objectives and for this purpose they are willing to suffer hardship, meet obstructions and surmount them. These conjunctions then infuse in the people strength and determination. By watching the impact of these conjunctions in a particular sign or Nakshatra, we can decide the areas of the zodiac which control the destiny of the nation. Jupiter being the lord of the 9th denoting fate, Saturn being the lord of the 10th denoting status and 11th, the house denoting fruit of efforts, and finally the 12th, which again is controlled by Jupiter denoting the sacrifices, losses and service to the sufferers, when these planets come together in a particular sign, they start the very process of nation forming and building. When this process starts and when it ends can be found by studying the peculiarities of these conjunctions.

These two planets meet each other every twenty years. After the first conjunction, the next conjunction takes place in the sign of the same triplicity. Like this the series of conjunctions takes place in the same triplicity in the batches of sixty years for two hundred years. Thereafter the triplicity gets changed. In this fashion the conjunctions go on taking place from one triplicity to another. They conjoin once again in the same triplicity every 800 years. When the cycle passes into the new element the first conjunction in the new triplicity is termed a "Mutation Conjunction". When after a long interval this conjunction takes place in a fiery sign it is known as a "Great Mutation". According to Western astrologers such a Great Mutation conjunction took place in 1003 in Sayana Sagittarius 8° 19'. Since Aries is said to be England's sign this conjunction took place in the 9th house from that sign and to which is ascribed the success of England's later activities of building the great empire which culminated in their setting up more or less complete control over India in the early 19th century. However, as per Nirayana system this conjunction took place somewhere in 19° 20' of Scorpio in Jyeshta Nakshatra controlled by Mercury. As I have stated earlier, England's basic characteristics fit well with Taurus and a conjunction of these two planets in Jyeshta Nakshatra proved most favourable to Britishers. Mercury being the lord of the Nakshatra also explains their entering India as businessmen and slowly capturing the land taking advantage of India's internal discensions. More or less during the same period seeds of the Maratha empire were also sown. Mercurial movements of Shivaji, his craftiness, his abilities to mystify his activities, his using religious sentiments of the populace then, the miracle of the gift Deity Bhavani giving him his invisible sword, his acquiring the support of saints like Swami Ramdas and Sant Tukaram are very well explained by the sign, the decanate of the sign as well by the lord of the Nakshatra.

Western astrologers also think that India is governed by the sign Capricorn. Precisely for this reason they have given considerable importance to the conjunction of these two planets in Sayana Capricorn 9° on 26-1-1842. As per the Nirayana system this conjunction took place in Sagittarius 17° in Poorvashadha Nakshatra. This, according to me, was a great Mutation conjunction. It was predicted based on this position that there will be a great religious uprise in 1857 and Britishers should take care or otherwise they will have to leave this country. This is really better explained by the sign Sagittarius. It is the natural sign of religion and philosophy. The Nakshatra Poorvashadha is controlled by Venus and in the 1857 Independence war, a woman played an important role. Even thereafter also the struggle took a more pursuasive form than militant. In 1901 these two planets met once again in Sagittarius in Poorvashadha Nakshatra just a few years before the Indian National Congress was set up (1895) and a few years after the Muslim League came into being (1906). It is peculiar that the conjunction took place exactly between these two events. Later history made it amply clear, how these two organisations finally became responsible for the destiny of the country and the partition of the country. On 28th December 1895 Saturn was in Scorpio 16° as per Sayana

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stem, but as per Nirayana system he was in Libra in Visakha Nakshatra. In 1906 Saturn was in his own sign Aquarius. I am not aware of the exact date on which it was set up, but the chances are that it must have been set up when Saturn was in Poorvabhadrapada Nakshatra, because from the table we have given earlier these two Nakshatras have played a prominent role in the destiny of our country, especially Visakha. In February 1961 on 14th they met in Capricorn 2° but in Uttarashadha Nakshatra. I have already discussed what happened thereafter. Sixty years after this they would meet in Capricorn 4°, again in the same Nakshatra as indicated above. By then India would be a great nation.

The overall study of Jupiter-Saturn conjunction leads to the interpretation that Nakshatras Poorvashadha and Uttarashadha are the ruling Nakshatras of this country as a whole.

Let us see how far this conclusion is supported by actual results occurring near about conjunctions or within the span of twenty years from a conjunction. I have given below all the conjunctions that have taken place since 1842.

Year of conjunction	Sayana position	Nirayana position
1861	Virgo 18°-22'	Leo 27°-12' U.Phal
1881	Taurus 1°-36'	Aries 1°-26' Aswini
1901	Caprn. 14°-34'	Sagi. 22°-06' P.Shada
1921	Virgo 26°-43'	Virgo 04°-13' U.Phal.
1941	Taurus 09°-06'	Aries 16°-05' Bharani
1961	Capn. 24°-45	Capn. 1°-27' U. Shada
1981	Libra 08°-05'	Virgo 14°-30' Hasta
2000	Taurus 23°-33'	Aries 29°-42' Krittika
2020	Capn. 28°-10'	Capn. 04°-12' U.Shada

The First War of Independence took place in 1857; in 1881 Mysore State was restored to its original ruler; Congress was set up in 1885; 1901—from this year several developments took place, the more important being partition of Bengal, Minto-Morley Reforms, British Darbar and shifting of Imperial Capital from Calcutta to New Delhi. From 1881 to 1901 was one phase when Indians were forming into a solid block, from 1901 to 1921 was another phase of struggle mainly dominated by Balgangadhar Tilak. From 1921 to 1941 was another phase of the struggle which was dominated by Gandhiji. Gandhiji's philosophy of Ahimsa and service to the downtrodden was well explained by the sign Virgo but the culmination of this phase in 1941 was in Aries and the Mars element became decisively stronger in the struggle. The 1942 movement was principally different from the struggle contemplated by Gandhiji. The phase of struggle that started in 1881 with the setting up of Congress really ended in 1941—both the conjunctions taking place in Aries but in different Nakshatras. The first was in Aswini and marked the forging of forces, whereas the second marked the effect of the same in Bharani. The decade from 1941, though it brought independence, left a scar, which still hurt. For the first time in this series of conjunctions, a conjunction took place in Uttarashadha. What started in the 1961 conjunction in Uttarashadha would culminate in 2020, when the conjunction would take place again in the same Nakshatra. India started building strength in 1961, and it will become a Super Power in 2020. The conjunctions in Virgo took place in 1921 and in 1981, but in two different Nakshatras. Immediately after 1921 Motilal Nehru and C. R. Das entered Congress. Motilal Nehru's entry into Congress probably heralded the beginning of the future Nehru era. If we treat 1921 as the beginning of the Nehru era, then the next conjunction in Hasta probably marked the beginning of the end of Nehru era. The mid-point between 1981 and 2000 would prove critical for Family Rule. We may, therefore, expect drastic overhauling of the political scene after 1991. In this context what happens between the period in Poorvashada and Uttarashada Nakshatras is important. At present Saturn and Neptune are moving in the first of the above named Nakshatras and it is, therefore, necessary to examine whether any major conjunctions take place in these Nakshatras. For this purpose we should examine the conjunctions between Saturn and Uranus and Saturn and Neptune.

Saturn-Uranus Conjunction

Saturn-Uranus conjunction takes place every 45 years. The major effect of this conjunction is that there are wars, bloodshed, earthquakes and epidemics. The peace in the country gets badly disturbed, unemployment increases and there is an overall depression in the industry. Saturn-Uranus have conjuncted in

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The Need for Vedic Samskaras

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THE validity and the usefulness of some Vedic Samskaras of Hindu religious rites, particularly Shraddhas (rites for paying respects to the departed soul), are doubted by many of the present generation of Hindus. One must always look at Shraddhas and other Samskaras from the traditional point of view, and more importantly, also consider the challenges and impact of modern Hindu society at large on them. Samskaras are basically religious ceremonies that mark specific stages of a person's life from birth to death. Many Samskaras, over the centuries have, unfortunately, become more of a social occasion rather than a significant religious function. The traditional religious function mainly contained the chanting of *mantras* and/or Vedic rites. The *mantras* are a sequence of sounds, and these sounds are vibrations which are positive energies. Our Vedic sages found that the *mantras* influence the emotional and physical well-being of a person. The repetition of *mantras* provide cumulative effect, and eliminate hostile influences surrounding the person. Today, however, many of our priests and pundits repeat the *mantras* in a mere mechanical way or parrot-like approach forgetting that proper pronunciation and punctuation of sounds are the key elements if the benefits of the *mantras* are to be felt. Improper sound, on the other hand, may cause negative influences on the individuals. For this state of affairs, one cannot blame the priest alone, because people today appear to be more interested in getting to the social (feasting and entertainment) part of the function quickly. They rush through the Samskaras or conveniently truncate them. Many are even beginning to avoid or eliminate most of the Samskaras. The poor and powerless priest has come to accept the religiously undesirable decisions of the people as a fact of life in a modern society. The social madness of excessive feasting and gift-giving, erroneously considered as part of a Vedic tradition covering a Samskara function, have made many thinking persons even question the sanctity and the need for performing many of the traditional Samskaras.

In fact, one of the Samskaras—Vivaha or marriage — has today become the pit of excessive celebration by the rich and even the middle class. Many of us know families in India that have been ruined financially and socially because of their yielding to pressures and the demands of a confused and often misguided society when performing marriages. How many of our Hindu religious leaders have strongly demanded, and effectively insisted on an end to the pompous and wasteful expenditure for Vivaha, Upanayanam and other Samskaras? How many of them have clearly emphasized and encouraged simple Vedic rites without the corruption of social practices? Many of our so-called religious leaders have themselves become, intentionally or otherwise, a privileged class, and are no longer a part of the people-at-large. Our leaders cannot provide a solution, as long as they become a part of the problem.

An important topic in our discussion is the performance of Shraddhas. This is for the recognition of the continuing existence of those who have left the physical plane. The concept of reincarnation tells us that Jivatmana and not the

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Reflections on the Art of Synastry

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THE adage "Marriages are made in heaven" has an astrological significance as every student of Astrology is well aware that all portant aspects of life such as marriage, pro-ty, wealth and career etc., are determined at the e of birth of the individual depending upon his rabdha Karma over which he has little or no trol. Career, wealth and marriage appear to be most important aspects of life for the simple son that career and wealth give sustenance and urity to live in this disorderly world of chaos confusion whereas marriage gives emotional isfaction. After all the purpose of marriage is for enjoying carnal desires but for begetting ful children who are supposed to redeem the ents from going to the infernal regions after h according to Hindu philosophy.

The *Oxford Dictionary* defines "Marriage" as legal union of man and woman as husband and e. The mutual attraction between a male and a ale member is but natural which usually cul-ates in marriage. In addition to the instinct of vival (which is present in all living beings) the urge of sex and reproduction is a powerful inct that drives man to get married for the tinuation of lineage. While a happy home is to be a heaven on earth, an unhappy home is ly a hell, however fabulously rich one may be. Adjustability, amicable nature, sympathetic ude, love, understanding, patience, tact, mutual eciation of each other's ideas, the absence of vinistic attitude on the part of man and the nce of nagging nature on the part of woman the basic requisites for a couple to lead a happy ial life. It is well said "When you deal with rs, use your heart and when you deal with own affairs, use your head". But then usually me across people who reverse this principle ingly or unwittingly in dealing with others forgetting the fact that man (or woman) is a bundle of emotions and that feather touch is very essential in dealing with kith and kin.

In this article an attempt has been made to assess the age-old concept of Kuja Dosha (the evil of Mars) and other astrological principles that make or mar one's marital life coupled with the art of synastry in the light of my humble experience in Hindu Astrology and Western Astrology.

Kuja Dosha

The disposition of Mars in the 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th and the 12th house from Janma Lagna or from Chandra Lagna or from Venus constitutes Kuja Dosha which is supposed to delay marriage or disturb marital bliss according to all classical works on Hindu Astrology. In my practical experience I have observed that the *verbatim* application of Kuja Dosha as given in the ancient classical works does not yield satisfactory results in judging marital bliss, compatibility etc. The disposition of Mars on the cusp of the 4th house and on the cusp of the 7th house (from Janma Lagna or from Chandra Lagna) is bad as the former is in square aspect (90° apart) and the latter is in opposition aspect (180° apart) which are considered to be positively evil. The rapt conjunction of Mars with Moon or Venus is quite unfavourable for marital bliss. If such ill-disposed Moon (or Venus) is further afflicted by Saturn, Uranus or Neptune — it surely denotes an unhappy home-life after marriage.

Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Rahu and Ketu are considered as evil planets, but then the mere presence of a malefic planet in the 7th house should not be construed as evil foreboding a chain of unhappy events in regard to the significations of the 7th house. Astrology is not only a science but an art as well, and it is here that the astrologer is

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called upon to display his power of judgement and intuition in blending and synthesizing the various astrological principles to draw a meaningful judgement in order to guide others. The purpose of Astrology is certainly not fortune-telling but to give proper guidance in matching horoscopes of brides and grooms, so that they can lead a happy conjugal life.

"Beg, borrow or steal" is the principle of survival which can be extended to other spheres of life and accordingly there is nothing wrong if we borrow and adapt certain astrological principles from Western Astrology, if we feel that they have stood the test of time. The followers of Hindu Astrology should not be obsessed with the idea that Hindu Astrology is infallible and that it is a foolproof system to give judgement on matters of matrimony and compatibility. I would also like to point out that no single astrological system is foolproof to make astoundingly accurate predictions.

Triplicities - Each group of 3 signs is called a triplicity.

Fire	-	Aries-Leo-Sagittarius
Earth	-	Taurus-Virgo-Capricorn
Air	-	Gemini-Libra-Aquarius
Water	-	Cancer-Scorpio-Pisces

Persons born with the Sun or the Ascendant in the same triplicity are attracted to each other and usually they become life-long friends. For instance if the groom was born in the 1st decanate of Aries, and if the bride was born in the 1st decanate of Leo or Sagittarius, there will be natural attraction between them and much harmony and rapport will prevail as both of them will be able to look at things from each other's point of view as a result of affinity due to the same triplicity of their Sun or Ascendant. This is conducive to a happy marital life.

If the boy's Venus or Moon is in trine (or sextile) to the girl's Sun, it denotes a very happy marital life. Conversely if the boy's Sun is in trine or sextile to the girl's Moon it surely denotes a happy marriage.

If the boy's Moon or Venus and the girl's Sun (or *vice versa*) are in the same decanate of a sign or in the same sign, it indicates that they will be husband and wife and that they will lead a happy marital life, according to the findings of Carl C. Jung, an eminent psychologist who made a deep study of Astrology in relation to Psychology.

If the boy's Sun or Moon or Ascendant is in square aspect with the girl's Sun or Moon or Ascendant — it leads to constant quarrels, bickerings, misunderstandings and estrangement in certain cases.

If the boy's Moon (or Venus) is in close conjunction with the girl's Rahu or Saturn, it denotes coldness, lack of warm feelings, frustration and mutual hatred for each other which may lead to divorce or wayward ways.

In both male and female nativities, M.C. (medium coeli) is a very important sensitive point from which worldly fortunes should be judged. If this sensitive point is in close conjunction with a malefic planet in the life-partner's chart, it denotes misfortunes after marriage.

If it is in close conjunction with a benefic or in trine with a benefic planet in the life-partner's chart, it promotes marital affairs and gives a round luck to the couple immediately after marriage.

If the boy's Venus is in close conjunction (or trine or sextile) with the girl's Mars, it denotes great attraction for each other which is conducive to marital happiness.

If a luminary in the boy's chart is in close conjunction (or trine) with the girl's Jupiter or Venus, it denotes a happy and prosperous marriage.

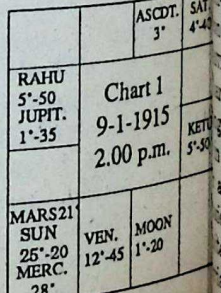
In a female nativity, if the cusp of the 7th house is in close conjunction with the boy's Jupiter or Venus, it will prove to be a lucky marriage.

If the cusp of the 7th house in a girl's chart is in close conjunction with Mars in her husband's chart (or in square aspect), it denotes an unhappy marriage.

If a malefic planet on the cusp of the 7th house (for a boy or a girl) is in conjunction (or square or opposition) with another malefic planet in the life-partner's chart, it usually forebodes strained relations or accidental death of life-partner or some strange calamity, etc., in the ensuing years after marriage as in the case of Mrs. Maneka Gandhi.

A few horoscopes are discussed below to elucidate these principles of synastry and a novel approach in judging the 7th house.

Chart 1 is that of an eminent architect. He had a charming personality. His wife was equally charming and cultured. They were married in 1935 and led a very happy marital life, had 5 sons who are now well settled in life. On a cursory glance this chart appears to denote marital unhappiness as Saturn is in the 2nd



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and Mars is in the 8th from Janma Lagna the 2nd house from Venus. It may be noted Moon is also a significator in addition to in male nativities. The cusp of the 7th (3° Scorpio) falls in Cancer Navamsa ruled Moon who is posited in Libra in Vargottama trine with Jupiter indicating a very happy l life. In his wife's chart the Sun is posited 8th degree of Gemini (23-6-1923) in trine to on in Libra in her husband's chart. Jupiter ra in her chart is in conjunction with the in her husband's chart. It was an exception- cky and happy marriage. The evil of so- Kuja Dosha did not find expression in his and his maritial life was never disturbed in y until her death in November, 1982. I feel, Dosha should not be loosely interpreted in g nativities by quoting the age-old Sanskrit

art 2 is that of an architect in Hyderabad. chart the cusp of the 7th house falls in the egree of Taurus. His wife was born on 6-12- in Capricorn As- t with Jupiter in h house in the egree of Taurus. nificant point of roscope is that p of the 7th house husband's chart pt conjunction Jupiter in his

	MARS 14°-35 SUN 26°-30 RAHU	VII 28°-40 MERC. 17 1/2° VEN. 2°-20	
	Chart 2 10-5-1949 8.49 p.m.		
JUPIT. 8°-45			SAT. 6°-15
	ASCDT. 28°-40	KETU 2°-20	MOON 29°-54

hart. Another interesting point is that the n his chart (29°54'Virgo) is in exact trine with Jupiter (29° Taurus) in his wife's This denotes a very fortunate marriage. with L.I.C. drawing more than Rs.5000 per . Her husband is an architect drawing Rs. 3500 per month. The cusp of the 7th n his chart falls in Virgo Navamsa. Taurus pricorn are its trinal houses. She was born ricorn Ascendant.

act this is a marriage arranged on astrologi- s. The bridegroom's father was an astrolo- read in Hindu and Western Astrology. He ntributed several articles on Astrology to TROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

art 3 is of a printing technologist who is g as the head of a department in a reputed n Bombay.

a cursory glance one would jump to the ion that his married life would be very fine er is in the 7th house and the significator age (Venus) is in Taurus in his own house.

JUPIT. 13°	SAT. 5°-30 KETU	VEN. 10°-40 MOON 29°	SUN 2°-10 MERC. 14°-30
	Chart 3 17-6-1939 1-40 p.m.		
MARS 11°-15			
		RAHU 13°	ASCDT. 26°

But the facts are quite contrary. A very unhappy marriage is clearly indicated. The cusp of the 7th house falls in Aquarius Navamsa ruled by Saturn who is posited in Aries in debilitation in conjunction with Ketu aspected by Mars, the 8th lord. Further the significator of marriage (Venus) is hemmed between Sun and Saturn causing Papakartari Yoga.

Mercury is the lord of Lagna and Jupiter is the lord of the 7th house. These two planets are posited in mutual square aspect (90° apart) indicating disharmony in marital life. His wife was born on 7-11-1941 at 9-54 p.m. in the 25th degree of Gemini Ascendant which is in square aspect with her husband's Ascendant showing absence of rapport. Her Moon is in the 1st degree (Mrigasira 3rd quarter) of Gemini in conjunction with the Sun (2°10' Gemini) in her husband's chart showing that they are destined to be husband and wife. Mars is posited in the 19th degree of Pisces in her chart in conjunction with the cusp of the 7th house (26° Pisces) in her husband's chart. This has led to a very unhappy marital life. Never at a moment in their life love and affection are lost between them. Her Jupiter is in the 27th degree of Taurus which is in close conjunction with Moon (29° Taurus) in her husband's chart. This indicates that she is lucky after her marriage from the monetary angle. Venus in the husband's chart ((10° 40' Taurus) is in conjunction with Saturn (3° Taurus) in his wife's chart showing absence of love. Uranus is posited in the 6th degree of Taurus in her chart which is in conjunction with Venus in her husband's chart which is a sinister astrological factor due to which the marital bliss was destroyed right from the date (5-3-1964) of their marriage. They never liked each other even though they are living under the same roof for the past 26 years.

Chart 4 is of Sanjay Gandhi who had an accidental death in June, 1980. Chart 5 is that of his wife, Smt. Maneka Gandhi who is now Environment Minister in the Central Cabinet. The Moon in Sanjay Gandhi's chart is in close conjunction with the Sun in Maneka

		RAHU 18°-30 URA. 27°-30	
	Chart 4 14-12-1946 Sanjay Gandhi		SAT. 15°-16
ASCDT. 2°			MOON 12°-15
MARS 4°-30	SUN 28°-20 MERC. 8°-15 KETU	JUPIT. 26° VEN. 24°-40	NEPT. 17°-25

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Gandhi's chart showing that they are destined to be husband and wife. The Sun in the 29th degree of Scorpio in Sanjay Gandhi's chart is in exact trine to the Moon (29° 30' Pisces) in his wife's chart. This denotes mutual attraction for each other.

MOON 29°-30		KETU 10°-15	VEN. 23°-47'
MARS 28°-50	Chart 5 26-8-1956 Maneka Gandhi		ASC. 10° URA. 11°-20
VII 10°			SUN 9°-30 JUPIT. 16°-50
	SAT. 3°-30 RAHU 10°-15	NEPT. 5°	MERC. 6°

It will be seen that Saturn in the 7th house in Sanjay Gandhi's chart is in conjunction with Uranus in his wife's chart indicating tragic events after marriage. The most unfortunate aspect of their charts is that Mars is posited in the 8th house in Maneka Gandhi's chart which is in exact square with Uranus in Taurus in her husband's chart indicating strange calamities after marriage. Another significant astrological factor is that the Sun in Sanjay Gandhi's chart is in degree square to Mars in his wife's chart involving the 8th house in her chart denoting early widowhood for her. She was hardly 24 when her husband died quite unexpectedly while flying in a Folker Friendship aircraft on 23-6-1980. So I am inclined to feel that these two charts are not astrologically well matched.

The subject of synastry is very vast. The text-book rules alone are not the deciding factors in judging a nativity. An astrologer should be guided by his own practical experience coupled with intuition in drawing conclusions.—133.90.

THE NEED FOR VEDIC SAMSKARAS

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physical body is of primary importance. The performance of Shraddha is rather sober, and simple, but not a somber event. After the rites are conducted according to Dharma Sastras, food is symbolically offered to the departed, and finally to the learned priests who have been invited. Shraddha ceremony is a recognition by the person of his ancestors. As individuals, we spend a lot of money not only on the Samskaras, but on many social and other functions, for our children, relatives, and others. **Today we, rarely do, even very little, for the living elders that have made us what we are today.** We must remember the Shraddha ceremony is a simple, and an annual recognition of the elder who has left the physical world, but continues to survive in another plane. Some have pointed out a way - shun Shraddha and other Samskaras. This perhaps may be an ideal way for the few highly evolved and realized persons as defined and identified by Lord Krishna in the *Srimad Bhagavad Gita*. Again, it is not completely right when a person says that in the *Srimad Bhagavad Gita*, Lord Krishna has squarely knocked down the theory of Shraddhas. A person is incompletely informed or naive if he or she simplifies the concept of Shraddhas into a question whether dishes fed to a worldly person would influence the spirits of the dead in hell or heaven. Sanatana Dharma or Vaidika Dharma — the traditional name for Hinduism — does not accept the existence of hell or heaven. The emphasis in Shraddhas is not on food but *mantras* or energy. In concluding, let us remember that out ancestors clearly visualized the efficacy of *mantras*, and the various Samskaras are a part and parcel of human life. The problem is that somewhere in recent decades, the spirit and substance of Samskaras were made dusty by overemphasizing the festivities and gifts on these sacred occasions. In many instances, the sacrosanct Samskaras are performed with very little regard to established Vedic requirements. We must not make any Samskara into a sacrilegious event. The **future survival of Hinduism largely depends on how quickly we can restore the simple and basic Vedic practices to all Samskaras.** Otherwise one must agree with deep anguish that the younger and future generation will cease to have faith in not only Shraddhas but also in other Samskaras. Our discussion of Samskaras may have raised more questions than providing answers. The difficult questions force society to find reasonable answers, and these in turn lead to a continuing evolution of practices covering religious rites in Hinduism. Debate and difference are the twin-pillars that provide strength to Hinduism to sustain and survive for eternity.—130.90.

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l Kitab and rliamentary Elections

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al Kitab, sometimes known as the ***Red Book,*** *is in Urdu poetry. It has 300 pages of grammar must be studied in order to understand the language of* ***Lal Kitab.*** *The following is an is based on* ***Lal Kitab*** *received in October 1989.]*

HE Lok Sabha elections were declared on 17-10-1989. The day was Tuesday ruled by Mars and *tithi* was *chaturthi* started at 2.48 p.m. Any work begun on a *rthi* is not considered to be a good start. *al Kitab* states in *Farman* No. 17[a] as

वीन ज्योतिष के अनुसार चतुर्थी, नवमी और चतुर्दशी तिथि को नया शुरन किया हुआ कार्य शायद ही कभी परिणाम देगा बलिके बहुत देर बाद दुःख तकलीफ व्यय सेअगर कभी पूरा हो ही जाए तो उसका होना से शायद ही कम होगा। इस लिए इन तिथियो मे कार्य का शुरूकरने से परहेज ही बेहतर होगा।

he elections are to be held on November and 24th. The prime minister Rajiv Gandhi ming his 46th year from August 20, 1989 to st 20, 1990. In his annual horoscope, ac- g to *Lal Kitab*, the planets Sun, Venus, ry, Jupiter and the Moon are in the 10th e. As the 4th house fully aspects the 10th e so its result can occur in the 4th month starts from November 20, 1989 to Decem- , 1989. The planets Jupiter and Moon in th house do not show good results.

y venture to be commenced on the 4th, 9th and his, calculated as per ancient system of Astro l rarely be fruitful. Such a venture if completed ing many hurdles, hardships, heavy useless ex- e and a long delay will be no better than if incom- if not started at all, in any way. So, it is advisable from commencing any venture on these *tithis*.

According to *Lal Kitab*, Jupiter and the Moon in the 10th[b] house shows results as follows:

माँ बाप के पास सोने चान्दी की ईन्टों के होते हुए भी आमतौर पर वर्षपल के अनुसार कुण्डली वाले के लिए वह अन्धियारे के पत्थर और नेक पानी की जगह पानी के बुलबुलो की झाग होगी। टेवे वाला मन्दी किस्मत का मालिक होगा।

About the 10th house[c], *Lal Kitab* states:

जब नं 10 मे आपस मे लड़ने वाले कोइ भी ग्रह बैठे हो, वह टेवा अन्धे ग्रहो का होगा।

Therefore, in the period from November 20, 1989 to December 20, 1989, the planets will act as blind planets and results will be contrary to expectations.

Similarly, considering the horoscope of Balram Jhakar, he is running 67th year. In this year, Jupiter is in the 10th house. This will give results in the 4th month which will be from 23rd November 1989 to 23rd December 1989. Jupiter in the 10th house is not at all good for Rajayoga.

Broadly speaking, Jupiter in the 10th house will cause problems.

As far as R. K. Dhawan is concerned, he is having Rahu in Lagna for his 53rd year which is

[b] Though the parents of the native be so wealthy as to possess bricks of gold and silver, yet all this wealth will prove fruitless and the cause of sorrows to the native. The native will face misfortunes and only misfortunes.

[c] When there are planets deposited in the 10th house which are mutually inimical, the horoscope will be of blind planets.

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from 16-7-1989 to 16-7-1990. As the Sun is in the 11th and the 5th aspects it, so the result will be in the 5th month which is from 16-11-1989 to 16-12-1989. Rahu in Lagna[d] gives effect as under:

राहु बेठा तरव्त पर तो, तरव्त चराने लगा
सूरज बैठा जिस घर में ग्रहण बहाँ आने लगा।

V. P. Singh is running his 58th year from 25th June 1989 to 25th June 1990. In this year his Mars is in the 6th house. Mars will give results in the 6th month from the date of birth *i.e.*, from 25th November 1989 to 25th December 1989. About Mars in the 6th house[e], *Lal Kitab* states:

रवि बैठा खा टेवे रददी असर भला वो देता हो
खुशी औलाद न हरगिज फलता, नही दिखाया उत्तम हो।

which means though V.P. Singh can attain good Government position or favour his son will be in trouble. If he favours his son, there will be more troubles.

Similarly, M. Karunanidhi is running his 66th year. In his 66th year, Mars is in the 6th house as in the case of V.P. Singh. So, Mars shows its results in the 6th month which is from November 2, 1989 to December 2, 1989. In this period, he may expect favours from the Government. But in this year, the position of his sons and travelling will not be favourable as in the case of V.P. Singh.

The grammar and principles of *Lal Kitab* have been applied in this analysis.—101.90.

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[d] When Rahu is in the 1st house (according to *Lal Kitab Takhat* means first house), the throne trembles and it causes solar eclipse in his house wherever the planet Sun is placed.

[e] The planet Sun will be beneficial even if it is placed badly. Neither the celebration of happy occasions of the children will be auspicious nor will pomp and show give good results.

QUANTIFICATION OF MATCHING OF HOROSCOPES FOR MARRIAGE

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Table 9: Total Matching Score

No.	Criterion		Score (points)
I	Nakshatra (of girl and boy)		max. 35
II	Others		max. 15
	(i) Kuja dosha, (Lagna, 4 Moon, 2 Venus, 2)	8	
	(ii) Seventh Bhava, (boy, 2; girl, 2)	4	
	(iii) Lagna, 2 (boy, 1; girl, 1)		
	(iv) Sukra (boy),	1	
	Sub total	15	
	Total, T		max. 50

percentage works out to (Charts A & B) 74% *viz.*, (26 + 11 = 37)x2 = 74% which is very good or even excellent.—156.90.

EPOCH-MAKING CONJUNCTIONS—II

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Sagittarius in Moola Nakshatra repeatedly in 1988. Luckily they have not met in the above-mentioned Nakshatras. In this year Saturn is making a conjunction with Neptune. It is, therefore, necessary to see these conjunctions also.

Saturn-Neptune Conjunction

These two planets meet each other every 36 years and of the series of conjunctions that Saturn makes, the last one is usually important and marks a definite phase in the country's political life. The last conjunction of these planets this year would be in Sagittarius 16° 39' in Poorvashadha Nakshatra. This degree is very close to the degree of 1842 conjunction and is opposed by Jupiter from Gemini. From this date onwards a phase of plots, counter-plots, calamities and repressions would start. The whole thing will erupt like a nuclear explosion between February and October 1993 when these two planets will meet again in Poorvashadha Nakshatra. We have no alternative but to watch the drama of destiny helplessly with our fingers crossed.—193.90.

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ow Jupiter's Transit in Cancer Affects You? — II*

PULIPPANI

Results According to Stellar cupational Aspect

Nakshatradhipatya

WHEN a planet passes through the 1st (Janma), 3rd (Vipat), 5th (Pratyak) and the 7th (Vadha or Naidhana) from the h star the effects will be very bad and detri- tal to the native.

The passage of a planet through the 2nd mpat), the 4th (Kshema), the 6th vanukula), the 8th (Mitra) and the 9th amamitra) stars reckoned from one's birth will give good results.

Out of the 27 stars, those for whom Jupiter es through Janma, Vipat, Pratyak and Vadha reckoned from their birth-stars will suffer evil effects implied by the respective names themselves and the suffering will be maximum for Vadha. Table 2 shows these bad periods for Jupiter's transit in Cancer (3 stars).

b. Nakshatra Anga Guru

Table 1

Sl. No.	Stars reckoned	Body Parts	Effect
1.	1st to 3rd stars	Head	Sorrow and destruction
2.	4th to 6th stars	Face and neck	Gain of money
3.	7th to 9th stars	Right hand	Good
4.	10th to 12th stars	Left hand	Mental worry
5.	13th to 17th stars	Stomach	Improvement in various aspects
6.	18th to 19th stars	Hips and private parts	Destruction
7.	20th to 27th statrs	Feet	Overall good

Table 2: Jupiter's Passage through stars and effect of his Occupation from Birth stars

ture of Occupation ——»				
ssage through rs and Periods	JANMA Birth Stars	VIPATH Birth Stars	PRATHYAK Birth Stars	VADHA Birth Stars
rnasu 4th Pada 1990 1990	*Punarvasu, Vishaka Poorvabadrapadha* Worry, fear, illness, unwanted transfer and scarcity of money, Moderately Bad period	*Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanista* Accidents through fire etc, trouble and difficulties from various angles Bad period	*Krittika, Uttara, Uttarashada* Delays, impediments, pending of all good efforts, loss punishment etc Bad period	*Aswini, Makha, Moola* Illness, maraka period for maraka Dasa and third round round of 71/2 years' Saturn, failures and difficulties. very bad periods.
4-8-1990 10-1990 gain from 1991 to 8-6-91	Pushya, Vishaka, Poorvabadrapada Results same as above	Aridra, Swathi, Satabisha Results same as above	Rohini, Hasta Sravana Results same as above	Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashada Results same as above
1990 to 1991 and again 8-6-1991 1991	Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati Results same as above	Punarvasu, Vishaka, Poorvabadrapada Results same as above	Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta Results same as above	Krittika, Uttara, Uttarashada. Results same as above

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Stellar occupational effects of Jupiter are judged in yet another way. The 27 stars are distributed over the various parts of the body. The reckoning is from Janma Nakshatra to the Nakshatra occupied by Jupiter. This is given in Table 1 as stipulated in the ancient Tamil Samhita work *Chudamani Ullaimudayan*.

According to it, Jupiter gives bad results when he is passing through the following sets of stars from one's birth star: For example, when Jupiter transits the 1st to 3rd star coming under Head, it causes sorrow and destruction.

The details of his passage through such stars are shown below. For periods please refer Table 3. Stars which will not suffer due to Jupiter's passage through other parts of the body are not shown.

Table 3

Passage of Jupiter through Punarvasu (4th Pada) 20-7-1990 to 3-8-1990	Passage Of Jupiter through Pushya 4-8-1990 to 13-10-1990 16-1-1991 to 6-8-1991	Passage of Jupiter through Aslesha 14-10-1990 to 15-1-1991 9-6-1991 to 14-8-1991
	Sorrow and Destruction	
1. Head - 1st to 3rd star Mrigasire Aridra Punarvasu	Head - 1st to 3rd star Aridra Punarvasu Pushya	Head - 1st to 3rd star Punarvasu Pushya Aslesha
	Development of Mental Worry	
2. Left Hand 10th to 12th stars Dhanishta Satabisha Poorvabhadrapada	Left Hand 10th to 12th stars Satabisha Poorvabhadrapada Uttarabhadrapada	Left Hand 10th to 12th stars Poorvabhadrapada Uttarabadrapada Revati
	Destruction	
3. Hips and Private 18th and 19th stars Visakha and Anuradha	Hips and Private parts 18th and 19th stars Anuradha and Jyeshta	Hips and Private parts 18th and 19th stars Jyeshta and Moola

Table 4 shows the cumulative results of the transits of Saturn, Rahu and Ketu when Jupiter transits Cancer.

5. Neutralisation of Bad Effects of Jupiter's Transit

The bad effects due to Jupiter's movement through 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th houses from one's Moon-sign are said to get cancelled if any other planet or planets occupy certain houses from the Janma Rasi at the same time. Such positions are called Vipareeta Vedha. This time Jupiter suffers Vipareeta Vedha as shown below when he is in each of the bad houses. The periods and planets causing the Vipareeta Vedha are also shown below.

1. Cancer born people have got to endure the bad effects of Jupiter in Janma since there is no Vipareeta Vedha in Janma.

2. When Jupiter is in the 3rd house if other planets occupy the 7th, he suffers Vipareeta Vedha. Such periods for Taurus- born people this time are shown as under:

(a) 15-11-1990 to 15-12-1990 caused by Sun in the 7th.

(b) 1-11-1990 to 22-11-1990 caused by Mercury in the 7th.

(c) 12-11-1990 to 7-12-1990 caused by Venus in the 7th.

3. When Jupiter is in the 4th house, if other planets occupy the 5th house at the same time he suffers Vipareeta Vedha as under for Aries people this time

(a) 15-8-1990 to 15-9-1990 caused by the Sun in the 5th.

(b) 25-7-1990 to 23-8-1990 caused by Mercury in the 5th.

(c) 1-9-1990 to 27-9-1990 caused by Venus in the 5th.

4. There is no Vipareeta Vedha for Jupiter in the 6th. Hence Aquarius people have to endure the ill-effects of Jupiter completely this time.

5. When Jupiter is in the 8th if other planets occupy the 11th he suffers Vipareeta Vedha. Such periods for Sagittarius- born people are:

(a) 15-10-1990 to 15-11-1990 caused by the Sun in the 11th.

(b) 14-10-1990 to 8-11-1990 caused by Mercury in the 11th.

(c) 20-10-1990 to 21-11-1990 caused by Venus in the 11th.

6. When Jupiter is in the 10th house if other planets occupy the 9th house, he suffers Vipareeta Vedha. Such periods for Libra-born people are:

(a) 15-6-1991 to 15-7-1991 caused by the Sun in the 9th.

(b) 16-6-1991 to 30-6-1991 caused by Mercury in the 9th.

(c) 20-7-1990 to 9-8-1990 caused by Venus in the 9th.

(d) 20-3-1991 to 16-5-1991 caused by Mars in the 9th.

(e) 1-5-1991 to 1-6-1991 caused again by Venus in the 9th.

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Table 4

Rasis	Jupiter		Saturn		Rahu Upto 23-4-91 (in Caprions)		Rahu From 24-4-91 to 14-8-1991 (in Sagittarius)		Ketu Upto 23-4-1991 (in Cancer)		Ketu From 24-4-1991 to 14-8-1991 (in Gemini)		Cumulative Good Effect	
	Nature	Quantum	Nature	Quantum	Nature	Quantum	Nature	Quantum	Nature	Quantum	Nature	Quantum	Upto 23-4-91	From 24-4-91 to 14-8-1991
Aries	Bad-4	-	Bad-10	-	Bad-10	-	Bad-9	-	Bad-4	-	Good-3	0.250	-	0.250
Taurus	Bad-3	-	Bad-9	-	Bad-9	-	Bad-8	-	Good-3	0.250	Bad-2	-	0.250	-
Gemini	Good-2	0.250	Bad-8	-	Bad-8	-	Bad-7	-	Bad-2	-	Bad-1	-	0.250	0.250
Cancer	Bad-1	-	Bad-7	-	Bad-7	-	Good-6	0.250	Bad-1	-	Bad-12	-	-	0.250
Leo	Bad-12	-	Good-6	0.250	Good-6	0.250	Bad-5	-	Bad-12	-	Good-11	0.250	0.500	0.500
Virgo	Good-11	0.250	Bad-5	-	Bad-5	-	Bad-4	-	Good-11	0.250	Bad-10	-	0.500	0.250
Libra	Bad-10	-	Bad-4	-	Bad-4	-	Good-3	0.250	Bad-10	-	Bad-9	-	-	0.250
Scorpio	Good-3	0.250	Good-3	0.250	Good-3	0.250	Bad-2	-	Bad-9	-	Bad-8	-	0.750	0.500
Sagitt	Bad-8	-	Bad-2	-	Bad-2	-	Bad-1	-	Bad-8	-	Bad-7	-	-	-
Capri.	Good-7	0.250	Bad-1	-	Bad-1	-	Bad-12	-	Bad-7	-	Good-6	0.250	0.250	0.500
Aquarius	Bad-6	-	Bad-12	-	Bad-12	-	Good-11	0.250	Good-6	0.250	Bad-5	-	0.250	0.250
Pisces	Good-5	0.250	Good-11	0.250	Good-11	0.250	Bad-10	-	Bad-5	-	Bad-4	-	0.750	0.500

Note: The unit value of the cumulative good effects of the 4 planets is taken as 1. Quantum of good effect for each planets is taken as 1. Quantum of good effect for each planet is evenly distributed as 0.250 for its occupation in good houses from Natal Moon and the cumulative good effect of these 4 planets is shown in the last 2 columns. Since the Nodes enter new Rasis on 24-4-1991, the cumulative good effect differs before and after their entry into new Rasis, hence shown in 2 columns. The house these planets occupy with reference to Janma Rasi is shown in numerals.

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7. When Jupiter is in the 12th house if other planets occupy the 2nd house he suffers Vipareeta Vedha. Such periods for Leo- born people are:

(a) 15-9-1990 to 15-10-1990 caused by the Sun in the 2nd.
(b) 1-10-1990 to 16-10-1990 caused by Mercury in the 2nd.
(c) 28-9-1990 to 20-10-1990 caused by Venus in the 2nd.

III

Who Should Perform Remedial Measures?

1. Conventional Aspect

(i) Taurus people for Jupiter in the 3rd house from the Moon sign, since Jupiter is said to give maximum bad effects in the 3rd house according to Tamil classics (*vide* THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, January 1988, page 93). It is to be noted that Saturn in the 9th for these natives will also give bad effects at the same time.

(ii) Libra-born people for Jupiter in the 10th and *Ardhashtama* Saturn in the 4th.

(iii) Aquarius - born people who get Jupiter in the 6th and the first 2 1/2 years of 7 1/2 years' Saturn at the same time.

2. Stellar Occupational Aspect

When Jupiter is passing through the 7th star from one's birth star, he gives very bad results. These natives will have to do remedial measures.

(i) Aswini, Makha and Moola natives from 20-7-1990 to 3-8-1990 during Jupiter's transit through the 7th star, Punarvasu. Here for Makha, Saturn is passing through the 6th house. Hence the bad effects get neutralised. Moreover the period is very short, being less than a month. As such, others also need not worry.

(ii) Bharani, Poorvaphalguni and Poorvashadha born natives from 4-8-1990 to 13-10-1990 and again from 16-1-1991 to 8-6-1991 for Jupiter in Pushya in their 7th star. Here those born under Poorvaphalguni need not worry, since Saturn will be passing through their 6th house giving very good results, thus neutralising Jupiter's bad effects.

(iii) People born in Krittika, Uttara and Uttarashadha for Jupiter's transit through Vadhatara from 14-10-1990 to 15-1-1991 and again from 9-6-1991 to 14-8-1991, when Jupiter will be passing through Aslesha. The worst sufferers in this group will be those born under Uttarashadha who will be passing through the vulnerable middle 2 1/2 years portion of the 7 1/2 years' transit of Saturn which can be bad since Saturn will also pass through their Janma Nakshatra during 1990-1991.

IV. Remedial Measures

For remedial measures readers are requested to refer to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE (September 1988, page 9).

The following *yantra* (talisman) has to be inscribed on a thin gold or copper plate of 1 1/4" square. This may be consecrated by chanting either of the following two *mantras* for 19,000 times to be covered in 40 days. This *yantra* is from *Yantra Chintamani*.

10	5	12
11	9	7
6	13	8

The *mantras* are;

1. *Hreem devanaam cha risheenam cha gurum kanchana sannibham*
   Buddhi bhutam triloakesham tam namaami brihaspatim
   This is from the Puranas.
2. *Om Graam Greem Graum saha gurave namah*
   This mantra is according to Tantra.

Jupiter is most benefic among the planets. He will transit his exaltation sign and his own star and those of his friends. Hence we can expect peace and prosperity for the world during his passage through Cancer.—107.90.

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Hindu Astrology and Extra-Saturnine Planets

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WE HAVE had some very interesting articles by some contributors advocating the use of extra-saturnine planets. Their repeated appeals have lured me into taking up the extra-saturnine planets for study. But a diametrically opposite view coming from others equally erudite has inspired me into a more critical review of these planets and how and if their adaptation to Hindu Astrology is possible.

Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are all later incumbents of Western Astrology. Their effects have been analysed on the basis of "retrospective studies" where the effect is known and the causative factor is to be related to the effect.

Let us come to the problem of inclusion of these planets in Nirayana Astrology. For including or adding anything from one system into another we have to ensure that this inclusion is harmonious and foolproof. Because what is added today should be the basis of any further research studies. How can any assumption be correct if the principles on which it has been proposed are faulty? For adaptation of a theory from one system into another we have to see if we can adapt it **totally** or only **partially.**

Adaptation - Total or Partial?

For total adaptation, it is necessary that the two environments, one, in which the theory was initially conceived and the other, in which it is to be adapted are identical in their techniques and standards of analysis.

For partial adaptation we will have to ascertain to what extent the analytical standards and techniques of the two systems are in conformity. For both these options the essential thing becomes the comparison of the two systems with respect to (a) Analytical Standards and (b) Analytical Techniques.

First, let us take up Analytical Standards. Both systems consider signs, houses, aspects and transits. The factor of "Ayanamsa" would specially affect signs, house placements and transits of the planets.

So we see that for the same individual, for example, if tropical Uranus in 9° Virgo is taken, the sidereal position would be in Leo. This would be true for transits as well.

Coming to the comparison of Analytical Techniques, we are all aware that there would be differences in house cusps. For example, if the tropical 7th cusp is Taurus 20° and Uranus is in Taurus 14°, then Tropicalists would consider Uranus to be in Taurus in the 6th house but for Siderealists, it would be in Aries (Ayanamsa 22°) in the 7th house. How can the same results be ascribed to both these positions?

Next, let us take the question of aspects. The Tropical system lays special emphasis on (a) the nature of aspect between two bodies; (b) the orb in which the said aspect is effective; and (c) declinations used for analysing "parallel aspects". Now, the last is a very marked difference between the two systems. For example, if Uranus is in Taurus 14°, declination 22° North and Mars, a dreaded malefic, is in Gemini 19°, declination 21° South, then Uranus would be parallel to Mars which will act as a conjunction and no other aspect would be formed. In the Sidereal system, Uranus would be in Aries and Mars in Taurus (Ayanamsa 22°) with no aspect whatsoever. Thus one very

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ANCIENT CLASSICAL WRITERS OF JYOTISHA

Sridhara II

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LAGHU *Kecharasiddhi* of Sridhara was written within two decades after the death of the great author Bhaskara. As one hailing from western India close to the place where Bhaskara lived, we are tempted to associate Sridhara with Bhaskara either as his student or known as a great scholar in the family circle of Bhaskara.

Our Sridhara may be referred to as Sridhara II, since the earlier Sridhara, a distinguished author of the valuable mathematical work, *Paatiganitha*, flourished during 951 A.D.

No personal details of Sridhara or those concerning his family background or of any other works are found in his work.

His Work

Laghu Kecharasiddhi is a small treatise of 21 *slokas* with a set of planetary tables belonging to Brahmapaksha (related to *Brahmasiddhanta* of Brahmagupta). The other two *pakshas* followed in the North are mainly, Sowra (relating to *Surya Siddhanta*) and Arya (relating to *Arya Siddhanta*).

As it was not intended to be another Karana work, the author confines himself only to the planetary positions as in the Saka year 1149 for its epoch corresponding to Saturday, 20.3.1227 A.D. and bases his calculations on the methods of *Brahma Siddhanta* and *Karana Kutuhala* of Bhaskara. The author uses word numerals in his work like Bhaskara. His work can be considered a notable contribution in the field of Astronomy of Western India subsequent to Bhaskara.

Among other things, the Tables of mean motion of *Laghu Kecharasiddhi* give four elements: (1) the mean motion in 1, 10 and 100 years of 365 days each; (2) the mean motions in 1, 10 and 100 days; (3) the Kshepakas or epoch mean longitudes and (4) the longitudes of *mandochas i.e.*, the upper apsis of the course of planets.

Sridhara starts his work with the *sloka*

Narayanam Sridhara paadapadmam
Paarayanam punyavathaam pranamyam
Sri Brahma Siddhanta samaam karomi
Sridhara Kecharasiddhimalpaam

meaning, the author starts this work duly bowing his head (Namaskara) to God Narayana (Sridhara) and writes this short work *Kecharasiddhi* following *Brahmasiddhanta*.

The next *sloka* indicates the epoch of the work a *Nanadaabdhirudrona Saka* (9411 by reversal 1149) *Arkadinigna Chaitradi Masy Yogado* etc. This would show that he started it on Saturday on the 1st of *Chaitra* month (Prathama) in *Saka* 1149 correspodning to 20-3-1227 A.D.

Harihara author of *Ganithachudamani* (1580 A.D.), a member of the family of *Girinarayanajnathi* refers to Sridhara's *Kecharasiddhi* in the 114th *sloka* of his work thus:

Kuthoohalaath rajamriganka adwa
Asaadharath Kecharasiddhihaha thu
Panchanga pathradwidadhitha khetan
Spashtan sukhartham punarathra samyak

This is a complimentary verse on *Kecharasiddhi*. Harihara compares it with the other well-known *karana* works like *Karana Kutuhala*, *Rajamriganka Karana* and *Grahajnana* of *Asaadhara Ganaka* for its dependable planetary positions useful for *Panchanga Ganitha*.

According to Sridhara the year of zero Ayanamsa is assumed as *Saka* 445 (523 A.D.) and the annual precession to be 60 seconds a year. Though this is the precessional theory of *Karana Kuthuhala* too, Bhaskara takes the year of coincidence as 522 A.D.

Sridhara concludes his work *Laghu*

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tters to e Editor

Early Experiences in ology"

.. "My Early Experiences in Astrology — (*A.M.*, March 1990) in your brilliantly magazine makes its reading a stimulating ence. Your last line in the Editorial "In the stalment....narration of the facts then" s me of an incident in one of those distant the early forties, when I was at school. My showed me the lines "The Allies will win in which had appeared in an editorial in the I laughed it away telling my father that it possible and more so, when the Allies were shape. His reply was "DR. RAMAN is a great ger and a very brilliant one at that". My was interested in the science and he used to book *Hindu Predictive Astrology* from the ment College Library. He was then the s Vice-Principal and had said in addition you have said that to be an able astrologer d to be without greed and also morally

y God keep you healthy and happy!

usetts, U.S.A. *T. N. Qazi.*

.- I am a regular reader of your esteemed ne ever since I returned from Burma in In fact, I am preserving copies of your Editions from the year 1979 onwards as sure. Whenever I was free I used to go each article in it with the help of your book *y for Beginners*. Your forecast in the Magazines in the past, of the Bangladesh ujabir Rahman's (Banglabandhu) assassi- Bhutto's hanging, the Egyptian President being shot dead, death of notable personali- India etc., have all proved correct.

t you have stated in your "Experiences" June 1990) are interesting, correct and e Japanese bombed Rangoon first on 25- and again on 5-1-1942 dropping their troops from air by parachute in Rangoon which took the British by surprise. The British army evacuated Rangoon retreating to Northern Burma on the way to India as they could not resist the advancing Nippon Force. At that time, I was only 23 years old. I was held up in Burma from 1941 to 1946 undergoing innumerable sufferings. You have also mentioned about your meeting Mr. Majumdar at Bombay and also through him, the brother of our great leader late Subhas Chandra Bose. Your predictions to them were found accurate. I believe that you have some Divine power blessed by God.

Trichy. *Ram Ganapathy.*

Yamakantaka

Sir, - Please refer to Ekalavya's dissertation on Yamakantaka (*A.M.*, March 1990) and his further justification of it in the June 1990 issue.

Reiterating that the Yamakantaka hours of the weekdays are not evil, he says that he had quoted in the March 1990 issue of the *A.M.* reliable authorities in this regard. But when we examine the said authorities, we find that his quotations are about the parentage of Yamakantaka. According to him, since Yamakantaka is the son of Jupiter, he is incapable of doing evil and will do only good. He has also cited the instance of Yamakantaka being called in to solve problems relating to progeny to prove that he will do good and no evil. There are instances where Yamakantaka acts as a barometer to know certain events. That itself cannot resolve the question of its benefic or evil nature.

According to Mantreswara when Jupiter in his orbit transits the sign of Navamsa of Yamakantaka among certain other planets, the birth of a son should be expected (Adh. XII, Sl. 25). By this can we come to the conclusion that Yamakantaka is benefic in nature? Further according to the same work when Jupiter in transit reaches a point arrived at by subtracting the longitude of Yamakan-

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FROM OUR OLD READERS — August 1947

On Certain Extraordinary Raja Yogas

Sir,- In the 1947 Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, there appeared an article "On Certain Extraordinary Raja Yogas" by Mr. R. Lakshmanan. The observations made by Mr. Lakshmanan were applied to a certain horoscope* which satisfied all the conditions for Vipareetha Raja Yoga and Dhana Yoga. However, we have found the application of his propositions does not yield results which accord with facts. It can be seen that all the three conditions of extraordinary Raja Yogas specified by him are satisfied and we recapitulate them briefly:-

(1) The author writes Vipareeta Raja Yoga. "If the lord of the 8th is in the 6th or 12th and if there is mutual association between them, then the person becomes kindly and the possessor of immense wealth". Here, the lord of the 8th is in the 6th and there is mutual association between them.

(2) The lord of the 9th Jupiter is in the 11th, and according to the author, the person has plenty of wealth to spend and leads his life like a lord.

(3) Lastly, the author observes that the combination of the lords of the 2nd and 11th in a *kendra* would make a person very rich and prosperous equal to Kubera and emphasises that this Yoga is equally important, in fact often better for finance.

The author also gave an illustration of a High Court Judge who has Mesha Lagna with the 2nd and 11th lords in a *kendra*. During the Dasas of Rahu and Guru the gentleman was raised to eminence.

But the native of the attached horoscope has practically passed the Rahu Dasa and Guru Dasa will begin from January 1948. He is 42 now and has never enjoyed even moderate affluence, not to speak of wealth and eminence.

We are keen amateur students of Astrology and hope Mr. Laskhmanan will enlighten us on these points.

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* Born on 28-12-1904 at 1.27 p.m. Aries - Lagna; Leo - Rahu and Moon; Virgo - Mars; Sagittarius - Sun and Mercury; Capricorn - Venus and Saturn; Aquarius - Ketu; and Pisces - Jupiter.

taka from that of the lord of Lagna, the native's death will take place. Similarly when Jupiter transits the point arrived at by subtracting the longitude of Yamakantaka from that of the Sun and Moon separately, the death of the native's father and mother respectively will come to pass. By this can we say that Yamakantaka is evil in nature? All these quotations are not at all relevant to the point under discussion. The authority of Mantreswara or Parasara does not serve the purpose here.

The question about the evil nature or otherwise of Yamakantaka arose because a neighbour of Ekalavya asked him for the 'Yamaganda' period on a particular day in connection with the laying of the foundation-stone for a house to be constructed by him. He tries to prove that the Yamakantaka period is auspicious because of his benefic parentage *i.e.*, Jupiter being the father of Yamakantaka. When a verse from *Kala Vidhana*, a book on Muhurta, is quoted to prove that Yamakantaka period is evil in nature, Ekalavya rejects it as according to him the work cited is a compilation made fifty or sixty years back.

I would like to submit that there are ancient Sanskrit works on Muhurta which specify the Yamakantaka period as evil in nature. According to *Muhurtha Ganapathy* whose author is one Ganapathy Ravaal Sarma of Varanasi, Yamaghanta Muhurtha should be avoided while performing auspicious celebrations. In fact he mentions four such *muhurthas* namely those of (1) Kulika, (2) Kantaka, (3) Kaalavela and (4) Yama Ghanta. The *sloka* is as follows:

मन्वर्क दशनागर्तु वेदनेत्र मिताः क्षणाः
कुलिकास्ते खेर्वारात क्रमतः कंटका बुधात
गुरस्ते कालवलौरव्याः सुक्रस्तु यमघंटकाः
त्यजोदेतान सुभे कार्ये निषिध्दैकान्मुहूर्त्तकान

meaning: Manu-14, Arka-12; Dasa-10, Naga-8, Ritu-6, Veda-4, Netra-2 - these are the seven Muhurthas which are not good on weekdays as they are ruled by Kulika, Kantaka, Kala Vela and Yamaghanta. The method of finding which Murhutha is of which Upagraha on various weekdays is as follows: For Kulika these Muhurthas in the order stated above start from Sunday. Thus 14th Muhurtha of Sunday, 12th of Monday, 10th of Tuesday, 8th of Wednesday, 6th of Thursday, 4th of Friday, 2nd of Saturday are the periods of Kulika. For Kantaka these Muhurthas start from Wednesday. Thus 14th of Wednesday, 12th of Thursday and so on are of Kantaka. For Kaalavela these Muhurthas start from Thursday. For Yamakantaka they start from Friday. When tabulated, these inauspicious Muhurthas are as in

next page.

From the above it is clear that it is not only the periods of Yamaghanta which are evil and

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...of the ...ha	Sun	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
...a	14th	12	10	8	6	4	2
...kala	6th	4	2	14	12	10	8
...vela	8th	6	4	2	14	12	10
...ghanta	10th	8	6	4	2	14	12

...spicious but also the periods of Kulika, Kan... and Kalavela. Incidentally it may be stated ... the authors of *Muhurtha* Granthas also ac... the source or parentage of these periods. ... if the day is divided into 8 equal parts the ...on that goes to Saturn is Kulika, that of Jupi... Yamaghanta, that of Mars is Kantaka and ... of Mercury is Kaalavela. Thus if Sunday is ...ded into 8 parts, the 7th part which is of ...urn is called Gulika, the 5th part which is of ...ter is Yamaghanta, the 4th part which is of ...cury is Kaalavela, and the 3rd part which is of ...s is Kantaka.

Yamaghanta is different from Kantaka. ...aghanta means the bell of lord of death; in ...r words a death-knell. So naturally the period Yamaghanta has been prohibited. Just because ...akantaka is the son of Jupiter it cannot be ...ced that it will be benefic. The parent ...ter himself assumes malefic qualities when ... the lord of 6th, 8th and 12th houses and when ...s the lord of Kendra houses. Even if Yama...taka is a benefic in natal horoscopy, he can be ... in Muhurtha.

Now about the authority and antiquity of *Muhur... Ganapathy*. We do not know when this book ... written, as the author has not given the date ...riting it. The commentator however has given ... year of writing the commentary as 1953 and ... book was published during 1954 *i.e.*, only 36 ...rs back.

Another important book *Kalamritha* (author ...kata Daivagna) also prohibits the periods of ...akantaka, Gulika and Ardha Prahara for ...rming auspicious events. The *sloka* is as ...ws:

...बाण नगाब्धयशशोश दिने तोयर्तु शैलः कुजे
...बधि बुधेऽ क्षिसाग शरा जीवे क्षितित्र्यष्ठमाः
...शैल दृगग्नयश्शनि दिने त्वषैक षृष्टाः क्रमा
...ध यमकण्टकारव्य गुलिकारव्यार्धप्रहा राभिधाः ।

Kalamritha — Sapthama Bindu Sloka - 318.

This book also has a commentary. Neither the ...or nor the commentator has given the time of ...writing. The commentary is also in Sanskrit. ... it was published in Telugu script with a ...ary in Telugu in 1968.

Another Sanskrit work of unquestionable antiquity is *Muhurtha Chintamani* written by Rama Daivajna, the son of Anantha Daivajna and younger brother of Neelakantha. The article on Anantha Daivajna II by Mr. K. R. Krishnamurthi published in June 1990 issue of the *A.M.* may be referred to. The author has stated that he wrote the book in 1522 Saka era and then this work is 390 years old. The author has given the evil or inauspicious Muhurthas of Kulika, Kantaka, Kalavela, Ardhayama and Yamaghanta for all the weekdays. Sloka 39 of Chapter I titled as *Subha Asubha Prakaranam* is as follows:

सूर्य षट स्वर दिङ्मनुमिताशचन्द्रेऽब्धिषट्
कुञ्जरा ङ्कार्का विश्व पुरेन्दरा : क्षितिसुते द्वयब्धियग्नितर्का
दिशाः सौम्येद्वयाब्धि गजाङ्क दिङ मनुमिता
जीवद्विषड भास्कराः शक्रारव्या स्तिथयः
कलाश्च भुगुजे वेदेषु तर्क ग्रहाः
दिग्भास्करा मनुमिताश्च शनौ शशिद्विनागादिशे
भवदिवाकर सम्मिताश्च दुष्टक्षणाः कुलिक-कण्टक
कालवेलाः स्युश्चार्द्धयाम यमघण्टगताः कलांशः

According to the commentator the meaning of the *sloka* is as follows:

Sunday - 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th and 14th Muhurtha
Monday - 4th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th and 14th Muhurtha
Tuesday - 2nd, 4th, 3rd, 6th, and 10th Muhurtha
Wednesday - 2nd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 14th Muhurtha
Thursday - 2nd, 6th, 12th, 14th, 15th and 16th Muhurtha
Friday - 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 12th and 14th Muhurtha
Saturday - 1st, 2nd, 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th Muhurtha

Out of the above some are evil Muhurthas, some belong to Kulika, Kantaka, Kaalavela, Ardhayama and Yamaghanta. All these Muhurthas are prohibited for starting or celebrating auspicious events. In the Hindi commentary known as 'Mani Prabha' the commentator has quoted Gargacharya for purpose of non-observance of the Yamaghanta period in unavoidable circumstances. The Sloka is as follows:

विन्ध्यस्योत्तर कुले तु यावदातुहिनाचलम
यमघण्टकदोषोऽस्ति नान्य देशेषुविद्यते
मत्स्याङ्ग माग धान्ध्रेषु यमघण्डसतु दोषकृत
काशमीरे कुलिक दुष्टमर्धयामस्तु सर्वतः ।

From the above one can see that the traditional belief that Yamaghanta, or Yamaganda or Yamakantaka period is evil and should be avoided is not entirely unfounded. It is based on ancient authorities going up to Gargacharya.

Another book which speaks of Yamaganda is *Kalaprakasika* of Nrisimha Daivajna, translated into English by N. P. Subramanya Iyer and published in 1917. The author has given tables

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indicating the timings in hours and minutes for the evil Muhurthas of Gulika, Yamaganda, Ardha-prahara and Kaalavela. The tables are given below.

Evil Muhurthas for Day time

Week days	Gulika	Yama-ganda	Ardha-parahara	Kaala-vela
Sun.	3.00 to 4.30	12.00 to 1.30	10.30 to 12.00	6.00 to 7.30
Mon.	1.30 to 3.00	10.30 to 12.00	9.00 to 10.30	3.00 to 4.30
Tues.	12.00 to 1.30	9.00 to 10.30	7.30 to 9.00	1.30 to 3.00
Wed.	10.30 to 12.00	7.30 to 9.00	6.00 to 7.30	12.00 to 1.30
Thurs.	9.00 to 10.30	6.00 to 7.30	3.00 to 4.30	10.30 to 12.00
Fri.	7.30 to 9.00	3.00 to 4.30	1.30 to 3.00	9.00 to 10.30
Sat.	6.00 to 7.30	1.30 to 3.00	12.00 to 1.30	7.30 to 9.00

Evil Muhurthas for Night time

Week days	Gulika	Yama-ganda	Ardha-parahara	Kaala-vela
Sun.	9.00 to 10.30	6.00 to 7.30	3.00 to 4.30	10.30 to 12.00
Mon.	7.30 to 9.00	3.00 to 4.30	1.30 to 3.00	9.00 to 10.30
Tues.	6.00 to 7.30	1.30 to 3.00	12.00 to 1.30	7.30 to 9.00
Wed.	3.00 to 4.30	12.00 to 1.30	10.30 to 12.00	6.00 to 7.30
Thurs.	1.30 to 3.00	10.30 to 12.00	9.00 to 10.30	3.00 to 4.30
Fri.	12.00 to 1.30	9.00 to 10.30	7.30 to 9.00	1.30 to 3.00
Sat.	10.30 to 12.00	7.30 to 9.00	6.00 to 7.30	12.00 to 1.30

The above timings are given for sunrise at 6.00 a.m. Corrections have to be made for the variation in sunrise.

I have quoted from four Muhurtha Granthas. There may be many more to prove that the evil nature of Yamaghanta, Yamaganda or Yamakantaka has the authority of ancient times going up to Gargacharya. So it cannot be simply wished away as merely traditional belief.

"In Astrology you can make any statement with cursory knowledge and scant courtesy to fundamentals and yet to seek to pass off as an authority." This is not my statement or opinion. This is a passage from Ekalavya's comments under the heading "Astrology: Not a Slot" (*A.M.*, May 1990). It is applicable to most of us with a few exceptions. Our quest should be for truth, and not for confirmatory evidence for our own sectarian views. The scholarship of Ekalavya will further shine with a little more moderation in expressing his views.

Bangalore. *T. V. N. Reddi*

***[Ekalavya replies:** The accusation is my showing scant courtesy to not less than four Muhurta-Granthas holding the contrary view. I know at least of one more.*

I am fighting precisely their views. What I object to in this letter is that my view is "sectarian" and I seek to pass off for an authority. Nothing can be farther from the truth. Invariably I quote the authority whom I revere, as many others do, unlike this writer who dismisses them thus: "The authority of Mantreswara and Parasara does not hold here..." —and, argue my case in the light of that authority.

And by the way, is Yamakantaka partial to Brahmins? That is news to me!

One of your arguments is that Yamakantaka is also called in to determine death. Does not Jupiter become a Maraka and for that reason, could he be dispossessed of his benefic image?

Let me assure my friend: Yamakantaka is not my son-in-law that I should stick my neck out on his behalf in this controversy. It is my passion for truth that makes me write without fear or favour.

In a technical discussion there is no room for spleen!]

Gorbachev

Sir, - I have gone through the articles of Mr. Argus (May 1988), Mrs, Gayatri Devi Vasudev (February 1990) and Mr. Bepin Behari (April 1990). I also referred to *Bhrigu Samhita* with me out of curiosity.

Gorbachev is now having Venus in Moon Dasa and after that having the Sun Bhukti which as per Mr. Bepin Behari will be one of the best in his life. Then Jupiter will be on his Moon-sign from July 1990 and again Jupiter will be in Leo from August 1991.

So in my opinion Mr. Gorbachev will come out successful during this period though there will be stiff opposition.

He must take care of his health from the Mars period (from October 1991) onwards as per *Hindu Predictive Astrology*

Jalagaon. *S. S. Kulkarni.*

Astro-meteorology

Sir, - Leading newspapers report that Bombay had 42 cm. rains for 24 hours ending 16-6-1990 Saturday morning and that was the highest record for the past 100 years. Kindly discuss the astrological features that led to this highest record for the enlightenment of astrological students.

Perikulam. *P. R. Sanathanam Nair*

Drowning of Buddha Statue

Sir, - It was mentioned in "Merely Observations" by Satabhisha (*A.M.* May 1990, page 401) that in Hyderabad the Buddha statue got drowned at 5.30 a.m. on 11-3-1990 in the Hussain Sagar Lake while being taken for installation on the Rock of Gibralter.

The mishap took place between 4.30a.m. and

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YCLOPAEDIA OF
DIAN MEDICINE

ed by Vidyalankar Prof. S. K. Ramachandra Rao, (i) Vol. 1, Historical Perspective, 1985, Pg. xii+131, Rs. 175.00; (ii) Vol. 2, Clinical Examination and Diagnostic Methods, 1987, Pg. xiv+162, Rs. 250.00; (iii) Vol. 3, Basic Concepts, 1987, Pg. xiv + 236, Rs. 275.00 (Popular Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.) Copies can be had of Dr. B. Paramesvara, 10/3, Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore-1.)

These volumes reflect a commendable effort on part of Dr. B. Paramesvara Charitable Trust, galore, to present the Indian Medical tradition e modern man in his own idiom. To the pean Indologists who have done pioneer work r religion, culture, and ancient sciences like ematics and astronomy, Indian medicine must presented a confused mantric-tantric-alchemy re. It called for a synthetic and pragmatic with orientation in Sanskrit and Ayurveda, es a pragmatic approach to the issue encom- ng knowledge of the history of medicine in r civilizations like the Chinese, Tibetan and c as well, to produce a work of this kind.

he editor has done a good job for which stu- s of Indian medicine should be grateful. ficently printed and produced, this work is ted in six volumes covering the subject from rical perspective, basic concepts, clinical ination and diagnostic methods, disease, , materia-medica and folk medicines.

he books under review constitute the first volumes. Volume 1 opens with reproduction oric images and drawings of famous men of n medicine such as Dhanvantari, Asvini- as, Atreya, Nagarjuna, Agastya and major like Rudra, Surya, Brahma and Indra. In a nt introduction which describes the evolution of Ayurveda from Vedic times, the editor sets the tone for the entire work listing alphabetically the major authors, popular manuals, hand-books etc. In the context of Siddha system of medicines the editor mentions the term "muppu" which literally means three salts which form the basic material in mercurial preparations of that system. We learn that Bogar and Pulippani were of Chinese origin. Arabic, Chinese and Tibetan medicines too find a place. Notes, select bibliography, reproduction of specimens from original texts add value to the text.

In Volume 2, the editor focusses on the basic concepts of Indian medicine, which according to him is based on the philosophical systems of Sankhya and Nyaya-Vaiseshika, and believes in the Pancha-bhoota theory of human nature and its behaviour is explained by changes in Tridoshas. He notes that our medical wisdom and practice developed in a spectacular manner at the hands of Jainism and Buddhism. The role of *tantra* is also touched upon. The items are listed alphabetically and explained. Under the entry "sleep" for instance, he mentions 7 kinds. The appendix sums up the conceptual framework of Indian medicines in a masterly manner.

Volume 3 takes away our breath with the catalogue of knowledge of the physicians and surgeons and methods of diagnosis and treatment of those days. Judging the ailment through feeling the pulse plays a key role and the editor has done well in focusing it. The illustrations of surgical instruments of those days make one marvel at them. Reproduction of selections from source materials adds colour.

The printing and production leave little to be desired and, couched in a strong slip-in case, these volumes are designed to be kept in one's library for a life-time.

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VEDIC ASTRONOMY

By P. V. Holkar (Prabhakar Faijipurkar, Secretary, Sri Babasaheb Apte Smarak Samiti, Apte Bhavan, Mahal, Nagpur 440 002, Pg. 97, Rs. 50.00.)

The book deals with the subject of development of astronomy in India from the Vedic period. In its introduction it gives a short history of development of the calendar in the world, because the history of astronomy begins with the development of calendars. The history of calendars for the performance of sacrifices during the Vedic period is well explained. The author touches on the contribution made by Vedic astronomers like Shunashepa, Aswinikumars and Ribhus in the development of time-reckoning.

Vedaanga Jyotisha is an appendix to the *Vedas*, introduced by Mahamuni Lagadha. It was presumed for the last 2500 years, that its base was the five-year-luni-solar cycle. The actual cycle of the concurrence of the revolutions of the Sun and the Moon is of 19 years. It is known as a Metonic cycle. The author after much research has found that almost all the verses in the *Rigveda*-text of *Vedaanga Jyotisha* can be explained on the basis of a 19-year luni-solar cycle without making any changes in the text. Scholars like Thibaut, Sudhakar Dwivedi, S. B. Dixit, Lokamanya Tilak, Dr. Shama Shastri, Dr. Kuppanna Shastri, Sri Himmatram Yajnik have said that some verses in the text have undergone distortion and some verses are missing. The text was a puzzle for many scholars. It has been solved now. Verses 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 31, 32, 33 are all explained in the new context without suggesting any critical change in the available text. The author has given 15 tables, 3 charts and 4 figures to explain the puzzling verses in the text.

The text shows that the Vedic sages started plotting the position of the Sun and the Moon by dividing the ecliptic circle into 3339 divisions known as Bhaa-amsas. The text of *Vedaanga* is historically the first book on astronomy. It deals with positional astronomy of the Sun and the Moon. The book gives complete *Rik* text as well as the Yajurveda text. The author fixes the antiquity of the *Rik* text of *Vedaanga Jyotisha* as 2884 B.C., *i.e.*, about 5000 years ago.

Rik-paath of *Vedaanga Jyotisha* is a rare book which must be read by all those who are interested in the subject and included in all libraries. *A.*

NEW METHODS OF PREDICTING EARTHQUAKES

By S. K. Kelkar (Kelkar's Astrological Foundation for Mundane Astrology, 983/2, Shukrawar Peth, A-24, Sarasnagar, Opp. Nehru Stadium, Pune 411 002, Pg. 34).

This booklet narrates the results of the author's investigations into the astrological factors bearing on earthquakes. He suggests that in a national chart when major combinations take place and Mars forms an aspect (square, opposition or conjunction) with an eclipse point and/or if the 4th house is afflicted by malefic planets Saturn, Neptune, Pluto etc., there will be earthquakes in the countries signified by the sign of the zodiac affected. By applying this principle the author claims to have predicted the Koyna earthquake in Maharashtra in the year 1967 as also earthquakes in Japan in 1987 and in Russia. For the future the author predicts earthquakes in India during January or March-April 1991 and in Japan in 1992 or 1993. The theory is worth further study by students of Mundane Astrology.

BHUGOLA VARNANAM BY SAINT VADIRAJA

By V. Badarayana Murthy (Akhila Bharata Madhva Maha Mandali, Dharma Prakash, 10, Raja Annamalai Road, Madras 600 084, Pg. 138, Rs. 65.00).

Sri Vadiraja Swamy was a leading light of the Madhva Parampara. He is acclaimed as "Bhavi-Samira" or the would be Vayu. He was credited with mystic powers. His work on Bhugola is said to be the result of his direct vision of the structure of the universe with its 14 *lokas* through his mystic vision and deep study of the *puranas* giving details of the universe.

In his long introduction extending to 47 pages, the author gives a summary of papers read at a Seminar on cosmogony and cosmography organised by him in 1987. These throw useful light on the different aspects of the problem.

The rest of the book contains a summary of Vadiraja's Bhugola. The Brahmanda, its envelopes, Meru, Ilavrata, Bhadrasva, the Varshas, mountains, seas, islands, Kalachakra, Meru, the paths of the Sun and planets as seen by the ancients etc. provide fascinating reading. In his translation, the author has analysed its contents in the light of texts like *Srimad Bhagavata* in a simple and clear manner. He has also given modern equivalents of calculations, location of

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MIHIRA

n the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *receives from the readers many interesting questions are put ining to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some ar doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them?* ***A reader can put one question at me. This service is free to all readers of*** THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE***—Ed., A.M.)***

Q. Rasi: Capricorn - Ascendant 18-10; Rahu 3- n 3rd; Saturn 12-25 and Venus 20-05 in 4th; cury 14-34 in 5th; Sun 5-45 in 6th; Moon 8-27 h; Jupiter 3-50 and Ketu 3-11 in 9th; Mars (R) 3 in 11th house. The 10th house as well as its Venus (a Yogakaraka) are afflicted by debili- Ascendant lord Saturn. From the Moon also s (R) (a Yogakaraka) afflicts the 10th house Mercury as well as the Sun and the 11th house. bably this affliction has led the native, a B.Sc., in as Production Chemist with a meagre start. service appears to be hazardous. Please indi- (a) Are there any chances of better days in n of Venus or the Sun? (b) What are the finan- prospects that can be bestowed by (i) Mars (R) cting 2nd house and (ii) Mercury (with Anni- ppu strength) lord of 9th in 5th (a yoga-giving t for the Ascendant)?

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Ans: Saturn's debilitation is cancelled by the any of Venus who is Saturn's *uchcha* lord. So e is no affliction *per se* to the 10th or its lord. Sun in the 6th, Moon in the 8th and Mars in 11th indicate a paramedical job. Saturn's t to the 10th, even though Lagna lord, invari- causes stress in job. There can be relief after this year. Venus and Sun Dasa will improve ects. Financial chances are good. Both Mars Mercury will be helpful.

Q. 2. Rasi: Virgo - Ascendant 22, the Sun 24, ury 23 and Saturn 13; Aquarius - Rahu and Moon 17; Pisces - Jupiter (R) 14; and Leo - 13, Mars 11 and Ketu. Saturn Dasa, Jupi- Bhukti till October 1990. (a) Lord of Lagna ury is hemmed between the Sun 12th lord and 6th lord Saturn. It constitutes Bandhana Yoga. Does this mean it will never give professional rise? (b) What field of profession is indicated? Is there any foreign connection? (c) The 1st lord is in the 1st, the 7th lord in the 7th and retrograde and aspected by Mars, lord of the 3rd and the 8th and Saturn and the Sun. From Chandra Lagna, the Moon is with Rahu; Venus with Mars-Ketu. Do all these combinations deny marriage?

Suresh Bhargava, New Delhi.

Ans: (a) It gives rise to Bandhana Yoga, but Jupiter's aspect reduces the evil. As the 9th lord occupies the 12th in an inimical house, overseas prospects are not good. (b) Job in a financial institution is likely as Jupiter occupies the 7th. (c) Marriage is likely to be delayed because of the aspect of Saturn to the 7th house and Rahu-Ketu axis afflicting Lagna, the Moon and Venus besides Mars' affliction to Venus and the 7th could create problems in married life. Venus should be propitiated.

Q. 3. Rasi: Libra - Ascendant 11-53; Scorpio - the Moon 19-14 and Ketu 2-49; Aquarius - Venus 9-27; Pisces - the Sun 25-04, Saturn 0-04 and Mercury 0-43; Aries - Mars 0-20; Taurus - Rahu 2-47; and Gemini - Jupiter 2-10. Venus-Venus will end on 1st May 1990. The 7th lord Mars is in the 7th. The Lagna lord Venus is in the 5th, Jupiter in the 9th. When will the girl get married?

S. K. Gupta, Durgapur.

Ans: When Jupiter transits Cancer after July 1990 he will aspect the 7th house and its lord Mars who is Vargottama. Marriage can be expected then, as Jupiter will also aspect natal Moon.

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Q. 4. The native of the chart given below is 59 years old. After his 18th year he started losing health and is now almost a nervous breakdown. Further, he is hated by all his relatives, near and dear ones and has no friends at all. Somehow or other he has survived all these years, but the intense worry is telling upon his health and mental stability. Jupiter Dasa started in November 1989. ***Rasi:*** *Cancer - Ascendant and Mars; Leo - the Moon and Gulika; Virgo - Ketu; Libra - the Sun; Scorpio - Venus and Mercury; Sagittarius - Saturn; Pisces - Rahu; and Gemini - Jupiter.* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant and Venus; Scorpio - Mars; Pisces - Rahu; Gemini - the Sun and Jupiter; Leo - the Moon, Mercury and Saturn; and Virgo - Ketu. (a) Can the native expect any improvement in his affairs in Jupiter Dasa? (b) Any remedial measures for the problems mentioned?*

C. Raghav, Bombay.

Ans: (a) Being posited in the 12th, Jupiter can help fulfil commitments like debts and obligations, and spend money on auspicious events. It can also improve health as it aspects the 6th. Saturn in the 6th is the cause of physical debility. Ketu in the 3rd is the villain behind lack of cooperation from relatives and friends. (b) Worship of Ganapati for Ketu could help improve self-confidence.

Q. 5. ***Rasi:*** *Sagittarius - Ascendant and Saturn; Pisces - Ketu; Aries - the Moon; Virgo - Rahu; Libra - Venus; and Scorpio - the Sun, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter.* ***Navamsa:*** *Taurus - Ascendant; Leo - Saturn, Ketu and Mercury; Libra - Mars and the Moon; Capricorn - Jupiter and Venus; and Aquarius - the Sun and the Rahu. (a) Will the Rajayoga formed in the 12th house with Lagna lord combust confer on the native poverty and unsuccessful residence abroad? (b) Will the exchange of signs between the Sun and Saturn in Navamsa as lords of 4th and 10th house create unhappiness in profession, education and married life?*

N. Ramesh, Bangalore.

Ans: (a) With the 9th lord in the 12th, Lagna lord combust in the 12th, one cannot expect prosperity overseas. The Navamsa chart cannot be used in the said manner for profession. (b) The 9th lord in inimical Navamsa and the 3rd lord occupying inimical Navamsa are a bar against success overseas. In married life it could have adverse repercussion. Rahu in the 10th constitutes a Raja Yoga and success in electronics, but Saturn's aspect to it can make profession difficult.

Q. 6. ***Rasi:*** *Libra - Ascendant and Saturn; Scorpio - Mars; Sagittarius - Rahu; Capricorn - the Sun and Venus; Aquarius - Mercury and the Moon; Taurus - Jupiter (R); and Gemini - Ketu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Capricorn - Ascendant; Aquarius - Saturn; Gemini - Ketu; Cancer - the Sun and Jupiter; Leo - Venus and Mars; and Sagittarius - the Moon, Rahu and Mercury. How will transit Saturn in Capricorn (7 1/2 years' Saturn) affect business, health and domestic life?*

Rajagopal Sistla, Guntur.

Ans: Transit cannot by itself make or mar profession because of Sade-sathi. The Dasa-Bhukti has greater say. Assuming that it is favourable, Saturn's aspect to the 10th could bring greater responsibility *sans* commensurate remuneration and recognition. Of the 7 1/2 years they say Saturn in lunar Lagna alone should be dreaded *i.e.*, when he transits Aquarius after 2 1/2 years, there may be cause for mental worry. Earlier, health may receive a set-back, as he will aspect the 6th.

Q. 7. ***Rasi:*** *Cancer - Ascendant; Leo - the Sun and Venus; Virgo - Mars, the Moon and Mercury; Sagittarius - Ketu; Capricorn - Saturn (R); Pisces - Jupiter; and Gemini - Rahu. Does Saturn in the 7th retrograde deny marriage?*

Brahma Shankra Mishra,
P.O. Deulbera Colliery.

Ans: No; it can only delay, as Jupiter occupies the 7th from the Moon as also aspects Lagna. Venus in inimical house and possibly combust is another deterrent factor for the issue.

Q. 8. For Grihapravasam Lagna, it is stated that the 12th house and the 8th house should be vacant. Suppose there is a benefic in the 8th. Can we proceed? Eg. for 4-4-1990. ***Rasi:*** *Taurus - Ascendant; Gemini - Jupiter; Cancer - the Moon; Capricorn - Rahu, Saturn and Mars; Aquarius - Venus; Pisces - the Sun; and Aries - Mercury.*

P. Ramachandra Rao, Nellore.

Ans: The object behind "Suddhisthana" is that they should not be vitiated. Hence, a functional benefic is welcome to occupy them, which will only improve or help the issues constructively. Here the 8th is vacant, but Jupiter, own lord, aspects it, and the 12th is occupied by a benefic. Hence it is OK. From the Lagna too it is OK, as Rahu and Ketu can be ignored.

Q. 9. ***Rasi:*** *Libra - Ascendant and Mars; Aquarius - Jupiter (R); Pisces - Rahu; Gemini - the Moon and Venus; Cancer - the Sun; Leo - Saturn and Mercury; and Virgo - Ketu. The native has been suffering from illness since the age of 8 years which has not been so far diagnosed. At present Rahu Dasa, Saturn Bhukti is running.*

Arun Chopra, Calcutta.

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ns: The occupation of the 6th by Rahu and the by Saturn confirm illness, the former causing confusion in diagnosis. Both the Dasa and ti current are adverse. Perhaps the 6th lord e's occupation of the 5th too could cause al stress. Yet being a benefic in the 5th ting Lagna, he could offer some relief to ent. Rahu needs propitiation. Rahu-Venus also bring some consolation.

Q. 10. Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant 19-06, Mars and Jupiter 6-31; Leo - Venus 28-48; Virgo - Sun 9-57 and Mercury 22-29; Aquarius - the 9-17; Pisces - Saturn 2-19; Aries - Rahu 25- Libra - Ketu 25-1. What is the significance ars and Jupiter in the Ascendant and the endant lord Moon in the 8th?

R. Kumar Jain, Viramgam.

ns: They are *kendra* and *kona* lords with lled debilitation for one constituting Raja in Lagna. Unfortunately this good effect is oned off by their dispositor occupying the 8th. itive use for it would be, financial gain from er or after marriage.

*Q. 11. It is said that a benefic planet becomes fic and **vice versa** by owning certain houses. it mean that the planet changes its nature etely or its basic nature or is just modified to tain extent? To be exact, say Saturn has a of minus 100 being a first-rate malefic by re. What will be its value if it owns 11, 10 s for Aries Lagna, 10, 9 for Taurus Lagna, 9, Gemini, 8, 7 for Cancer and so on for all ns? Must the resultant nature be taken into nt for all purposes where the planet has to be dered e.g., (a) for considering its occupation of se, (b) for considering the aspects of the /associations of the planet and (c) for Dasas? e quote authority for your answers.*

Y. P. Sud, New Delhi.

ns: Planets are like lawyers; they can accept from the complainant or defendant. Their ents will favour their clients. For Aries Saturn is a malefic who is denied the ge of forming Raja Yoga in co-operation a Kona lord. For Taurus, he causes Raja For Gemini, he becomes a malefic as he the 8th. *Jataka Chandrika* categorises pla- as good, evil and neutral for all 12 signs. Of their strength resulting from occupation, will have to be taken even then. For Dasa read *Prasna Hora* which gives elaborate for interpretation of Dasas based upon the arious conditions of planets.

*Q. 12. **Rasi:** Virgo - Ascendant and Rahu; Pisces - the Moon and Ketu; Aries - Saturn and Jupiter; Gemini - Mercury and Venus; and Cancer - the Sun and Mars. **Navamsa:** Pisces - Ascendant; Cancer - the Moon and Rahu; Virgo - the Sun and Jupiter; Libra - Saturn; Scorpio - Mercury and Venus; and Capricorn - Mars and Ketu. Venus Dasa from 6-10-1983. (a) The native lost his service in August 1981. Will he get back his service with full benefits? (b) Will he succeed in writing on Astrology and when? (c) Will he succeed in taxi (car) engaging it in some travel agency, if so, when? (d) How will Venus-Moon be?*

Man Singh, Jaipur.

Ans: (a) As Ketu occupies the 7th which is the 10th from the 10th, the native lost his job in Ketu. Venus is a friend and occupies the 10th and forms Raja Yoga. Venus-Sun should help regaining lost benefits. (b) As Jupiter occupies the 8th in the company of Saturn, success in astrological writing is doubtful. (c) The 3rd lord Mars gets exalted Navamsa and occupies the 2nd from the 10th and also from Mercury. Hence he can profitably try transport line. (d) Venus-Moon will be successful provided Ketu is propitiated.

*Q. 13. **Rasi:** Pisces - Ascendant and Venus; Aries - Rahu and Mandi; Cancer - Saturn (R); Leo - Mars (R); Libra - Ketu; Sagittarius - Jupiter; Capricorn - Sun; and Aquarius - the Moon and Mercury (R). **Navamsa:** Aquarius - Ascendant and Saturn; Aries - Jupiter and the Moon; Taurus - Ketu; Gemini - Mars and Mandi; Virgo - Sun and Venus; Scorpio - Rahu; and Capricorn - Mercury. The native is a computer engineer and he has gone abroad thrice. He has changed four jobs and he is now in his 5th job in a private company. He was offered a lucrative job with a very high salary in December 1987 and he had to leave it against his wish in February 1988. What is the reason and when will he get a permanent job? Is there any chance to get a job abroad and if so, when?*

P. A. Moorthi, Madras.

Ans: I wish I knew the Dasa-Bhukti details to be able to answer him satisfactorily. The 6/8 position between the 10th lord and Jeevanakaraka Saturn appears to be one of the causes for instability in job. Mars, lord of the 2nd and 9th, vitiated by Mandi is another reason. Going by Gochara, Jupiter's position in Cancer should be able to stabilize his job, provided Dasa Bhuktis are favourable too. You can rule out prosperity overseas as the 9th lord Mars is vitiated by Mandi and occupies the 6th from Lagna.

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Q. 14. I am not able to work out the Ascendant of a child born in foreign cities, though I have with me, Lahiri's ***Tables of Ascendants*** *on Nirayana basis. I am not able to grasp the instructions and tables given on pages 109, 110 and 111 of the book and work out the correct I.S.T. from the time of birth in the foreign city and from that find out the LMT (LMT of what latitude?) etc., also. So may I request you, to illustrate the method of working out step by step an example of the birth of a child in, say, London at 8.40 a.m. London time, on April 28, 1961 and arrive at the correct Nirayana Ascendant? You will, in the course of the same, please refer to the relevant columns and pages of* ***Tables of Ascendants.***

Sub. No. 9174.

Ans: Child born on April 20, 1961 at 8.40 a.m. London (Lat. 51.30 and nearly 0°).

(a) TOB hrs	8-40	a.m. GMT/LMT
(b) Less Summer time hr	1-00	(both)
(c) TOB (True time)	7-40	a.m.
Diff. between 12 Noon &	12-00	
TOB Less	7-40	
hrs	4-20	
Converted into Sidereal hrs correction at 10 sec.	4-20-0	
per hour	0-0-43	
Total hrs.	4-20-43	
S.T. at G.M.T. hrs (borrow 24 hrs)	1-53-20	
Less time to go	4-20-43	
Therefore RAMC hrs	21-32-37	

Nirayana Ascendant for the above RAMC for London lat. deducting Lahiri Ayanamsa Gemini 3° 9'

If you have the corrected edition of Nirayana Tables, you will get the same figure under London's lat. for the above M.C. subject to the Ayanamsa.

Note: (a) To arrive at LMT of any other place apply longitudinal correction to the Standard Time of the place.

(b) Apply longitudinal correction to the Sidereal Time of GM Noon too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

» *800*

5.00 a. m. on 10-3-1990. In fact, myself and my wife were on the Tank Bund for a walk slightly after 5.00 a.m. and the miship had already taken.

Hyderabad . *P. Subba Rao*

Electrical Blackouts

Sir, - No sarcasm intended when I ask if there is any astrological aspect of a chart where electrical blackouts occur regularly, thus compelling so many of us to stop our actions at once and reach for alternative lighting.

Of course blind persons are exempt from such a sweeping aspect and virtually every one else's routines are interrupted collectively.

Any answers to the unusual sort of influencing?

Bangalore . *R. M. Levan*

Pushkara Yoga

Sir, - The following information supplied by Mr. Madhura Krishnamurthy Sastri may be read as truly authoritative *vis-a-vis* Mr. I. Rangacharya's letter on Pushkara Yoga (*A.M.*, July 1990. Pg. 576 and 597).

युग्मा ध्रभं त्रिपदभं रविभौमनंदा
नंदा च भद्र तिथिरप्युतयोगभाजः
ज्ञेया द्विपुव्कर इति क्रमशोबुधेन्द्रैः
दुष्ट स्त्रिपुष्कर अयं मरणे गृहदौ

It is clear that there these two Yogas refer to death only. The commentary is as follows:

नन्दा (1, 6, 11) भद्रा (2, 7, 12) संज्ञा तिथिः ।
रविभौम शनैश्चरान्यतमवाराः ।
युग्मांध्र भं च यदा भवति तदा द्विपुष्करः ॥
पूवौत्त तिथिवारा स्त्रिपदंच यदि स्थात् तदा त्रिपुष्करः।
तदा गृहे न स्थातव्यः ।
केवलं त्रिपदाद्विपान्नक्षत्रे यावान् दोषः संहितायाः
प्रतिपादितः सदोषः द्विपुष्कर योगे द्विगुणः ।
त्रिपुष्कर योगे त्रिगुणः ।
मरण दिने यदानन्दा भद्रा तिथीनां मध्ये अन्यतमा
तिथिः रवि भौम शनिवार युता द्विपान्नक्षत्र युता द्विपुष्कर

There is no reference to good results. These two Yogas are about death.

Tenali. *Prof. P. S. Sastri*

A Correction

Sir, The error has occurred in *A.M.*, June 1990 by oversight. Instead of quoting Sloka 22, Sloka 9 Chapter 26 of *Phaladeepika* has been erroneously typed out which is regretted. Readers may incorporate the correction given by Mr. Balasubramanian (*A. M.*, June 1990, page 504) for Janma Sani.

Madras. *Pulippani.*

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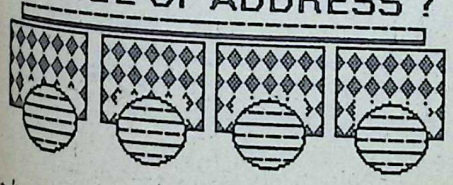

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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun Ravi	☽ Moon Chandra	♂ Mars Kuja	☿ Merc. Budha	♃ Jupiter Guru	♀ Venus Sukra	♄ Saturn Sani	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
	h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
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*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-10-1990 is 22° 16' 58".

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Astronomical Notes or October 1990

AGASTYA

Sayana Positions of Planets at 5.30 a.m., I.S.T. on 1-10-1990

Planets (Grahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
Ravi	187 34	186 57	0 0	3 S 00
Chandra	322 25	324 17	1 N 29	12 S 38
Kuja	71 54	70 33	1 S 06	21N 08
Budha	172 06	173 27	1 N 48	4 N 47
Guru	128 19	130 50	0 N 23	18 N 34
Sukra	179 23	180 00	1 N 26	1 N 34
Sani	288 45	290 19	0 S 02	22 S 10
Rahu	304 00			

THE SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward from 7° Virgo to 16° Libra, entering it on 15th. The north declination of the Sun increases from 3° 00' to 14° 17' at the end.

THE MOON

Starting from 0° Aquarius the Moon makes one complete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 20° Virgo. The south declination of the Moon decreases from 12° 38' till it crosses the equator to the north on 3rd; then the north declination increases reaching a maximum of 26° 36' on 9th; afterwards the north declination decreases till the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 15th; thereafter the south declination increases reaching a maximum of 19° 28' on 23rd; thereafter the south declination decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the north on 30th; afterwards the north declination increases to 9° 00' at the end.

MARS

Mars moves forward in Taurus from 20° till it becomes retrograde at 22° on 22nd; then Mars moves backward to the same 22° at the end. The north declination of Mars increases from 21° 08' to 22° 33' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury moves forward from 30° Leo to 22° Libra, entering Virgo on 1st and Libra on 19th. The north declination of Mercury decreases from 4° 47' till it crosses the equator to the south on 8th; then the south declination increases to 16° 33' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues its forward motion in Cancer from 16° to 20° at the end. The north declination of Jupiter decreases from 18° 34' to 17° 35' at the end.

VENUS

Starting from 7° Virgo, Venus moves forward, enters Libra on 19th and ends at 16° there. The north declination of Venus decreases from 1° 34' till Venus crosses the equator to the south on 4th; then the south declination increases to 13° 23' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn continues to move forward in Sagittarius from 26° to 28° at the end. The south declination of Saturn decreases from 22° 10' to 22° 02' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 281° 43' to 280° 05' at the end.

Description of planetary movements is given on Sayana basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-10-1990 is 22° 16' 58".

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Uranus moves forward from 253° 26' to 254° 15' at the end.

Neptune moves forward from 259° 32' to 259° 55' at the end.

Pluto moves forward from 203° 53' to 205° 03' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the timings in (I.S.T.) given below:

Mars at 23h.30m. on 8th; Jupiter at 24h.39m. on 12th; Venus at 13h.20m. on 18th; Mercury at 15h.33m. on 18th; Pluto at 16h.21m. on 20th; Uranus at 20h.16m. on 24th; Neptune at 7h.59m. on 25th; Saturn at 23h.02m. on 25th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Parallel the Moon 2nd, 28th; opposition the Moon 4th; square Neptune 5th; trine Mars 6th; trine the Moon 8th, 29th; square the Moon 11th, 26th; square Saturn 12th; conjunction the Moon 18th; conjunction Mercury 22nd.

Mars: Square the Moon 2nd, 30th; trine the Sun 6th; conjunction the Moon 8th; trine Venus 12th; trine Mercury 13th; trine the Moon 17th, 27th; opposition the Moon 22nd.

Mercury: Opposition the Moon 3rd; trine the Moon 8th, 29th; square Uranus 9th; square the Moon 10th, 27th; square Neptune 12th; trine Mars 13th; parallel Venus 16th; square Saturn 16th; conjunction the Moon 18th; conjunction the Sun 22nd; square Jupiter 30th.

Jupiter: Trine the Moon 4th, 22nd; square the Moon 6th, 19th; conjunction the Moon 12th; opposition the Moon 27th; square Mercury 30th.

Venus: Opposition the Moon 3rd; trine the Moon 8th, 29th; square the Moon 10th, 26th; trine Mars 12th; parallel Mercury 16th; square Saturn 16th; conjunction the Moon 18th.

Saturn: Square the Moon 5th, 18th; trine the Moon 7th, 15th; opposition the Moon 11th; square Mercury 16th; conjunction the Moon 25th.

Uranus: Square the Moon 4th, 17th, 31st; trine the Moon 6th, 14th; square Mercury 9th; opposition the Moon 10th; conjunction the Moon 24th.

Neptune: Square the Moon 4th, 17th; square the Sun 5th; trine the Moon 6th, 14th; opposition the Moon 10th; square Mercury 12th; conjunction the Moon 25th.

Pluto: Trine the Moon 2nd, 11th, 30th; opposition the Moon 6th; square the Moon 13th, 27th; conjunction the Moon 20th.

I. Full Moon: Dark Fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 17h.32m. on 4th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 168° 43'; the Moon 348° 43'; Mars 50° 27'; Mercury 155° 35'; Jupiter 106° 34'; Venus 161° 27'; Saturn 266° 32'; Rahu 281° 32'; Uranus 253° 30'; Neptune 259° 33'; Pluto 204° 01'.

Cusps (mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 338° 32'; the 2nd 8° 26'; the 3rd 38° 20'; the 4th 68° 14'; the 5th 98° 20'; the 6th 128° 26'; the 7th 158° 32'; the 8th 188° 26'; the 9th 218° 20'; the 10th 248° 14'; the 11th 278° 20'; the 12th 308° 26'.

II. New Moon: Bright Fortnight (Sukla Paksha) begins at 21h.07m. on 18th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 182° 48'; the Moon 182° 48'; Mars 52° 14'; Mercury 180° 24'; Jupiter 108° 33'; Venus 179° 14'; Saturn 266° 57'; Rahu 280° 47'; Uranus 253° 48'; Neptune 259° 41'; Pluto 204° 31'.

Cusps (mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 60° 06'; the 2nd 84° 48'; the 3rd 109° 30'; the 4th 134° 12'; the 5th 169° 30'; the 6th 204° 48'; the 7th 240° 06'; the 8th 264° 48'; the 9th 289° 30'; the 10th 314° 12'; the 11th 349° 30'; the 12th 24° 48'.

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Daily Guide for October 1990

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[The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to railway time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Mon.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 23h.18m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Dhanishta till 17h.20m., then Satabhisha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for driving new vehicles, for travel, for taking medicines, for wearing new garments, for storing food-stuffs, for writing accounts, for erecting sheds.

2. *Tues.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 22h.01m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Satabhisha till 18h.56m., then Poorvabhadrapada. Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

3. *Wed.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 20h.03m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Poorvabhadrapada and Amrita Yoga till 15h.49m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga. Between 15h.49m. and 20h.03m. good for repaying debts.

4. *Thurs.*- Poornima (Full Moon) upto 17h.32m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Uttarabhadrapada till 14h.08m., then Revati. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 14h.08m. good for driving new vehicles, for storing food-stuffs.

5. *Fri.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 14h.38m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Revati and Siddha Yoga till 12h.02m., then Aswini and Amrita Yoga. Upto 12h.02m. good for testing instruments. After 14h.38m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for travel.

6. *Sat.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 11h.31m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Aswini till 9h.43m., then Bharani. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 9h.00m. good for wearing new ornaments, for storing food-stuffs, for testing instruments. After 10h.30m. good for testing instruments, for dealing with members of the opposite sex.

7. *Sun.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 8h.21m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 29h.17m., afterwards Panchami (5th tithi). Bharani upto 7h.20m., then Krittika till 29h.01m., afterwards Rohini. Prabalarishta Yoga till 7h.20m., then Siddha Yoga. Good for repaying debts.

8. *Mon.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 26h.27m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Rohini and Amrita Yoga till 26h.57m., then Mrigasira and Siddha Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for purchasing or storing food-stuffs, for taking medicines, for writing accounts, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells.

9. *Tues.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 23h.58m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Mrigasira and Siddha Yoga till 25h.14m., then Aridra and Marana Yoga. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for testing instruments.

10. *Wed.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 21h.53m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Aridra till 23h.55m., then Punarvasu. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for testing instruments, for storing food-stuffs, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

11. *Thurs.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 20h.17m., then Navami (9th tithi). Punarvasu till 23h.04m., then Pushya. Amrita Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

12. *Fri.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 19h.08m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Pushya till 22h.41m., then Aslesha. Marana Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

13. *Sat.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 18h.27m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Aslesha and Marana Yoga till 22h.45m., then Makha and Amrita Yoga. This day also only routine work.

14. *Sun.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 18h.12m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Makha and Marana Yoga till 23h.13m., then Poorvaphalguni and Amrita Yoga. Only routine work.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

2.	Tues.	Gandhi Jayanthi, Milaadhun-nabi or Id-e-Milaad
3.	Wed.	Kojgiri Lakshmi Puja (Bengal), Kojghar (Lakshmendraulja), Kumara Pournima
4.	Thurs.	Oli ends. Sharat Poornima, Maharishi Valmiki Jayanthi, Sukooth
7.	Sun.	Kudaka Chaturthi, Dasaratha Chaturthi, Id-e-Milaad
10.	Wed.	Ahoyi Ashtami, Karashtami
11.	Thurs.	Ahoyi Ashtami
12.	Fri.	Sukooth Last Day or Simhaath Taaraah
14.	Sun.	Rama Ekadasi, Gowatsa Dwadasi
16.	Tues.	Dhana Trayodasi, Kali Chaturdasi
17.	Wed.	Kaveri Sankramana Snana, Naraka Chaturdasi, Hanumajjanma, Deepavali, Kali Puja
18	Thurs.	Deepavali, Lakshmi Puja, Kaumudi Deepam, Lakshmi Deepam, Kedara Gaurivrata, Mahaveera Nirvana
19.	Fri.	Kartika Shukladi, Bali Puja, Annakuta, Govardhana Puja
20.	Sat.	Yama Dwiteeya, Bhratri Dwiteeya (Bengal), Dweeth Puja, Vishwakarma Day
24.	Wed.	Jaana Panchami
25.	Thurs.	Pateehaara Shashti or Suryashashti
28.	Wed.	Jagaddhatri Puja, Akshaya Navami

15. *Mon.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 18h.21m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Poorvaphalguni till 24h.04m., then Uttaraphalguni. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

16. *Tues.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 18h.54m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Uttaraphalguni and Amrita Yoga till 25h.18m., then Hasta and Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds.

17. *Wed.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 19h.49m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Hasta till 26h.54m., then Chitta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

18. *Thurs.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 21h.07m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Chitta and Siddha Yoga till 28h.51m., then Swati and Amrita Yoga. Good for driving new vehicles, for borrowing, for testing instruments.

19. *Fri.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 22h.48m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Swati and Siddha Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

20. *Sat.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 24h.51m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Swati till 7h.11m., then Visakha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

21. *Sun.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 27h.13m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Visakha till 9h.50m., then Anuradha. Marana Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

22. *Mon.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 29h.48m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Anuradha till 12h.47m., then Jyeshta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 12h.47m. good for repaying debts. After 12h.47m. good for surgical operations.

23. *Tues.*- Panchami (5th tithi) whole day. Jyeshta and Marana Yoga till 15h.53m., then Moola and Amrita Yoga. After 15h.53m. good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for surgical operations.

24. *Wed.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 8h.27m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Moola and Marana Yoga till 18h.57m., then Poorvashada and Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

25. *Thurs.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 10h.58m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Poorvashadha till 21h.50m., then Uttarashadha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for borrowing, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

26. *Fri.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 13h.05m., then Ashtami. Uttarashadha and Siddha Yoga till 24h.14m., then Sravana and Marana Yoga. Upto 13h.05m. good for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for gardening, for appointing staff, for wearing new garments.

27. *Sat.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 14h.37m., then Navami (9th tithi). Sravana till 26h.00m., then Dhanishta. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 14h.37m. good for testing instruments.

28. *Sun.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 15h.23m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Dhanishta and Marana Yoga till 26h.57m., then Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

29. *Mon.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 15h.16m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga till 27h.03m., then Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga. Good for buying cows or dogs, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for travel, for taking medicines, for storing food-stuffs, for erecting sheds.

30. *Tues.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 14h.16m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga till 26h.15m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

31. *Wed.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 12h.26m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga till 24h.46m., then Revati and Marana Yoga. Good for gardening, for purchasing or storing food-stuffs, for taking medicines, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds.

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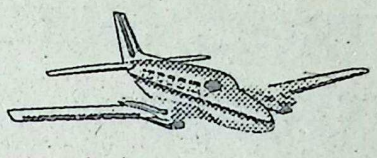

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel.)

wini, Makha, Moola

1st after 17h.20m.; 8th upto 26h.57m.; 28th r 26h.57m.; 29th till 27h.03m.; 30th after .15m.; 31st upto 24h.46m.

arani, Poorvaphalguni, orvashada

1st upto 17h.20m.; 5th after 14h.38m.; 6th till 0m.; 8th after 26h.57m.; 9th upto 25h.14m.; h after 24h.04m.; 16th till 18h.54m.; 23rd after 53m.; 25th after 21h.50m.; 26th upto 24h.14m.

ittika, Uttaraphalguni, arashadha

1st after 17h.20m.; 5th after 14h.38m.; 6th 9h.00m.; 8th till 26h.57m,; 23rd after 15h.53m.; after 26h.57m.; 29th upto 27h.03m.; 30th r 26h.15m.; 31st till 24h.46m.

hini, Hasta, Sravana

1st upto 17h.20m.; 8th after 26h.57m.; 9th 25h.14m.; 15th after 24h.04m.; 16th till 54m.; 25th after 21h.50m.; 26th upto 24h.14m.

rigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

1st after 17h.20m.; 5th after 14h.38m.; 6th 9h.00m.; 8th till 26h.57m.; 15th after 24h.04m.; upto 18h.54m.; 23rd after 15h.53m.; 25th r 21h.50m.; 26th till 24h.14m.; 28th after 57m.; 29th upto 27h.03m.; 30th after 26h.15m.; till 24h.46m.

dra, Swati, Satabhisha

1st upto 17h.20m.; 8th whole day; 9th till 14m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

1st whole day; 5th after 14h.38m.; 6th upto 9h.00m.; 8th after 26h.57m.; 9th till 25h.14m.; 15th after 34h.04m.; 16th upto 18h.54m.; 23rd after 15h.53m.; 25th after 21h.50m.; 26th till 24h.14m.; 28th after 26h.57m.; 29th upto 27h.03m.; 30th after 26h.15m.; 31st till 24h.46m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

1st after 17h.20m.; 8th upto 26h.57m.; 28th after 26h.57m.; 29th till 27h.03m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

1st upto 17h.20m.; 5th after 14h.38m.; 6th till 9h.00m.; 8th after 26h.57m.' 9th upto 25h.14m.; 15th after 24h.04m.; 16th till 18h.54m.; 23rd after 15h.53m.; 25th after 21h.50m.; 26th upto 24h.14m.; 30th after 26h.15m.; 31st till 24h.46m.

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Farmers' Guide for October 1990

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(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed.,.A.M.)

1. Good for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.; for appointing staff, for erecting sheds, for sowing, for disposing off agricultural products.
2. Routine work only.
3. Between 15h.49m. and 20h.03m. good for repaying debts.
4. Upto 14h.08m. good for storing food-stuffs, for harvesting, for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing.
5. Till 12h.02m. good for testing instruments, for buying oxen or sheep.
6. After 10h.30m. good for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for testing instruments.
7. Good for repaying debts.
8. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for buying or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for appointing staff, for erecting sheds, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.
9. good for testing instruments.
10. Good for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.
11. Routine work only.
12. Only routine work.
13. This day also only routine work.
14. This day too only routine work.
15. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for borrowing, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.
16. Good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for erecting sheds, for manuring.
17. Routine work only.
18. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments.
19. Routine work only.
20. After 7h.11m. good for disposing off agricultural products.
21. Routine work only.
22. Upto 12h.47m. good for repaying debts.
23. After 15h.53m. good for borrowing.
24. Routine work only.
25. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.
26. Upto 13h.05m. good for appointing staff, for manuring, for sowing, for ploughing.
27. After 14h.37m. good for testing instruments.
28. Routine work only.
29. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for erecting sheds.
30. Routine work only.
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ow Is This Month October) 1990 For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects rding to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the cations made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will rience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear rpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed lope. —Ed. A.M.)

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Virgo till 15th and then enters Libra. Mars continues his motion in urus getting retrograde on 22nd. Mercury in Virgo at the beginning of the month enters bra on 19th. Jupiter and Saturn continue their progress in Cancer and Sagittarius spectively. Venus transits Virgo till 19th and then enters Libra. Rahu and Ketu continue eir counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

MESHA (Aries)

General: Mars in the 2nd, Jupiter in the 4th, nus in the 6th and the 7th and Saturn in the 9th all unsatisfactory. The Sun transits the fa- able 6th till 15th and transits thereafter the erse 7th. Mercury in the favourable 6th till transits afterwards the unfavourable 7th. unfavourable elements predominate and may g in their wake attacks from opponents, losses heft and deceit, unhappy home life and worried d. Krittika is better than Aswini and Bharani.

Health and Domestic: Stomach ulcer if not mptly attended to when it is in acute stage may hronic and serious later on. Chronic patients uld be extremely careful. Domestic life will be thing but peaceful.

Finance and Speculation: Unsatisfactory fi- cial position is indicated and there will be siderable expenditure mostly for medicines and tor. Whatever may be the temptation you are d not to run after public issues of equities. culative activities should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This matters. There is likely to be a gradual reduction in yield and rentals while expenditure on properties may rise to unexpected levels. Services may find the period difficult. For businesses and professions, losses will be greater than gain.

Women: This is a difficult month for the fair sex. Love affairs are likely to lead to disappointment and frustration. This is a thoroughly bad month for employed girls.

Students: Conflicts with relatives, friends and teachers are likely. Extra-curricular activities should be curtailed completely. Association with the opposite sex is not conducive to your interests. You are advised to go slow in sports and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-10-18	7-13-21
Money dealings and enterprises	2-14-20	3-11-17
Journeys	4-16-24	5-12-19
Real property matters and educational activities	6-18-26	7-13-22
Children and speculation	10-20-29	8-15-23
Services	14-24-30	9-17-25

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Partnership	6-16-29	11-19-27
Insurance	4-14-24	8-19-28
Profession and business	2-16-29	8-19-31

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 21st to afternoon of 23rd.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: Mars in the 1st, Jupiter in the 3rd and in the adverse 5th till 15th transits afterwards the favourable 6th. Mercury in the adverse 5th till 19th transits thereafter the favourable 6th with Vedha. Venus in the favourable 5th with Vedha till 19th transits afterwards the adverse 6th. The planets are quite unfavourable during the month. There is likely to be a setback in your undertakings. As you are prone to physical injuries you should be careful in your movements. Rohini is better than Krittika and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: Diseases of the abdomen are indicated by the adverse transits. Chronic patients should be prepared for an aggravation of their complaints. You must exercise tact in the handling of domestic affairs.

Finance and Speculation: While there may be a cut in the regular income, the expenditure will rise sharply. You may incur losses in certain enterprises. Actual redemption from financial worries is hardly likely during the month. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property transactions are not likely to prove satisfactory. Damage to crops is likely to occur during the first half. Services may incur the displeasure of their superiors. Professions and businesses are likely to find the month difficult.

Women: The emphasis is on expenditure which, if not controlled in time, may land you in financial embarrassment at the close of the month. Employed girls will find the month trying. Artistes should be careful before signing contracts.

Students: Ill-health and unhappy home life will worry you for most days in the month. Relations with friends and teachers may tend to become unpleasant. You are advised to refrain from sports and games.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-10-16	3-12-24
Money dealings and enterprises	2-14-18	3-12-26
Journeys	2-16-20	5-13-19
Real property matters and educational activities	4-10-20	5-13-23
Children and speculation	4-10-21	7-15-25
Services	6-16-29	
Partnership	6-16-30	7-15-27
Insurance	10-18-29	8-17-27
Profession and business	10-18-30	8-17-28
		8-17-31

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 23rd to early morning of 26th.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: Jupiter transits the favourable 2nd with Vedha. Venus in the 4th and 5th is fully favourable. Mercury in the favourable 4th till 14th transits afterwards the adverse 5th with check. The Sun in the 4th and the 5th, Mars in the 12th and Saturn in the 7th are all unsatisfactory. The good influences will be more in evidence. Relief from troubles and success over enemies are the likely good results. Official favours are also likely. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: Health troubles are likely. However no serious consequences will arise due to ill-health. Chronic patients will have to be very careful. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: This is, more or less, a satisfactory month for financial matters. The planetary influences will assist you to exercise judicious forethought in all financial matters. Speculative transactions will yield excellent profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month cannot be said to be entirely satisfactory for real property matters. Decisions on major property deals could, with advantage, be postponed to more favourable periods. Labour is likely to cause considerable worry to you. Businesses, professions and services will find the month profitable.

Women: Romances are likely to blossom into happy wedding. Long awaited luxury articles will be enjoyed by you. Social climbers will find the month advantageous. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: Research students will be able to gather enough material in support of their thesis for the doctorate degree and the thesis will be acceptable to the Board of Examiners. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the first half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-10-18	1-11-19
Money dealings and enterprises	6-14-30	7-17-26

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	6-14-29	3-11-19
...rneys		
...l property matters		
...d educational activities	2-10-20	3-17-25
...ildren and speculation	2-10-21	3-17-26
	2-10-24	7-17-25
...rvices	16-21-30	7-17-31
...rtnership	14-21-29	7-17-28
...surance	2-18-29	11-19-31
...ofession and business		

Chandrashtama occurs from the beginning to ...rly morning of 1st and again from early morning ...26th to the afternoon of 28th.

...KATAKA (Cancer)

General: Mars in the 11th, Venus in the 3rd ...d the 4th and Saturn in the 6th are all favour-...le, making some allowance for the yielding to ...dha by Venus till 19th. The Sun in the favour-...le 3rd till 15th transits thereafter the adverse ...h with check. Mercury in the adverse 3rd till ...th with check transits afterwards the favour-...le 4th. Jupiter in the unfavourable Janma is ...rtunately under check. The favourable influ-...ces predominate. You could confidently look ...rward to having a successful and profitable ...nth. You are likely to acquire authority through ...sociation with highly placed persons. Your ...emies will become completely powerless. ...shyami is better than Punarvasu and Aslesha.

Health and Domestic: You will maintain good ...alth. Chronic sufferers could look forward to a ...riod affording considerable relief. One of your ...s is likely to land a good job in a well-estab-...hed industry. Domestic life will be, on the ...ole, peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: Notwithstanding the ...verse posture of the Dhanakaraka, the finan-...l position will be satisfactory during the period. ...n enterprise recently started by you will give ...ry good profits. Speculative transactions will ...ld very good dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All ...tters pertaining to real estate will be smooth, ...tisfactory and profitable. Acquisition of new ...perty is most likely. You will make improve-...nts to your buildings. The month is full of ...mise for the services, professions, businesses ...d industry.

Women: The month will be quite good for all ...tivities of women. You will get much help in ...siness from your contacts in the social world. ...u will undertake an important journey during ...e month, with great benefit to you. The period ...ll be satisfactory for employed girls.

Students: You will shine extremely well in the field of sports. The chances of your inclusion in the state or national level teams are quite bright. Army commissions are likely to be offered to you.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	4-10-16	1-11-17
Money dealings and enterprises	4-14-20	2-17-25
Journeys	4-16-21	8-19-29
Real property matters and educational activities	6-16-21	8-19-30
Children and speculation	6-18-24	5-13-22
Services	6-18-26	5-13-23
Partnership	10-16-21	5-13-25
Insurance	10-16-24	12-19-28
Profession and business	10-16-26	12-17-31

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 1st to the morning of 3rd and again from afternoon of 28th to evening of 30th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: Mars in the 10th and Venus in the 2nd and the 3rd are fully favourable. Jupiter in the 12th and Saturn in the 5th are unsatisfactory but the former is under check. The Sun in the adverse 2nd till 15th with check transits afterwards the favourable 3rd with Vedha. Mercury in the favourable 2nd till 19th with Vedha transits thereafter the adverse 3rd. The favourable influences will be more in evidence. Prosperity and renewal of contacts with old friends are likely. You should curb a tendency to undertake journeys without specific plans and purpose. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: Minor health problems may be there, but the month will be, on the whole, satisfactory from the point of view of health. Chronic sufferers will have temporary relief. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: There is likely to be pressure for cash but friends will help you to meet your financial obligations. A financial windfall in your favour is most likely during the last week. Speculative transactions should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is a good month for all real property matters. Yield and rentals will be at good levels. The services will find the month helpful. This is a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: The month will be satisfactory for the fair sex. You will derive immense satisfaction through social activities. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

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Students: The month is full of promise to students. They will make good progress in studies. Engineering students are particularly favoured. They will be successful in tests and interviews.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-10-18	4-17-30
Money dealings and enterprises	2-14-20	3-9-15
Journeys	6-16-21	5-11-17
Real property matters and educational activities	10-18-24	7-12-19
Children and speculation	14-20-26	8-13-22
Services	16-21-29	9-15-23
Partnership	10-20-29	11-17-25
Insurance	6-18-26	9-19-28
Profession and business	2-16-24	8-17-31

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 3rd to morning of 5th and again from evening of 30th till the end.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Jupiter in the 11th and Venus in the 1st and the 2nd are fully favourable. The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd, Mars in the 9th and Saturn in the 4th are all unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check except between 15th and 19th. Mercury in the adverse 1st till 19th transits afterwards the favourable 2nd with Vedha. In a month of mixed results the good effects have a definite edge over the evil ones. The efforts of your enemies to get the better of you will be thwarted. You will be successful in your undertakings. You will have general prosperity and happiness. Hasta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Chitta.

Health and Domestic: Minor health complaints may worry you off and on. Chronic sufferers will have exacerbation in their complaints. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. You should, however, utilise your managerial skills in allotting priorities for expenditure. The position will still further improve towards the close of the month. The speculative transactions are best avoided during the month.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the Karaka for real properties, you will have an easy time in real estate matters in view of the powerful and favourable support of the lord of the 4th. The services, businesses, professions and industry will find the month fruitful.

Women: Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding. You will develop useful and helpful contacts in high social circles. Employed girls are likely to be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: This is, more or less, a good month for the students. You will be successful in tests and interviews. Medical students are particularly favoured. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-10-18	6-15-31
Money dealings and enterprises	2-14-20	3-11-19
Journeys	4-16-21	3-12-22
Real property matters and educational activities	4-14-21	3-13-23
Children and speculation	2-16-21	3-15-27
Services	2-21-29	9-17-28
Partnership	4-21-30	9-17-31
Insurance	10-20-29	8-15-25
Profession and business	10-20-30	8-15-27

Chandrashtama occurs from the afternoon of 5th to the afternoon of 7th.

7. THULA (Libra)

General: The Sun in the 12th and the 1st, Mars in the 8th, Mercury in the 12th and the 1st and Jupiter in the 10th are all unsatisfactory; the last named is under check. Venus in the favourable 12th and the 1st yields to Vedha from 19th. Saturn in the favourable 3rd yields to Vedha till 19th. The adverse influences will be more in evidence. You will be engaged in fruitless activities. Happiness and prosperity will elude you. Arguments with business partners are better avoided. Swati is better than Chitta and Visakha.

Health and Domestic: Eye disease may cause mild concern. You must guard against glaucoma in the right eye. Your eldest son may have a minor ailment. Domestic life will be, on the whole, peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: The month is not likely to be satisfactory for finance. Pressure from creditors will be severe and outside help may not come in. Speculative deals should be avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: True, the posture of the Karaka for properties is severe. Even so the lord of the 4th comes to your rescue and makes the position bearable. You are advised to postpone decisions on property deals to favourable periods. The month cannot be said to be

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isfactory for services, businesses and profes-ns. The month may prove critical for the rvices.

Women: You should be careful about your func-nal health. Social and club activities could be rtailed with advantage to you. Memos are likely be handed over to the employed girls for explain-g their inefficient performance in the office.

Students: You will be successful in games and letics. You are advised to go slow in extra-rricular activities and concentrate more on udies. Contacts with the opposite sex could be duced with advantage.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
rsonal and domestic	14-21-30	11-19-31
oney dealings and terprises	10-20-29	9-17-28
urneys	6-18-26	8-15-27
al property matters d educational activities	4-16-24	7-13-25
ildren and speculation	2-14-21	5-12-23
rvices	1-10-20	3-11-22
rtnership	6-21-30	8-19-31
surance	4-18-29	11-19-28
ofession and business	2-16-26	5-19-31

Chandrashtama occurs from the afternoon of h to the afternoon of 9th.

VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The Sun in the favourable 11th till 1st nsits afterwards the adverse 12th with check 19th. Mars in the 7th and Saturn in the 2nd e both unsatisfactory. Mercury in the favour-le 11th till 19th transits afterwards the unfa-urable 12th with check. Jupiter in the 9th is lly favourable. Venus in the favourable 11th and h yields to Vedha till 19th. There is an accumu-tion of favourable influences during the month. crual of money, happiness and success in under-kings are indicated. Official favours are likely be conferred on you unexpectedly. Anuradha is tter than Visakha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health roughout. This is a good month for the chronic fferers who could look forward to having a uble-free month. Children's success in the aminations will make you happy. Domestic life l be, on the whole, peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: This is an excellent nth for all financial matters. Some of the old es which you had practically written off will be d back to you. Speculative transactions will d good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All decisions on major property deals are better postponed to more favourable periods. This is a very good month for the services, who may receive unexpected orders of promotion. This is quite a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding with persons of your choice and approved by elders in the family. Employed girls are likely to be promoted.

Students: You will make good progress in studies. You will come out successful in the superior service competitive examinations held by the Central Government. Foreign scholarships with travel grants are likely to be offered to you.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-18-26	3-10-23
Money dealings and enterprises	2-14-29	11-17-31
Journeys	1-18-29	5-12-22
Real property matters and educational activities	4-14-21	9-19-28
Children and speculation	4-14-24	8-13-27
Services	6-20-26	3-19-28
Partnership	6-20-29	7-17-31
Insurance	4-20-29	7-17-28
Profession and business	14-21-30	12-19-25

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 9th to evening of 11th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The Sun in the 10th and the 11th and Mars in the 6th are fully favourable. Mercury in the favourable 10th and 11th yields to Vedha till 19th. Venus in the adverse 10th till 19th transits afterwards the favourable 11th. Jupiter in the 8th and Saturn in Janma are both unsatisfactory. There are more favourable influences during the month. Government will pass favourable orders on a long pending property matter of yours. This will give you very great relief. Poorvashada is better than Moola and Uttarashada.

Health and Domestic: Only minor health complaints are likely to be there during the month. Chronic sufferers will have temporary relief. Domestic problems are likely to annoy you during the first three weeks but you will have peace and harmony thereafter.

Finance and Speculation: The financial position will not be bad. For requirements of cash to meet your expenses friends will assist you with necessary funds. Whatever may be the temptation you are advised not to run after public issue of

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equities. Speculative transactions will yield excellent profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All transactions pertaining to real properties will be smooth, satisfactory and profitable. Yield and rentals will be at high levels. The services will not find the month unsatisfactory. This is not a bad month for professions and businesses.

Women: Outside activities will bring in much happiness and success. Film artistes will find the month quite helpful. Employed girls will find the month more or less satisfactory.

Students: New studies and increased knowledge will highlight the month. You will get acquainted with famous and learned scholars and such contacts will help you greatly in your career. Those interested in fine arts will meet with success.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-14-20	2-11-17
Money dealings and enterprises	1-10-18	5-12-19
Journeys	4-16-21	7-13-22
Real property matters and educational activities	6-18-24	8-15-23
Children and speculation	10-20-26	9-17-25
Services	14-21-29	11-19-27
Partnership	14-21-30	12-22-28
Insurance	6-20-30	12-22-31
Profession and business	4-18-26	9-17-27

Chandrashtama occurs from early morning of 11th to night of 13th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The Sun in the adverse 9th till 15th transits afterwards the favourable 10th. Mars in the 5th and Saturn in the 12th are both unfavourable. Jupiter in the 7th is fully favourable. Mercury in the unfavourable 9th till 19th transits afterwards the favourable 10th. Venus in the favourable 9th till 19th transits afterwards the adverse 10th. The favourable influences will be more in evidence during the month. Your merit will be recognised with consequent gain. You will be successful in business ventures. Losses by deceit are likely. Sravana is better than Uttarashada and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: The month will be satisfactory from the point of view of health. Chronic sufferers could look forward to having temporary relief. Children's success in the examinations will make you happy. Domestic life will be peaceful and harmonious during most days in the month.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be satisfactory for financial matters. However some old dues may have to be written off as it is not recoverable. Speculative transactions will yield good dividends till 19th.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month cannot be said to be satisfactory for real property matters. Decisions on major deals are better postponed to more favourable periods. Crops are likely to be affected adversely by pests. This is a satisfactory month for businesses, services and professions.

Women: Romances are likely to blossom into wedding during the first half. Film artistes are particularly favoured. Employed girls will find the month satisfactory.

Students: The month shows promise for studies and progress. You will be successful in tests and interviews. Medical students are particularly favoured. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the first half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-10-18	3-11-19
Money dealings and enterprises	2-18-24	3-12-22
Journeys	2-18-26	3-13-23
Real property matters and educational activities	2-18-29	5-14-25
Children and speculation	1-20-26	5-16-27
Services	1-20-29	5-17-28
Partnership	1-21-30	7-17-27
Insurance	4-18-24	8-19-28
Profession and business	4-20-26	8-22-31

Chandrashtama occurs from the night of 13th to early morning of 16th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: The Sun in the 8th and the 9th, Mars in the 4th and Jupiter in the 6th are all unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check till 15th and Jupiter throughout. Mercury in the favourable 8th till 19th transits afterwards the adverse 9th. Venus in the favourable 8th and 9th yields to Vedha from 18th. Saturn in the 11th is fully favourable. In a month of mixed results, the favourable influences have an edge over the unfavourable ones. Your popularity will increase during the first half. You will acquire influence and authority. The aim of your enemies to besmirch your reputation for honesty and integrity will not bear fruit. Satabhisha is better than Dhanishta and Poorvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: You are likely to have only minor health complaints. Chronic sufferers

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d look forward to having some relief. Chil-'s health may cause mild concern during the ond half. You will have peace and harmony in estic life practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: Notwithstanding the erely adverse posture of the Dhanakaraka, the ancial affairs will not be unsatisfactory. In-e will be certainly more than the expenditure. culative transactions will yield good dividends 19th.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: You have increased activity in real property mat-. You are, however, advised to proceed with ion. The services may not find the month satisfactory. This is an encouraging month for inesses and professions.

Women: Women in independent professions h as doctors, nurses, writers, artistes etc., are ticularly favoured. You will enjoy increased ularity in club life and social field. Employed s will find the month generally satisfactory.

Students: The month is full of promise for stu-ts in the field of sports, games and athletics. y will also make good progress in studies. e life is likely to cause some unhappiness but will overcome it through your wit and determi-ion.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
sonal and domestic	14-24-30	13-22-31
ey dealings and erprises	10-21-29	7-16-28
rneys	6-20-26	3-18-28
property matters educational activities	4-20-26	12-22-31
dren and speculation	1-10-20	3-11-17
vices	1-10-29	7-17-28
rtnership	2-20-30	8-19-31
rance	4-14-26	5-13-25
ession and business	6-14-24	5-12-23

Chandrashtama occurs from early morning of to the morning of 18th.

MEENA (Pisces)

General: Mars in the 3rd and Jupiter in the 5th ally favourable. The Sun in the 7th and the and Saturn in the 10th are not satisfactory; the is under check throughout except between and 19th. Mercury in the adverse 7th till with check transits afterwards the favour-th. Venus in the unfavourable 7th transits wards the favourable 8th with Vedha. The rable influences will be more in evidence. enemies will be defeated. There will be accrual of money. Revati is better than Poorva-bhadra and Uttarabhadra.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health. Chronic sufferers can look forward to having a trouble-free month. One of your sons will land a good job in a reputed business-house or industry. Troubled conditions may have to be faced in domestic life till 19th when a change for the better will occur and continue for the rest of the month.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. There may be a good gain in a few enterprises and money due from others will be realised. Expenditure will be quite reasonable and will be generally on approved lines. Speculative transactions will yield excellent dividends.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All transactions pertaining to real property matters will be smooth, satisfactory and quite profitable. Acquisition of new properties is most likely. This is an excellent month for businesses, professions and services.

Women: Romances and courtships will blossom into very happy wedding during the last week. Social workers will derive immense satisfaction. Employed girls are likely to be promoted and transferred to places of their choice during the last week.

Students: You will make good progress in studies. Those in the research field will be able to collect authentic and accurate data in support of their thesis. You will be successful in tests and interviews.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-16-26	8-18-27
Money dealings and enterprises	6-16-29	3-13-20
Journeys	6-16-30	3-13-21
Real property matters and educational activities	1-10-16	9-19-31
Children and speculation	2-20-29	7-13-22
Services	10-20-30	7-13-23
Partnership	10-20-29	5-15-25
Insurance	14-21-30	5-15-27
Profession and business	1-6-16	13-22-31

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 18th to early hours of 21st.

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MY TURN

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RESEARCH IN ASTROLOGY

I HAVE been interested in this subject for a long time and though I cannot claim to be an astrologer, have been helping the public with my astrological counsel often with success. It may interest many of your readers to learn that my father and I have been readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE for over half-a-century. In fact we have with us one or two issues of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE of 1896.

Of late much is being said about 'research' in Astrology — replication, statistical studies, etc. — after the fashion of western thinking.

In the April 1895 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE the then respected Editor has given a number of charts of unhappy marriages in which Venus is afflicted. I have with me several charts in which Saturn in the 10th is afflicted and the natives had setbacks in career. With such examples we can statistically establish that Venus afflicted results in unhappiness in marriage and Saturn afflicted in the 10th adversely affects careers. But in several instances, when such afflictions are found, the results have been different. This is as it should be, because Astrology as applied to human beings is an art. Each person has his own 'idiosyncrasy' call it past Karma if you like, which may not react similarly in regard to similar combinations. This means that Astrology is something more than statistics, replication etc. It is a matter of individual perception of how the consequences of a certain planetary set-up would result.

Today I find that astrological 'research' on the part of some enthusiasts (I am not referring to genuine researchers and scholars like Mr. K. N. Rao whose regard for traditional principles is well known) who sometimes indulge in pontifical utterances about their supposed experiences and statistical studies which can be very misleading. For instance, they say Jupiter's aspect on malefics will not neutralise the evil, or you should follow only this or that Ayanamsa or reject some of the time-honoured principles of Muhurtha etc.

A colleague of mine who has been practising Astrology for decades swears that Raman Ayanamsa is alone valid while I follow Revati Paksha Ayanamsa. The paradox is, in many cases, both of us come to the same conclusion. Hence the interpretative skill and the ability of perception varies from person to person.

Research may be necessary to prove certain combinations. But that is only one aspect.

I give herewith a specimen horoscope*. Readers are requested to analyse the 5th house (children) and the 8th house (longevity). They may follow any system — Parasara, Jaimini, Western and in timing they can use any Dasa system — Vimshottari, Ashtottari, Kalachakra, Chara Dasa, Primary or Secondary directions etc. I offer a small prize of Rs. 200 for the correct analysis as I am a salaried man and cannot afford a bigger token of appreciation. The answers and the prize amount have been deposited with the Editor**. His decision will be final.

**The findings may be sent to the Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, "Sri Rajeswari", Bangalore - 560 020, before 15-9-1990.

*Lady born at Salem on 13-11-1894 at Ghatis 10 and Vighatis 20 after sunrise. Had one younger brother, married in her 9th year.

MY TURN

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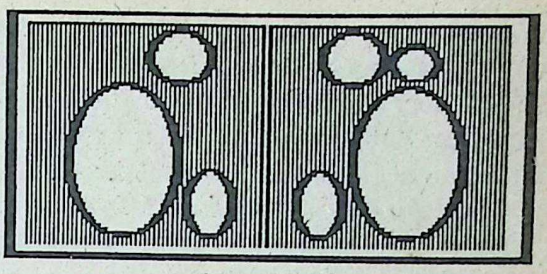

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Q. I would like to know if it is astrologically advisable to shift the family to Madras or Coimbatore since my husband is suffering ill-health due to climatic conditions here for the past 18 years?

S. N. 16112

Born 24-2-1941 at 6.00 a.m. (IST) at 10 N 0, 78 E 48.

LTU	SAT. JUPIT.		
ASCDT. SUN MERC.	RASI		
VENUS MOON			
MARS			RAHU

MERC.	RAHU		MOON
	NAVAMSA		MARS
SUN			
		ASCDT. KETU	VENUS JUPIT. SAT.

Ans: The Ascendant lord Saturn is in debility in the 3rd house but with Jupiter. He also gets cancellation of debility and is otherwise fairly well-placed. Being the Ascendant lord, he emphasises the role of effort and through it improved physical health. This can imply by recourse to suitable exercise such as Yogasanas etc. and regulated life in eating, recreation etc., Your husband may be able to overcome his health problem without a major change in the city of residence. The Moon is under the influence of transit Saturn and this will further intensify as Saturn moves into Capricorn. Major changes made now may generate more problems than solving any.

Your fears about Ketu Bhukti are not justified. Since the Dasa is of a well-placed Ascendant lord, he may regain his health and live through Saturn Dasa.

Q. My daughter is a brilliant 2nd year LL.B. student. She aspires to be a judge. Does her chart show it? Another thing that worries me is she has no friends of either sex. Even her classmates, for no reason, turn against her. But my daughter is really a quiet going type. Why is it?

S. No. 16274

Born 5-8-1971 at 7.47 p.m. (I.S.T.).

		SAT.	
ASCDT.	RASI		VENUS SUN KETU
MARS MOON RAHU			MERC.
	JUPIT.		

	SAT.	MERC.	
	NAVAMSA		RAHU
MOON KETU			MARS JUPIT.
SUN		VENUS	

Ans: The Ascendant is a powerful sign Aquarius aspected by benefic Mercury and Ascendant lord Saturn. The Ascendant Aquarius by nature is reserved. Aquarians make few friends. Saturn's aspect further adds to the seriousness of the girl. But presently she is running Mars Dasa and with reference to the Moon-sign as 11th lord with Rahu he works against giving friends.

The 10th lord Mars is in Leo in Navamsa

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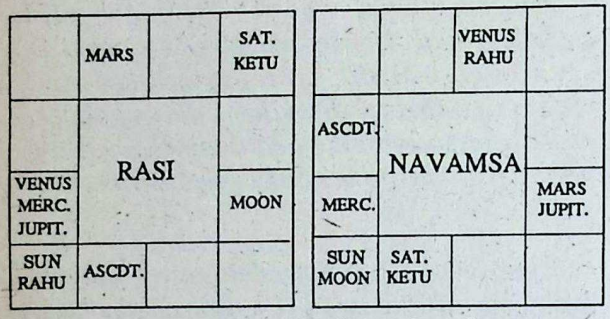
with Jupiter. In Rasi, Saturn and Jupiter are in mutual aspect and Mercury is quite strong and favourably aspecting the Ascendant. The girl can confidently embark on a legal career and move on to the bench for a successful future.

Q. I am in love with an 18 year old boy. I would like to know if I will get married to him.

S. No. 11083

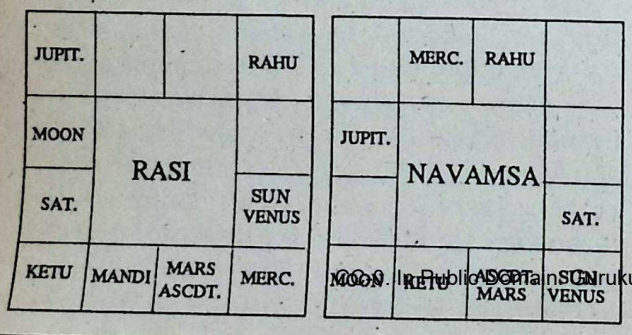
Born 13-1-1974 at 4.15 hrs (I.S.T.) at Madras.



Ans: Irrespective of what the chart says, young lady, I am inclined to give you a piece of my mind! This is the time when you should consolidate all your energies in constructive pursuits such as education, sports, hobbies and not day-dream, or you will be left with only regrets later on in life. You are now under Mars Dasa and Mars in the 6th is aspecting your Ascendant making you impulsive, idealistic and stubborn. None of these traits can help you assess your boy-friend and the Dasa being such, it is possible you will be taken for a ride. Before that happens, it would be best to break off from him and stop day-dreaming. The 10th lord Sun with Rahu aspected by Saturn (and in the 5th from the Moon-sign) can only give you a broken heart and disgrace, if you do not hold your emotions in rein.

Q. All the attempts of my sister to get a good job have been in vain. What does her chart say?

Born 3-9-1963. **S. N. 15667**



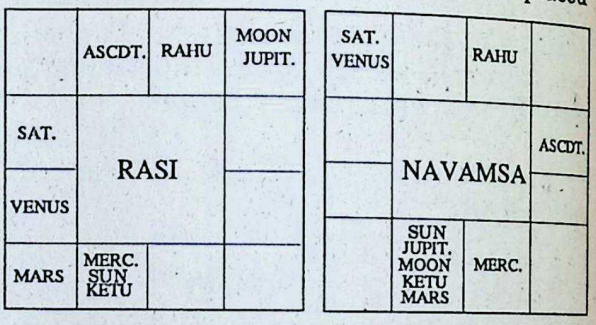
Ans: Your sister is running Mars Bhukti of Jupiter Dasa. Jupiter, though not a benefic, is not badly placed and aspects the 10th house. The Bhukti lord Mars is the 2nd lord and is Vargottama in the Ascendant. Although in the 12th from the 2nd, he is quite well-placed and can mark the beginning of your sister's earning. Transitwise also, Jupiter in Cancer is favourably influencing the 10th house from the Ascendant. So, there are strong indications for her landing a good job by the time this appears in print.

Q. My first daughter is a student of M.Sc. (Botany). I am anxious for her marriage. Will she get married in the current Bhukti of Mercury in Jupiter Dasa?

S. No. 15464

Born 9-12-1965 at 2.25 p.m. (IST) at Ranchi.

Ans: The Dasa lord Jupiter is well placed



aspecting the 7th house as 9th lord. Mercury as 3rd and 6th lord in the 8th may not help in his Bhukti.

Venus Bhukti must start when she will get married. The 7th lord Venus in the 10th indicates a well-placed groom and from a respectable social background.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati.

Death, so called, is but older matter dressed
In some new form. And in a varied vest,
From tenement to tenement though tossed,
The soul is still the same, the figure only lost.

Dryden's Ovid

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Astrological Activities

NDIAN COUNCIL OF ASTROLOGI-AL SCIENCES

angalore South Chapter

The Indian Council of Astrological Sciences, angalore South Chapter, held a Convocation on rd June 1990 at Gandhi Bhavan, Bangalore, B. V. RAMAN, Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE d President of ICAS, delivered the Convocation dress. Mr. M. V. Reddy, Collector, Central cise, Bangalore, presided. Mr. B. V. Kumar, ditional Finance Secretary, Government of India, stributed the prizes.

DR. RAMAN, in his key-note address, traced the e of Astrology in contemporary social, political d secular life. Astrology was a science, he said, fessing to a belief in which was something to be amed of by certain public figures who, how-r, privately took refuge in it for the most trivial tters. Mr. N. T. Rama Rao and Dr. Chenna ddy were two exceptions to this rule and openly fended its scientific stature and role in life. Even Nehru, DR. RAMAN told the audience, had had rological guidance through Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda. wever, things were now changing for the better d people in all walks of life were beginning to preciate Astrology in all its aspects.

Congratulating the successful students DR. MAN said that no matter how proficient one was theoretical Astrology, it was only through prac-l experience one could really understand the er nuances of this science. He stressed the need the students to develop their power of intuition ough right living as defined in our ancient ptures.

Mr. Reddy, in his presidential remarks, narrated and why he had got interested in Astrology. ting extensively Swami Yukteswar, Mr. Reddy **d Astrology and the planetary indications the chart were not meant to emphasise fate to arouse man's will to escape from his mic past.** Any limitations shown in the chart e created in the first place by man himself and efore it was within his power to undo the gating acts. Astrology was a tool to reach God and it was not superstition as wrongly understood by many. Mr. Reddy said the chart was like a road map which man, in his journey to Godhood, could discard only after he had reached his destination. Until then it was a valuable guide to man.

Mr. Reddy extolled the successful students to put more effort in understanding this great science even more deeply. Passing the examinations was just the first step in understanding this oceanic science, he concluded.

Earlier Mr. Reddy conferred Jyotisha Praveena certificates on 14 and Jyotisha Visharada certificates on 5 students. DR. RAMAN and Smt. Rajeswari Raman Foundation, Messrs. Raman Publications and Modern Astro Studios presented books to all the successful candidates.

Mr. S. K. Kelkar, Mr. A. V. Sundaram, Mr. K. V. R. Anjaneyulu and Mr. Pulippani also spoke on the occasion.

Dr. T. S. Vasan, Chapter Chairman, welcomed the gathering and gave an account of the work done by ICAS in general and the Bangalore South Chapter in particular. Mr. R. V. Gopalan, Chapter Secretary, read the report of the Chapter.

Mr. Krishna Kumar and Mr. Girija Mohan spoke on behalf of the students.

Mr. Ranganathadesika proposed a vote of thanks.

Examination Results

The following is the list of successful candidates in the Examinations conducted by I.C.A.S. in June 1990:

Jyotisha Visharada

I Class: R. C. Sharma, 503

Jyotisha Praveena

I Class: 102, 103, 107, 109, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 127, 128 and 132.

II Class: 101, 104, 105, 108, 119, 125.

C. Lokeshwar, 132, tops the list of Jyotisha Praveena with 80% marks.

U. S. Pulippani

The Shashtiabdhipoorti of Mr. U. S. Pulippani, Secretary, Indian Council of Astrological Sciences,

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Madras and a contributor to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE was celebrated at Madras in a grand manner on 1-7-1990. Felicitation messages from DR. B. V. RAMAN, Messrs. V. A. K. Ayer and P. Adimoolam etc., were read out on the occasion and their blessings were conveyed to him.

Jyotirvidya Mandal, Nasik

A lecture on planetary influences on the stock and bullion market was delivered by Mr. M. Ghirnicar, Maintenance Manager, HAL, Ojhar Township, on April 20, 1990 at the Rotary Club of Nasik West.

Mr. Ghirnicar said Astrology was essentially the science of vibrations which was now clearly corroborated by the modern perturbation theory. He explained how the fluctuations in gold prices, company shares and stock market could be forecast with the help of the planetary aspectarian.

The programme was followed by questions and answers. Rotarian Shiv Ram Krishnan presided.

Obituary

A condolence meeting was held on 25th May 1990 by the Gandhiya Jyotish Parishad to mourn the death of eminent astrologer of Assam, Pt. Purushottam Bhattacharya, B.A., Ex-Principal, Jibananda Jyotirvidyalaya, Gandhiya, Founder-Secretary and Principal, Adyanathan Jyotirvigyan Mandir (Assam Astrological Training-*cum*-Research College, Gandhiya). He was 75 years old. He leaves behind three sons, a daughter and his widow.

Pt. Bhattacharya was the recipient of the National Award for Sanskrit scholars from the President of India in 1974. He was a pioneer in the field of astrological study in Assam. He wrote several articles on Astrology in Assamese, Bengali and English. He has also contributed to THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore.

His published books include *Vyabaharik Jyotish, Jyotirmala* (ed.), *Sanskrit Sahityat Abhumuki, Bharat Yukta Rastrar Bhagyaphal, Jyotish Yoge Roga Nirnay, Sikitsa Samudrik, Pravesika* etc.

His loss is deeply mourned.

American Federation of Astrologers

The Biennial Convention of AFA for 1990 was held at Hotel Peabody in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., from July 2, 1990 to July 6, 1990. Messrs. R. G. Krishnan of Bombay, A. Srinivas of Secunderabad (A.P.), Sandipan Chaudhuri, D. Kaley of Calcutta, S. S. Chatterjee of Batanagar, Jagadish Mukherjee of Asansol and A. N. Trivedi of Ahmedabad, all from India, attended it. 379 subjects were taken up at the workshops of which 19 were on Hindu Astrology and the reminaing on Tropical Astrology, Uranian etc. In all about 1,500 astrologers took part in the convention. Mr. Robert W. Cooper, Executive Secretary of the American Federation of Astrologers, gave the welcome address at the reception on 2nd July.

—A. Srinivas.

Astrology: Science and Spirituality*

M. A. Sreenivasan

Melkote, Thirunarayanapuram has been the seat of Sri. Ramanuja and the place where my ancestors and my great grand-father, Vidwan Sri Ananthalwar Swamy lived and worshipped and can be put forward as excuses for my being in this distinguished company.

Research is defined as 'careful search or enquiry after or for; endeavour to discover new facts etc., by scientific study of a subject, course of critical investigation.

When we talk of new facts, I recall the saying that there is nothing new under the sun and that it applies particularly to the Indian sun. But I have read that the word *Purana* is from *Pura-Api-Navam* —old but new, ever old and ever new.

A subject that comes to mind as one that meets the definition and qualities for research is in the field of Jyotisha Sastra. It is old, being one of the Angas of the Vedas and new, being currently a subject of study in our universities and Sanskrit colleges. It is said to be based on the texts and teachings of great sages and seers like Bhrigu, Parasara and Varahamihira.

We have read of great astrologers of old, who have made astonishing predictions. DR. B. V. RAMAN, the eminent astrologer, has made accurate predictions about my life and career. The felicitation volume published on his 73rd birthday has an authentic list of the astonishingly correct predictions made by him even about national leaders and world events.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, savant and founder of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, has made a study of the *Bhrigu Samhita* and the Nadis and has recorded his astonishing personal experience and the results of his investigations in a Kulapathi's letter published in the *Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Journal* of October 20, 1957.

I have myself seen a Nadi and would like to narrate my experience.

*Summary of Mr. Sreenivasan's acceptance speech delivered at the Academy of Sanskrit at Melkote on 28-7-1990 when the Honorary Membership of the Academy was conferred on him.

Mr. Sreenivasan, now 93 years, has occupied eminent positions as a Minister in a South Indian state, as Prime Minister in a Central Indian State and as Director of a big business organisation. He is an intellectual, of independent mind and lover of fine arts, and practical minded.

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COMPATABILITY: THE TEST OF A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE—II

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a is unknown) and have a ghter and also twin sons.

As a final note, the husband the woman who committed cide by drowning (Horoscope o. 1) committed suicide also on rch 20, 1964 by shooting self in the roof of the mouth h a small pistol.

There are thousands of marges that end in divorce every y, and stories of battered women se husbands beat them alst to death. **Only with the d of Indian Astrology can e see in advance that these ples are hopelessly incomtible and should never have rried in the first place.**

roscopes: Raman Ayanamsa owed throughout.

1. *Woman:* Born November 4, 91 at 4-08 a.m., LMT, at 37-25 N, 88 W. Ayanamsa: 20-53. Balance of rcury Dasa: 11 years, 4 months d 20 days.

Rasi: Taurus - Rahu 6-03; Pluto 19 (R); and Neptune 17-27 (R); mini - M.C. 21-17; Virgo - Saturn 5- Mars 17-41 and Lagna 21-44; ra - Uranus 11-30 the Sun 20.52 Mercury 25-21; Scorpio - Venus 2- Ketu 6-03; and the Moon 21-04 and uarius - Jupiter 17-15 (SD); *Navamsa:* Aries - the Sun; Taurus - rcury; Gemini - Mars, Neptune (R) Pluto (R); Cancer - Lagna and Venus; Leo - Ketu; Capricorn - the Moon and Uranus; Aquarius - Saturn and Rahu; and Pisces - Jupiter (SD).

2. *Woman:* Born April 17, 1953 at 3-27 a.m., P.S.T., 3-38 a.m., L.M.T., at 33-12 N., 117-23 W. Ayanamsa: 21-46. Balance of Mars Dasa: 6 years, 9 months and 24 days.

Rasi: Aries - the Sun 5-23 and Mars 28-33; Taurus - Jupiter 3-11 and the Moon 23-41; Gemini - Uranus 22-57; Cancer - Ketu 16-40 and Pluto 29-07 (R); Libra - Neptune 0-38 (R) and Saturn 1-57 (R); Scorpio - M.C. 28-52; Capricorn - Rahu 16-40; Aquarius - Lagna 22-49; and Pisces - Mercury 7-59 and Venus 28-46 (R). *Navamsa:* Aries - Lagna and Uranus; Taurus - the Sun; Gemini - Rahu; Leo - the Moon; Virgo - Mercury; Sagittarius - Mars and Ketu; Capricorn - Jupiter; Aquarius - Saturn (R) and Neptune (R); and Pisces - Venus (R) and Pluto (R).

3. *Man (Husband of No. 2)* : Born July 16, 1953 at 12-30 p.m., C.S.T., 12-33 p.m., L.M.T., at 37-43 N., 89-14 W. Ayanamsa: 21-46, Balance of the Sun's Dasa: 2 years, 0 months, and 9 days.

Rasi: Taurus - Venus 18-06; and Jupiter 23-43; Gemini - Uranus 27-20 and Mars 29-46; Cancer - the Sun 2-08, M.C. 8-35, Ketu 11-54 and Mercury 15-34 (R); Leo - Pluto 0-15; Virgo - the Moon 5-30, Saturn 29-12 and Neptune 29-22; Libra - Lagna 4-42; and Capricorn - Rahu 11-54. *Navamsa:* Aries - Rahu and Pluto; Gemini - Mars, Venus and Uranus; Cancer - the Sun; Leo - Jupiter; Virgo - Saturn and Neptune; Libra - Ketu; Scorpio - Lagna and Mercury (R); and Aquarius - the Moon.

4. *Man:* Born January 2, 1958 at 4-55 a.m., C.S.T., 4-59 a.m., L.M.T., at 38-19 N., 88-52 W. Ayanamsa: 21-50. Balance of the Sun's Dasa: 1 year, 1 month and 29 days.

Rasi: Aries - Ketu 15-28; Taurus - the Moon 7-25; Cancer - Uranus 18-55 (R); Leo - Pluto 10-15 (R); Virgo - M.C. 4-10; Libra - Jupiter 6-57, Neptune 12-37 and Rahu 15-28; Scorpio - Mars 15-23, Lagna 17-38 and Saturn 27-47; Sagittarius - Mercury 4-07 (R) and the Sun 19-43; and Capricorn - Venus 23-51. *Navamsa:* Taurus - Mercury (R); Cancer - Pluto (R); Leo - Venus and Ketu; Virgo - the Sun; Scorpio - Mars; Sagittarius - Lagna, Jupiter and Uranus (R); Capricorn - Neptune; Aquarius - Rahu; and Pisces - the Moon and Saturn.

5. *Woman:* Born February 28, 1959 at 9-26 a.m., C.S.T., 9-30 a.m., L.M.T., at 38-19 N., 88-52 W. Ayanamsa: 21-51. Balance of Jupiter Dasa: 6 years, 4 months and 24 days.

Rasi: Aries - Lagna 24-13; Taurus - Mars 16-31; Cancer - Uranus 21-26 (R); Leo - Pluto 10-55 (R); Virgo - Rahu 23-06; Libra - Neptune 14-59 (R) and the Moon 28-00; Scorpio - Jupiter 9-37; Sagittarius - Saturn 13-27; Capricorn - M.C. 6-16; Aquarius - the Sun 17-27 and Mercury 29-42; and Pisces - Venus 13-20 and Ketu 23-06. *Navamsa:* Taurus - Mars; Gemini - the Moon and Mercury; Cancer - Pluto (R) and Rahu; Leo - Saturn; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra - Neptune (R); Scorpio - Lagna and Venus; Capricorn - Ketu and Uranus (R); and Pisces - the Sun. —146.90

FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR KASHMIR

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jor period of Saturn on 17-8-1963. The situon warmed up again during the period Mer-y/Mercury/Saturn in August-December 1965 en India was forced to fight another war with kistan in order to save Kashmir from come annexation by Pakistan.

The above analysis reveals the adverse roles Mercury, Rahu, Ketu and Mars in the national rt. Since 17-4-1990, the country is going ugh the period of Venus/Venus/Mercury which continue till 7-10-1990 followed by Venus/ us/Ketu upto 17-12-1990. War-like situ- already prevails on the border with Paki- I do not see an end to this situation till mber 1990. In spite of the Central Government's effort to start political process in Kashmir we do not foresee its success. Negotiations with Pakistan are not going to be fruitful. Because of Mercury's better position in the *Khavedamsa* chart of Punjab, announcement for holding general elections in Punjab in October 1990 is very likely to be made by the Government. Though the period July-October 1990 is quite inauspicious, I do not see a major war breaking out between Indian and Pakistan. Since the Indian concept of secularism has not worked in Kashmir, the Government will have to take more pragmatic steps to keep that state within the Indian Union. Ultimately a lasting solution will emerge by dismembering of Pakistan, for which the period Venus/Moon from 17-12-1991 to 17-8-1993 seems to be most plausible astrologically.—150.90. (Written: 20-6-1990).

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HINDU ASTROLOGY AND EXTRA-SATURNINE PLANETS

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important and destructive influence will be missed altogether. The Hindu Sidereal system relies more on the planet that aspects rather than on the type of aspect. So Uranus in Taurus aspected by Venus from Scorpio, for Tropicalists, would be adverse whereas for Siderealists it would be a good position.

With this background, let me try to explain the need for uniformity. For example, let us take the effect of Uranus in Virgo. For this, we have to eliminate the diluting effect of aspect and house placements because Mars in Gemini square Uranus in Virgo will not be the same as Mars in Leo square Uranus in Scorpio. We can only evaluate the effect of sign placement when other variables have been made constant. That is to say, we have to take as many horoscopes as possible with the same house and aspect placements of the two planets so that the effect due to Uranus in Virgo can be segregated from the aspect and house effects. But Nirayana would change the "house constants". So how can the sign effect be deduced to be the same? So total adaptation is totally ruled out.

How far is partial adaptation feasible?

Significations that Tropicalists attribute to Uranus, Neptune and Pluto *per se* could only have been allocated after making all other variables constant so that all other points of differences are eliminated. Now, one more important question is — have the effects of Nodes been taken into account while deciding the significations of Uranus, Neptune or Pluto? If they have not been considered then their effects too would be incorporated into the effects of extra-saturnine planets.

For example, if sudden happenings is the characteristic of Rahu, then in that study Uranus would not be ascribed the same result. But if Rahu is excluded from the study , then naturally, this effect would be allotted to one of the extra-saturnine planets. So if in any future study we make use of Nodes plus extra-saturnine planets, while this was not so in the original study, then confusion would arise as to which planet should be ascribed the cause of **sudden unexpected events**. So, the use of planetary significations of extra-saturnine planets *in toto* for Nirayana (Hindu) Astrology is not without confusion, although the significations of the other planets from the Sun to Saturn remain the same for both systems.

We also observe that the aspect (square, trine etc.) between two bodies remains the same irrespective of the system because aspect is the difference in longitudes of the two planets.

So some genuine problems would be (1) How to reconcile type and orbs of aspects between two planets; (2) whether to use Nodes along with extra-saturnine planets or not; (3) their use in transits; (4) how they affect the Dasa Bhukti of other planets such as the Sun, Venus, etc.; (5) their own Dasas to be used or not; and (6) their constellational rulership or sharing.

In all retrospective analysis made by Sayana advocates the writer knows the results and he also knows the significations of the planet. All he has to do is to turn a few pages of books on western Astrology and pick out what suits the context best. But the real worth of Astrology lies in its prospective analysis and in those cases the crucial factor of "option to choose as per suitability" is absent.

Many new ideas are being thrust under the pretext of research based on retrospective analysis without following the norms of analysis. This can only be disastrous to Astrology. Any research work should have (1) A plan of research; (b) setting of goals/aims; (3) description of the method of analysis; (4) the analysis proper; (5) the conclusions; and (6) effectiveness of results.—93.90.

SRIDHARA II

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Kecharasiddhi calling himself as "Ganaka Chakra Choodamani" in the famous words of Bhaskara, a memorable title conferred on Brahmagupta by Bhaskara!

This work has been edited by David Pingree, Professor of Mathematics, Brown University, U.S.A., under the Baroda Oriental Institute Series and published in 1976 A.D.

Neelakanta, son of Vidyadhara of *Girinarayanajnathi*, who copied Sridhara's work at Jeernadurga on Monday, *Chaitra Sukla Triteeya Saka* 1477, corresponding to 23.3.1555 A.D. writes that he did it for his and his brothers' Vishnu, Raghunatha and Nrisimha's use.

This work, besides a hundred of Gaekwad's collections, helps us to trace the history of Jyotisha Sastra in Gujarat and surrounding regions in the period after Bhaskara.—60.39.

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ASTROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

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On a visit to Mysore to attend a meeting of the ...ate of the Mysore University in 1928, I learnt ...t a person named Mudaliar who possessed palm-...f manuscript in old Tamil called Nandi Nadi, had ...e to Mysore and had been accommodated by the ...haraja Sri Krishnaraja Wodeyar in one of the ...ace quarters. The Mudaliar who was sitting ...hind a low desk asked for my name. I gave it as ...anmugam Mudaliar. He then took an impression ...the palm and fingers of my right hand on a plain ...per and asked if my parents were alive and how ...any brothers and sisters I had, which questions I ...wered. Reciting that my palm had *Thiri-chchkkira-...chchanjga varippiravai*, he went into a room ...d brought out a bundle of palm-leaf manuscripts ...d seemed to have found mine. He took 20 rupees ...r a full life reading and asked us to come in the ...ening. When we went to him he said he could not ...d the reading and returned the twenty rupees. ...en I said I thought he had found it in the morning ...said, "But the reading says 'You are a Brahmin'." said I was sorry to have given a wrong name. He ...n read the life reading from the leaves. I have still ...t got over my astonishment at finding my horo-...pe, prepared by the family astrologer reproduced ...curately, but also at the correctness of the read-...gs from year to year. There was one inaccuracy. ...said that I would be dead at sixty-six. (Mr. ...enivasan is now 93.)

I have come across such inaccuracies in readings ...oroscopes that are very largely correct, and have ...ndered if they could be due to inaccuracy of the ...sic data; in the case of the Nadi, where he locates ...the palm leaf, the reading on the pattern of the ...nd, as one would locate a word in the dictionary, ...slight difference in the letters of a word would ...ke a difference in the meaning as, for example, ...ween *perpetrate* and *perpetuate*.

The Nadis do not appear to be as ancient as the ...tras-like the Parasara Hora Sastra. If so, when ...re they written? By whom? What prompted them ...write these encyclopaedias of the lives of persons? ...at was the Mind power that they had acquired ...how? Would this not be an interesting subject ...research?

Dean Swift said "Astrology is a science but the ...rologers are humbugs". His sweeping condemna-...was, doubtless, the expression of his anger at ...large number of charlatans and quacks that have ...ught a bad name to astrologers.

I know there are scientists, who go further than ...t and say that Astrology is not a science. They ...g to mind the title of the Eddington memorial ...re delivered at Cambridge in 1988 by Professor ...ard of that University. The title was "The ...ring to **the scientists' failure, or unwillingness to realise the tremendous power of the Mind and its manifestations in intuition and inspiration - the Mind, and the brain behind it.**

I have seen *Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra*. Sage Parasara is said to have lived in the era of the Mahabharata. **No one who reads this work in Astrology could but be amazed at the detailed description it has given of seven planets** (Rahu and Ketu are described as shadowy), **their movement in the zodiac through 27 stars, the Vargas of the zodiac, the Dasas and Antardasas, and the numerous calculations.**

Einstein, one of the greatest scientists, says "The most profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical. It is the power of all true science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand wrapt in awe is as good as dead". In his lecture on "Atom and Self" in 1970, Dr. Meghnad Saha predicted "It seems certain that with deeper understanding of space-time, the Mind-brain interaction mystery is likely to become richer and open new possibilities for human experience both in relation to the external and the internal world".

Is there any land more congenial and appropriate for this research than the land of the Vedangas, and a location and environment more inspiring than this?

You can imagine how happy I was to be present at the inauguration in November last year of the Gandhi Centre of Science and Human Values, earlier named "Of Science and Spirituality as a constituent unit of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan" through the munificence of Mr. Ramakrishna Bajaj and to find that its aim and objectives were after my heart. Its preamble refers to "many discoveries of modern science that bear amazing resemblance to the insights that ancient seers had gained into the nature and working of the Universe". Its main aim is 'to promote the integration of Science and Spiritual Values'. I am confident that the Centre will be happy to co-operate with the Academy in the research that I have suggested. The Director has assured me of his help not only in trying to secure the *Nandi Nadi*, the extract from which I have shown them, but also on the research that may be undertaken by the Academy.

I believe the UNESCO is interested in helping research of this kind and may support a well-considered project placed before it. The Duke University of U.S.A. that has pioneered research of E.S.P. and allied subjects may be of help. Universities like the Harvard University which has a wing for oriental studies, other academic bodies in Europe, may also be willing to assist. Dr. Sankar Dayal Sharma, the Vice-President of India, and a deeply religious person, and learned Sanskrit scholar, may be invited to visit the Academy and shown the need for increased support.

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MY EARLY EXPERIENCES IN ASTROLOGY — XXXI

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astrological matters. He was good enough to present me with a copy of his excellent book on Astrology in Hindi in which he dealt with the different branches of the subject extensively interspersed with his own experiences.

Krishna Sinha also knew Astrology well. He wanted to have my assessment of his political future. What was worrying him was the prediction given by some astrologers of Bihar and Bengal that his aspiration to attain a high political career might not be fulfilled. It seems that emphasis was on the situation of Rahu and Saturn in the 12th house and the debilitation of the Sun. Unfortunately there was some doubt about his birth time. Deokinandan Sinha had also advised him to consult with me.

After checking up some life-events in the light of directional influences, the time was fixed by me as 3-21 a.m. and in an introductory reading sent for the year 1943, I had hinted about the death of a close relative of his on the paternal side. Later Mr. Sinha wrote to me, "Since writing to you last another thing has happened which has confirmed one prediction made by you. In the course of 1943-'44 you predicted a bereavement on the paternal side. My eldest brother died. So with some difference as regards time this prediction has been fulfilled. The next few years may be years of great political importance and I would therefore request you to keep in view my future political career in recasting the reading".

At the time I was consulted though Sinha was an M.L.A. there was no chance of his becoming a minister as the political conditions in India were still in a state of flux.

He was having Rahu Dasa from 1937 to 1955. It was during this period, covered by the sub-periods of Rahu, Jupiter and Saturn that Sinha underwent much suffering, participated in the freedom movement and was also jailed. Probably because of these happenings in Rahu Dasa, his astrologer-friends might have felt hesitant about Rahu's capacity to confer any Yoga. In those days, I would examine horoscopes of important leaders not only from the point of view of Parasara but also in the light of *Jaimini Yogini* etc., This was the same yardstick that was used even in the cases of Mussolini and Hitler.

Prima facie Rahu's disposition in the 12th from Lagna along with Saturn was not a factor to make him confer Rajayoga. I pondered for some time and wrote to him thus: "You are now having Mercury's sub-period till 1947 to be followed by Ketu and Venus in the major period of

				MOON JUPIT.			MERC.
	JUPIT. RASI		SAT. RAHU		NAVAMSA		MARS KETU
KETU			MARS ASCDT.	VENUS RAHU			
MOON		SUN MERC.	VENUS	ASCDT.	SUN SAT.		

Rahu. Because he is associated with Saturn who as lord of the 7th is in the 12th, you have had enough of suffering till almost the end of Saturn's sub-period. In the Navamsa also the position of Rahu is equally unfavourable. But according to the dictum *Sanivad Rahu*, Rahu should also give the results of Saturn, whose situation as lord of the 6th (and 7th) in the 12th from Lagna could be considered as a Yoga. For deciding occupation and success in it the Dasamsa chart is equally important. In Dasamsa, Rahu is in the Ascendant with Mercury and the Moon who should give the results of Rahu and who as also lord of Lagna is in the 10th. Your elevation to a ministerial post is likely in Mercury's sub-period". The arguments given above were in accordance with my line of thinking then. As good luck would have it Sinha became the Chief Minister of Bihar.

After sustaining an almost unbroken series of military defeats in the war all these days, for which no parallels had been found in the past, the Allies appeared to have felt that with the end of 1943 some cheering events had taken place in the western theatres of war. But Hitler and Mussolini showed no significant sign of defeat. At this point of time my analysis of the horoscopes of these dictators caught the attention of the world, as I had forecast, in a sense, their doom.

I shall recur to this subject in the next part of this series.

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Post-script: As we go to the press war-clouds are gathering over West Asia. The following note has been just received from Ashtavakra.

The Crisis in West Asia

In the wake of Iraq's annexation of Kuwait and the threats posed to other Arab countries and Turkey and the amassing of formidable military forces by U.S.A. and its Allies in the Gulf region the world once again faces a crisis and peace appears to be hanging in the balance.

Though this significant development threatening a war, does not appear to have been specifically predicted in the editorial article in the 1990 Annual Number of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, the cryptic reference in the "summing up" of the editorial *viz.*, "West Asia may agasin boil over in a tide of hate and passion.... an eruption may shake up the whole region" is significant.

	MARS		ASCDT. VENUS		VENUS	RAHU	
	RASI		SUN KETU	MOON	JUPIT. NAVAMSA		MERC.
RAHU			MERC.	ASCDT.			
ASCD	MOON	JUPIT.		SUN SAT.	KETU	MARS	

According to a reader of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE in Saudi Arabia the invasion of Kuwait began at 2.30 a.m. (local time) on 2nd August 1990. It is assumed that the data are reliable in as much as the reader traces his information to a local spokesman.

The interpretation of the chart on the basis of mundane astrology is left to experts. I shall confine myself to an analysis in the light of *prasna* or horary astrology, assuming the inquirer, *viz.*, Iraq as the "querent" and Kuwait and its allies, *viz.*, other Arab states, U.S.A. etc., as "enemy".

The lord of the Ascendant Mercury is not in Musaripha with the Moon, a negative point for the 'querent'. The planet in the sign occupied by the lord of the 7th is the Sun. He is not in Muthasila with the Moon, again a minus point for the querent. Lord of the ascendant (Mercury) forms no Muthasila with the lord of the 7th (Jupiter) either in the 6th, 3rd or 10th. This means there can be no mutual agreement. The lord of the Ascendant (Mercury) is not occupying the debilitated sign of the lord of the 7th nor he is in a quadrant from the 7th lord. This is a neutral combination. Lord of the 7th (Jupiter) is no doubt in the 2nd, a plus point, negatived by the absence of Muthasila with the lord of the 2nd (Moon). This could be treated as a neutral factor. Victory cannot go to the querent because superior planets (Jupiter and Saturn) do not occupy signs in advance of inferior planets (Mercury, Moon and Venus).

The 4th and 10th houses have no benefics and are indicative of the impossibility of working out a compromise in the near future. (No peace-treaty or agreement is possible). Venus in Lagna is a favourable sign for Iraq while Saturn in the 7th may cause initial setbacks for the U.S.

However, Saturn Vargottama and retrograde in the 7th, may compel Iraq to ultimately make a compromise of sorts with the western allies. The position of Mars does not rule out an attempt on the life of Saddam Hussein.

The 7th lord Jupiter exalted in the 2nd favours the U.S. and Allies. Large scale killing of any westerners in Kuwait is ruled out. Mars in transit in Taurus will, however, keep this part of the world boiling.

Mercury, the Lagna lord, is in Radda Yoga with retrograde Saturn and this occurs between planets in Kendras and Apoklimas showing initial success for Sadaq but eventual failure. The Iraqi leader's efforts to hold the world to ransom will finally meet with failure.

Taking these various factors into consideration, it appears clear to me that the present crisis will become more complicated resulting in the outbreak of hostilities and that at least for the time being, no compromise will be possible.

As I have said earlier it is left to experts to assess the planetary configurations in the light of mundane astrology.

Ashtavakra
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Primafacie the Supreme Court's ruling appears, like the curate's egg, good in part. Albert Schweitzer would chuckle in his grave at the reverence thus shown to the highest of lives, even if it be lip-service. It could even appear as a concession to the human soul to square its account in this life itself, so it can start with a clean slate in the next. The contradiction however lies in the scapegoat of the enabling measure of "living-will" which recognises volitional termination of life whether by oneself or *via* another.

At best, it has the merit of deferring death; at worst,, dilly-dallying with it.

Granted it does; where is the guarantee that the "living-will" will come to light or that the attorney executes it?

Again, it is strange that a country that spearheads the movement for "creating" life by surrogation and IVF should be pussy- footed in its termination! Does it feel enough is enough? Or is the present ruling ad-hoc?

The wag on his part remarks: Even a dog is better treated in the U.S. what with the right to mercy killing!

Question: My son who is alway back home before 8 in the evening has not still returned home. Is he safe or what?

Question time: 8-8-1990 at 9.30 p.m. at 13° N, 77° E 35'.

ASCDT. 13-22	MARS 25		
MOON 12	RASI		VEN. 1 SUN 23 JUPIT. 6 KETU 13
RAHU 13			
SAT. 28			MERC.

Solution: Next Month

Solution to our August Teaser: Boy gets admission in prestigious school

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फलानि ग्रहचारेण सूचयन्ति मनीषिणः ।
को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकम् वेधसम् विना ॥

Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way what will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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PLANETS AND WEST-ASIA CRISIS

THE world stands on the brink of a major conflagration. If in 1914 and 1939, Europe was the hub where the wars ke out first, slowly assuming global propor-ns, the focus now has shifted to the perenni-y tense region of West Asia. A tiny kingdom h its fierce, bloodthirsty ruler is holding rld peace to ransom. Why and in what umstances, this has occured is easy to derstand, for, the media is full of these de-ls. But what course will these tensions take d when will peace, at least as we knew it fore August 2nd, return are questions no itical analyst will be able to answer for sure. e Super Powers have their own Middle-East airs experts and Committees who are facing e of their toughest examination papers, swers to which they are furitively fumbling . They can be helped. And there are an-rs, not exact, but reasonably clear and ise if these experts make a reference to rology. Time and again with unerring regu-ity planetary alignments have traced widely rgent and never-repeating patterns that e sometimes led to war and sometimes ught peace and gladness to people's hearts. The Sun is the central core round which the

Sun has the greatest bearing on all mundane matters. As the Sun moves along the ecliptic the planets too move along with him and influence him by their energy fields and are in turn affected by his energy field. This way forces are let loose which affect all terrestrial phenomena such as weather and, of course, man too who cannot tear himself away from *terra firma* and who must respond to the interplay of these cosmic energy-fields. Men at the helms of affairs are humans too, sometimes even more fragile than the man on the street blinded as they are by power and the urge to dominate. Decisions they make are inspired, abetted and modified by these energy forces. For instance on August 2, 1990 (Chart 1) when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in the early hours of the day, Mars and Saturn were disposed *in mutual* trines, being in the 5th and 9th signs from each other.

The Moon, at the time of the invasion, as reported in the press, is in the 6th in Scorpio and this is a sign that has great affinity with oils, mines and all that is in the bowels of the earth. Petrostates have a significant link with Scorpio. The weekday, Wednesday, and the zodiacal sign (Gemini) are not too badly chosen

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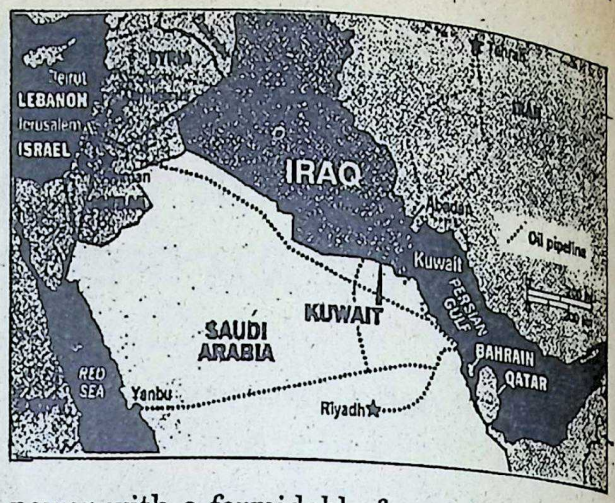
tary and other considerations). But a strong Saturn in the 7th house is seldom desirable. The 7th house is always sought to be kept vacant. This house is a powerful Kendra and any planet here gains the potential to influence in a marked way the outcome of any project initiated under its influence. Saturn in this specific case gets Digbala, is Vargottama and retrograde adding to nearly diabolic developments. But, on the other side, his impact on the Lagna cannot give success to the Iraqi leader although it may make the issue a long drawn intricate and costly affair. The Moon is in the 6th house, the nodes are across the 2nd and 8th houses afflicting Jupiter, who himself, is no promoter of finances here as Badhakadhipati.

Venus in the Ascendant is a plus point and shows success in the initial rounds but before long indications are, (and that is a long way off) Venus must make way for the near-invincible malefic Saturn in the 7th house. This is a signal that the power to defy the West is still not in the hands of the Arabs.

	MARS		ASCDT. VENUS		VENUS	RAHU	
RAHU	Chart 1 RASI		JUPIT. KETU SUN	MOON	NAVAMSA		MERC.
			MERC.	ASCDT.			JUPIT.
SAT. (R)	MOON			SUN SAT.	KETU	MARS	

The chart cast for the time when the Republic of Iraq was declared independent shows some revealing details about this kingdom. The rising sign is Cancer (Chart 2) aspected by 10th lord Mars from the 10th house from a martian sign and nodal constellation. The Ascendant lord Moon is in Taurus, exalted and aspected by a strong malefic retrograde Saturn, who, in turn, is afflicted by Mars. The 10th house and lord are aspected by 9th lord Jupiter in Chitta influenced by Rahu, in Chitta again. This has given the country a military regime eversince the monarchy was overthrown in 1958. The 10th lord Mars, a Yogakaraka, in the war-like sign Aries which is his Moolatrikona sign also strongly controlling Lagna as also the 10th house has made its army, the mightiest in the Arab world. Hussain wields absolute personal



power with a formidable force of one million fighting men and 6000 tanks along with modern air craft and advanced chemical weapons.

The August 2nd annexation of Kuwait occurred when Mars, in transit, was occupying the same sign as it did at Iraq's birth. This also coincides with Ashtama Sani for Iraq and is to some extent why the two Super Powers, the U.S. and Soviet Union, are pitted against it having come together in a rare convergence. The transits have stimulated Saddam's hunger for money and dominance, but it will be the Dasas and Bhuktis which will decide the final outcome.

	MARS KETU	MOON VENUS	SUN			KETU MARS	SAT. (R) SUN
	Chart 2 RASI		MERC. ASCDT.		NAVAMSA		
				MERC.			MOON
	SAT. (R)	RAHU JUPIT.			ASCDT. RAHU	JUPIT.	VENUS

Mars in the 10th aspecting Dasa lord Jupiter and at the same time transit Saturn causing Ashtama Sani have a lot to do with the current despotic activity of Saddam Hussein. The Lagna is an emotional and watery sign that can make emotion eclipse logic. The 2nd lord Sun is in the 12th. The 12th lord is in the Lagna. Saturn as 8th lord is in the 5th house and aspects the 2nd house. Population growth has

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ays outdone its economic growth leading to remes of poverty. Mars, though the 10th d is afflicted by Ketu in the latter's constel- on. Iraq's war with its enemy Iran has left n debts to the tune of nearly 70 billion lars. This together with the Sun in the 12th ther aspected by transit Saturn gave Iraq an use to take over Kuwait's tantalizing oil- lds and pocket its colossal overseas invest- nts.

The Moon, is the significator of the mind d the constraints on him caused by Mars and e Sun flanking him supported by the afflic- ns to the 10th lord have given the country ders with ambitions to extend its borders. e current Dasa lord Jupiter too, afflicts the h lord from a cuspal degree and in turn is ected by the violent, aggressive Mars. The h house is the house of thinking, of motives d the combined influence on it of Mars and turn has given it a fanatical megalomaniacal der.

The omnipotent position of Mars in Iraq's art can easily draw parallels from history. mparisons are possible between those of the me group but a slight departure from this e can do no harm (and even provide some sitive insights) if one chart is of an individual d the other of a nation (whose representative again an individual). The horoscopes of tler and Iraq have many things in common t most of all in the disposition of the planet ars.

In Hitler's case (Chart 3), the aggressive, rannical traits are derived from a dominat- g Mars in the sign Aries (as in Iraq's case). ars aspects the Ascendant, Mars associates

MARS SUN MERC. VENUS		RAHU			MERC. RAHU	SUN
Chart 3 RASI		SAT.		NAVAMSA		
			SAT.			MOON
	ASCDT.			MARS VENUS ASCDT. KETU		JUPIT.

h the Ascendant lord Venus and Mars influ- es the 10th house and its occupant Saturn n in his turn also aspects the Ascendant lord.

The Mars-Saturn affliction of the 7th house (aggression) is significant as also a similar affliction involving the 10th house.

In Iraq's chart, the all-pervading influence of Mars has already been identified. Additionally, in Navamsa, Scorpio rises while its ruler Mars is with Ketu in a venusian sign, Taurus. In the Fuhrer's chart too, Scorpio rises in Navamsa with all its renegade viciousness. Mars and Ketu there are joined by Venus. With such striking similarities, it would be in order to expect Iraq to go *a la* Germany of the 1930's. Is Saddam today's Hitler? Does he have more than money on his mind? The astrological clues leave no doubt of his intentions of gobbling up the entire Middle East. The fact Iraq's Ascendant and 10th house are not so strong as the Nazi leader's is some consolation and can vastly influence the final outcome of all of Saddam's deprecadatory activities.

At present Venus Bhukthi in Jupiter Dasa is running. Jupiter's placement indicates that Iraq will continue to be reckless and ruthless in its drive to lord the Persian Gulf. The Moon currently under affliction from Saturn is made worse by transit Mars atop him till March 1991. An assassination attempt may be made on Sadam about the end of October 1990. Further intensification of tensions in this region is foreseen and peace will be a scarce commodity.

	MOON	MARS	VENUS	KETU	VENUS		MOON
KETU MANDI	Chart 4 RASI		SUN MERC.(R) JUPIT.		NAVAMSA		SUN MARS
			SAT. RAHU	MERC. JUPIT.			
				MANDI			SAT. RAHU

According to a reader, Saddam officially assumed power on July 17, 1979, time not known. Here again Mars and Saturn (Chart 4) are in mutual aspect while Rahu is in exact conjunction with Saturn. The coming Rahu-Saturn conjunction occurs in Capricorn, the 10th house from the Moon-sign on 21-1-1991. This conjunction is bound to be of tremendous

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significance in the history of Saddam's Iraq and of consequence to his regime.

Saddam Hussain's exact birth details are not known but a friend gives the date of birth as April 28, 1937 at Tikrit, about 160 kms. north of Baghdad. Not much is known of his early years except that he was orphaned at 9 months and was born of a peasant. In the absence of the time of birth his Chandra Lagna is being considered.

SAT.	SUN VENUS	MERC.(R) KETU			VENUS	MANDI	
	Chart 5 RASI			JUPIT. RAHU	NAVAMSA		
JUPIT.				MERC.			SUN KETU
	MOON MARS(R) RAHU	MANDI			MOON	MARS	SAT.

The most striking feature of this chart (Chart 5) is the predominance of the martian signs Aries and Scorpio which between them house 5 planets. Mercury and Ketu are further afflicted by Mars' aspect from Scorpio. This all-pervasive disposition of Mars and the Moon coming under the influence of such a heavily afflicted martian sign fits in with the description — may be somewhat colored — of Saddam by a senior British diplomat who had dealt with him. "He is an extremely shrewd, cold-blooded, clever thug," he says and "human life means nothing to him." Variously he is said to be coldly calculating, brutal, ruthless and a bully who will try to get what he wants through terrorism.

The Moon-Mars association makes one head-strong, inclined to acts and words which

			MARS VENUS JUPIT. SUN		ASCDT.	SUN	KETU
MOON	Chart 6 RASI		MERC. RAHU	VENUS JUPIT.	MARS NAVAMSA		
KETU							MERC. SAT.
ASCDT.			SAT.	RAHU MOON			

are rash causing humiliation and sorrow. He will be critical and domineering. The Moon-Rahu association is equally adverse while Mars-Rahu conjunction makes the native restless, hasty, defiant and often violent. The native faces reversals of plans and sudden and important developments and there can be no stopping the man in his thoughtless mis-adventures. Saturn's moving out of Sagittarius will only strengthen his position for the time-being.

At the other end of the situation, opposition to the Iraq's blitz-krieg has been world wide. The U.S. promptly despatched its forces - naval, land and air - to bolster the miniscule Saudi army vowing not only to defend the Persian Gulf but also force Iraq to take its hands off Kuwait. This came at a time when the Soviet Union was hogging all the glory with the decline of Communism and U.S. primacy seemed to be almost receding. The Iraqi aggression gave the U.S. a chance to show it was the only power to have the capacity to handle the situation. Such an opportunity to remind the world that the U.S. still reigns supreme can only be explained by the current Sun Dasa in its horoscope (Chart 6). The Sun is the 9th lord (an excellent benefic) placed in the 7th house (of military powers, defence expedition and foreign lands) and therefore drawing it into military activity abroad. The Bhukti is of a not so well-placed Rahu who in the 8th is with 7th lord Buddhikaraka Mercury. This is some kind of an affliction, especially in judging intentions and casts a light shadow on its bonafides.

The U.S. had always considered installing its presence in the Gulf to ensure the steady flow of oil at a reasonable price. Pursued earlier, it could have raised heavy Arab objections. But thanks to the 9th lordship of the Dasa lord Sun the U.S. has done it - in an adriot and brilliant move- but now in the role of saviour. However, transit-wise Rahu will be conjoining Saturn when the latter moves into Capricorn about the end of January 1991. This will afflict Bhukti lord Rahu leading to some clashes and violence between the U.S. troops and Iraq. U.S. casualties may be heavy and cause some despair.

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EKALAVYA

ogeny: Gift of Dharma and nya

A READER wants to know whether the 9th or the 10th house in a chart designates the father, as there appears to be a difference erception between the north and south of our country in this regard and the west, in par-lar.

True there is : I can only answer for my coun-

In my view, this difference stems from — what I say — a syllogistic error abetted perhaps, nstantially by incorrect interpretation of rules texts.

Let me explain in detail.

Classic writers like Parasara and Varahamihira the 9th house (or Bhava) as शुभ, धर्म पुण्य, for well-deserved reasons.

However, Parasara has cleared the ground for ific interpretation thus!

Having described the 12 Bhavas in general , he states:

न्चिद्विशेषं वक्ष्यामि यथा ब्रह्ममुखाच्छ्रुतम् ।

shall tell you something special about them as d by me from Brahma's own mouth.

नवमेऽपि पितुर्ज्ञानं सूर्याच्च नवमेऽथवा ।

The *anvaya* for the above line should be:

नवमे पितुर्ज्ञानं अथवा सूर्याच्च नवमेऽपि ।

One should learn) about the father from the om Lagna or 9th from the Sun too.

he latter is understandable because, the Sun accredited Karaka for father.

ow then, did the 10th house butt into the e? And what exactly is the role assigned to it? I shall explain presently.

There could be this syllogistic error: We know that the 7th house in a male chart relates to his wife. Applying this rule to the 4th Bhava, which, by admission, indicates the mother, we get the 10th as the house of her husband or the native's father. This appears to be the rationale behind holding the 10th house as the house of the father.

Suppose I accept this logic as wholly true; the 5th is the house of my son, and 4th from it *viz.*, the 8th house should become the house of my wife, which, of all things in the world, she will stoutly refuse to represent!

I shall further loosen the knot.

Manasagari is an ancient Jain classic closely following Yavana. In that work, the effect of the 10th house, quoted by Balabhadra too, is as follows:

व्यापारमुद्रा नृपमान्य राज्यं प्रयोजनं चापि पितुस्तथैव ।

The correct *anvaya* for the above line should be as follows:

व्यापारमुद्रा नृपमान्य राज्यं तथैव पितुः प्रयोजनम् ।

It means: One should judge from the 10th house his business, office, royal favour, kingdom, as also *inheritance from the father*. The last is quite in order as the 10th is the 2nd from the 9th and therefore called *aaspada*.

Unfortunately, *this line has been translated in Hindi tendenciously as indicating the house of the father, which perhaps has abetted the misconception.*

That my interpretation is the correct one is borne out by the same text when it describes the effect of Saturn in the 9th house thus:

धर्मस्थ पंगुर्बहुदम्भकारी धर्मार्थहीनः पितृवञ्चकश्च ।

(Among others) this position will be harmful to the interest of the father.

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And Saturn in the 10th is described as all too good, with little relation to the father.

I have studiously refrained from quoting South Indian texts on this issue, because they are known to champion the 9th as the house of the father.

It will thus be seen that in the Indian system judgments are ecclectic (nevertheless standardised) and the parameters of judging the houses of wife and husband are different from those for judging parental houses.

Finally, *the raisen d'etre* behind this stand (9th house) appears to be the unique perception of truth by our Rishis that progeny is the gift of *dharma* and *punya*.

And if my son names his son (5th from the 5th) after me, it is because his 9th is me, his father. And what is more, commentators have made it clear that the 9th is also collectively the house of parents and for that reason, my grand-daughter too can and is named after my wife!

Huntington's Disease

Also known Huntington's Chorea, it is a genetically determined disease affecting the central nervous system. It starts with the symptom of facial twitch, then of the tongue and upper limbs, gradually spreading to tremors and loss of voluntary control of the motor system. Locomotion, speech and swallowing get impaired. The cerebrum atrophies, ventricles enlarge and mid-brain gets affected, leading to suicidal mania.

Hallucination and delusions resembling schizophrenic affliction occur. In later stages there will be set-back to intelligence and memory. Usually the cause of death is heart failure, inability to breathe or pneumonia.

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	RASI		
			ASCDT. JUPIT. PLU.
	NEP.	MOON	URA.

This disease runs in families, being due to a single auto-somal dominant gene. One of the parents must have been affected and the proportion of their children affected is 1 : 3. Current treatment stops with tranquillisers, which at best reduce the symptoms. Although this disease is not listed in the *Encylcopedia of Medical Astrology*, the symptoms are easy enough to pinpoint the astrological factors behind it, which I commend to the attention of the publishers of the above splendid work.

Given above is the sidereal chart of a girl born in Canada whose mother died of Huntington's disease.

In medical Astrology, hereditary diseases are indicated by the Sun and afflictions to it at birth; fixed signs and many planets in them with affliction, besides the 4th, the 8th and the 10th houses. Mercury rules over the nervous system and Neptune being its higher octave, affliction to it, causes this disease. Neptune rules over cerebral ventricles, cellular tissues, depression nerve of the heart, the respiratory system and the throat. His pathological effect is to atrophy through cessation of motor functions.

In the present case the patient being the mother, we must treat the 4th house as the Lagna. It is a fixed sign; Neptune occupies it. Mercury and Mars occupy Taurus, another fixed sign, which along with these planets is afflicted by Maandi or Gulika. The latter is one of the most sinister sub-planets which causes peculiar afflictions. Neptune is afflicted by a square from Mars, another square from Jupiter. Lagna lord Mars is also opposed by afflicted Neptune.

According to the Indian system, both Mars and Mercury that are afflicted aspect the 4th house. Thus the native of Scorpio or the mother is clearly afflicted by Huntington's disease. Ant the mother breathed her last during the child's Rahu Dasa and Moon Bhukti where Moon is *karaka* for mother and between the Dasa and Bhukti lords they are 8/6. And with reference to the Scorpio Lagna the Sun, hereditary index, occupies the 6th, which amounts to saying that it is a hereditary curse. And Saturn aspects Mercury and the 5th house.

Whether the child too will be subject to the same fell disease is a different matter. In fact for Leo Lagna its lord is exalted and Jupiter's presence in it and aspect to Lagna lord appears to rule out the incidence of this disease on the child.

Equality of Doshas

On page 704 (*A.M.*, September 1990) the writer expresses his inability to appreciate the value of similar Doshas as leading to compatibility in marriage and illustrates his point by the analogy of feuding armies.

He is not alone in this doubt: I know many share his sentiment. Perhaps it needs more than superficial scanning, as the principle had been adumbrated by Rishis headed by Sage Atri (p. 752 of the same issue) practised and found true for centuries now.

One way of accepting the principle is to treat it as axiomatic, being *aarsha vaakya* but it may look unintelligent.

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strological Miscellany

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this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed logically. They may be about anything - birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, er, animals and the list is endless - so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are d to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa to ological Miscellany, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, *Bangalore 560 020.)*

One More Puff Syndrome

SMOKING is a fashion in today's glamorous life. Whether enjoying leisure or busy battling a problem, the cigarette is an able companion. The high and low, rich and all and sundry are under the firm grip of ing. The smoking habit appears to be a costly especially when making ends meet is itself ficult.

Although everyone is aware of its dire conse-es, none is prepared to get rid of this habit. are the astrological factors that indicate the g habit?" asks reader Suresh Kumar Sharma roceeds to answer his question himself.

ological Factors

he Sun and the Moon in the 7th house from cendant aspected by Saturn indicate a keen for smoking. When Rahu and Jupiter are ed in the 4th, the 6th or 12th house as-by any weak planet, the native becomes a r. If Mars is aspected by Saturn and Rahu, tive invariably becomes a chain-smoker. native really enjoys the thrill of waking up ff in the morning. If Mercury is badly d or is associated with Saturn or Mars, the njoys crude cigars. The same result occurs ombination is in the Navamsa chart.

presence of Venus and Rahu in the 3rd variably indicates smoking.

weak or wrongly placed Jupiter is aspected by the weak Moon, the native must take a morning puff. Experience shows that many smokers quickly relapse to their former habits after just *one little puff.* Saturn's 10th house aspect on the 4th house or the presence of Saturn in the 10th house tends to make the native a smoker. The Moon with Venus or the Moon being aspected by Venus in certain positions generates the smoking habit. If Ketu is associated with Venus in the 1st house, the 6th, the 8th or the 12th, or any combust planets are in the 8th house, the native develops the smoking habit. A nine *rathi* topaz can reduce the craving for smoking."

I am sure lots of our readers will benefit from reader S. K. Sharma's tips.

Comment Please

"Apropos your comments that afflictions to the 4th, the 8th and the 12th houses lead to depriving one of marital happiness (*A.M.*, Annual Number 1990) prompt me to share my own horoscope with your readers" writes reader U. Murali Krishna of Razole.

Born 15-11-1949 at 1420 hrs.

Rasi: Pisces - Ascendant and Rahu; Leo - Mars, the Moon and Saturn; Virgo - Ketu; Libra - Mercury and Sun; Sagittarius - Venus; and Capricorn - Jupiter. Balance of Venus Dasa at birth: 7years, 9 months and 0 days.

Here the 4th house is aspected by 3rd and 8th lord Venus. But he is Sukhakaraka as well as

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Kalatrakaraka. The 8th is conjoined by the Sun and aspected by Saturn. It is also conjoined by 7th lord Mercury powerfully placed. Besides Venus, the lord of this house, is powerfully placed in the 10th. The 12th is aspected by 3 malefics the waning Moon, Mars and Saturn. But here again Saturn is the 12th lord. As is wellknown a house aspected by its lord is protected. The lord though a malefic will not spoil own house but also not allow others to do so while under his supervision. There is besides the benevolent aspect of Jupiter on the 7th house. Of course there is Rahu-Ketu axis along the 1st/7th.

"I don't claim all is milk and honey with my married life. I have got my own troubles within the family (who does'nt). My wife is employed (Venus in 10th) and good-natured and devoted (aspect of Jupiter on the 7th) but as we are both employed despite all our efforts, we have been forced to live away from each other for several years leading in a way to deprival of marital happiness. Note the strange blending of malefic and benefic influences on the crucial 4th, 8th and 12th besides the 7th. Your comments please!"

As you yourself say, there is deprivation of companionship and marital happiness. So, where do my comments come in?

Good and Bad from the Palm

Signs and small markings add great interest to the interpretation of the palm. Usually they are an imperfect form such as an incomplete square or a two-sided triangle which looks like a dart. Their meanings vary depending upon location. The triangle is considered the best sign of luck. The cross, unlucky, except for the Mystic Cross, consists of two lines forming a cross in the area between the lines of head and heart. This denotes the natural instinct associated with the powers of the supernatural. Squares are good. Grilles are bad.

Triangles on the Mounts

On Jupiter - the diplomat, excellent leader. **On Saturn** - scholarly attributes. **On Sun**- artistic success. **On Mercury** - the executive mind. **On Moon** - rare imaginative attribute. **On Venus** - fortunate in love and marriage. **On Mars** - honour. On the **wrist** - wealth through marriage or inheritance.

Triangles on the Lines

"**Life** - eloquent speaker. **Head** - unusual perceptive powers. **Heart** - brilliant marriage alliance. **Fate, Sun, Mercury** - great achievement.

Crosses On the Mounts

On Jupiter - happy married life inspite struggles. **On Saturn** - fatalistic attitude t wards life. **On Sun** - Frustrations that m success. **On Mercury** - deceptive. **On Moon** exaggeration of abilities. **On Venus** - disappoin ment in love. **On Mars** - physical danger.

On the Lines

Life - illness or danger at that period. **Hea** accident. **Fate, Sun** - financial reverses due some business complications.

"**On the Plain of Mars:** Uneven temper ment, quarrelsome. On **Thumb or Finger** petty quarrels."

This information comes from reader Kult Singh Rattan of New Delhi.

Indifferent to Studies *(August 199*

"I cannot subscribe to your views in respect the chart under `Indifferent to Studies' (A.M August 1990)" protests reader N. K. Venugopal Thalayaparambu.

"The Lagna lord Venus is in the 11th in *badhaka* house in the house of his enemy. T 11th lord, his dispositor and lord of *badha* house, Sun, is debilitated in Lagna. Gnanakara Jupiter occupies the 6th and 8th respectively fro Lagna and Lagna lord.

The 4th lord and *maraka* Mercury, thou exalted, is placed in the 12th. The *karaka* f mind is afflicted by Mars whereas house of educ tion and Mercury are jointly afflicted by Mars a Saturn. Though a first-rate Yogakaraka for t Ascendant, Saturn with Mars will not produ good results.

"The real culprit is Mars. He is evil both fro Lagna and the Moon and occupies Chand Lagna. He aspects the 4th and 4th lord *kara* Mercury. Saturn also follows suit. Hence the re remedy lies in the propitiation of Mars (Subr maniam) which will set matters right."

The 5th house, according to *Jataka Tat* rules *vidya* and academics. The 5th lord is t Yogakaraka also in this case. Venus, the Lag lord, aspects the 5th as the best benefic. Mercu who rules the intellect is exalted. Mars aspecti him from a trine gives an analytical mind. a Jupiter, clarity. The boy can therefore look f ward to a good academic future, reader Venugop analysis notwithstanding.

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he Date of urya Siddhanta

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URYA SIDDHANTA is a very popular, authoritative and highly respected work on astronomy. It is held in high esteem over India, from Cape Comorin to the Hima-. Many eminent Indian astronomers quote s authority for the statements they make. ral astronomers have written books based his book. Indian pandits pay this book the reverence and regard as they do for the s. They will not touch and read the book out having their bath etc., and without making formal prayer etc. The book is supposed to in Vedic rules and the work of a Rishi. This hanta is supposed to be the direct teaching e Rishi Sun to the Tapasvi Maya. Because is declared there to be an Asura, Western tal scholars jumped to the conclusion that Surya Siddhanta is based on the Assyrian nomy summed up by Ptolemy in Egypt in econd century. If this were to be so, then, all Vedas which treat of Asuras must also be rian in origin.

Sudhakara Dwivedi quotes a verse in *Gani-gini* which refers to 18 important *Siddhan-* which are based on Veda.

"Surya Pitamaho Vyaso Vasishto Atrih asarah
Kasyapo Narado Gargo Marichir Manur irah
omasah Paulisaschaiva Chavano Yavano iguh
Sunnako Ashtadasaschaite Jyotis Sastra Prav-kah."

सूर्यः पितामहो व्यासो वसिष्टोऽत्रिः पराशरः
काश्यपो नारदो गर्गो मरिचिर्मनुरङ्गिराः
लोमशः पौलिशश्चैव चवनो यवनो भृगुः
शौनकोऽष्टादशश्चैते ज्योतिः शास्त्रप्रवर्त्तकाः

All the above *Siddhantas* take their matter, astronomical and astrological from the *Samhitas, Brahmanas* and *Aranyakas* of the *Vedas*. These *Siddhantas* do not contradict each other but generally they supplement each other. These *Siddhantas* are generally believed to contain revealed knowledge and *Surya Siddhanta* is generally held to be at the top of these revelations. Of these eighteen, only five are supposed to be purely astronomical and Varahamihira wrote a Karana (a brief astronomical treatise) based on these five *Siddhantas* viz. *Surya, Pitamaha, Vasishta, Pulisha,* and *Romaka Siddhantas*. Varahamihira who lived in the first century B.C. allots the first place to *Surya Siddhanta* as regards its accuracy etc.

Attempts were made by scholars both of the East and the West to ascertain the true date of this most sacred, ancient textbook of astronomy of Bharatavarsha. George Thibaut, the translator of the Pancha Siddhanta, gave a conclusion that the present *Surya Siddhanta* is different in content and value from the *Surya Siddhanta* referred to by Varahamihira. Whitney is said to have shown from internal evidence alone that the superior limit to the date of the *Surya Siddhanta* is 490 A.D. and that the lower limit is 1091 A.D. as ascertained by Bentley, It is also said that Whintney took 560 A.D. as the date of the *Surya Siddhanta*, saying that it is the mean of 490 A.D. and 1091 A.D. P.C. Sen Gupta, who has contributed an Introduction of about 45 pages to the publication of the English translation of the *Surya Siddhanta* by Burgess and Whitney, published by the Calcutta University, says, "Our view as to the nature of the work is that it is a composite growth dating from about

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Siddhantas do not contradict each other but generally believed to contain revealed knowledge and *Surya Siddhanta* is generally held to be at the top of these revelations. Of these eighteen, only five are supposed to be 400 A.D. to the middle of the eight century or the lower limit may even be the end of the eleventh century as found by Bentley. The date of its commentator, Ranganatha, is 1603 A.D., when it was made safe from the hands of its interpolators. It is possible to distinguish three distinct stages of its growth:-

(a) The original work as it existed before Varahamihira.

(b) Varaha's redaction with the epicycle theory in it.

(c) Later additions and alterations."

It is highly regrettable that an Indian scholar of the type of P. C. Sen Gupta should have made such highly damaging remarks about the authenticity and date of such an old and highly revered book. He asserts the existence of a Surya Siddhanta different from what we have at present and also different from what Varahamihira has described as Surya Siddhanta. At this stage we have to take note of a very important fact. The one and only book on which the speculations of George Thibaut and Sen Gupta are based about the existence of one or more ancient *Surya Siddhantas* different from the present existing *Surya Siddhanta* is the book *Pancha Siddhanta*. At the time when George Thibaut started his research, this book, *Pancha Siddhanta*, was neither in use nor were copies of it available in any part of India. But there are cross references to it both in Alberuni's *India* and Varahamihira's *Brihat Samhita*. A regular search was made by the Bombay Government and two moth-eaten copies (one in very bad condition) were found. They were amended with the help of Indian pandits and were published. It was with the help of the imperfect and amended contents of these manuscripts that much of the speculations of George Thibaut and Sen Gupta were carried on.

Alberuni writes about this book in his *India* as follows. Varahamihira has composed an astronomical handbook of small compass called *Pancha Siddhanta* which name ought to mean that it contains the pith and marrow of the preceding five *Siddhantas*. But this is not the case nor is it so much better than they as to be called as the most correct one of the five. So the name does not indicate anything but the fact that the number of *Siddhantas* is five. "He, in spite of having enjoyed the royal patronage of the Court of Delhi, confesses, "Upto the present time, I have not been able to procure any of the books save those of Pulisha and Brahmagupta." This means that even about 1030 A.D., the book *Pancha Siddhanta* was practically extinct in India. This was because the book was neither very accurate nor authoritative as a *Siddhanta*.

Statements are taken from this imperfect book and they are attributed to one or other of the five *Siddhantas*. *Pancha Siddhanta* being only a handbook, the astronomical elements are stated not in the original big numbers of the *Siddhantas* but in convenient round fractions parts chosen arbitrarily from anyone of the five *Siddhantas* by Varahamihira himself. George Thibaut assumes that a particular chapter in which there is a mention of the *Surya Siddhanta* contains the pith and marrow of the name of the *Surya Siddhanta* itself and the elements stated there are from the *Surya Siddhanta*. From the small figures stated for a convenient small number of years, he calculates the elements for 4,320,000 years and finds, as must naturally be, a small difference in the elements of the planets. Hence he concludes that there must have been a different *Surya Siddhanta* before the time of Varahamihira than the one that we have with us now. He found by converting the smaller elements for the smaller period to corresponding elements for 4,320,000 years that the Varaha's *Surya Siddhanta* gave 1,577,917, 800 sidereal days instead of 1,577,917,828 sidereal days as is given by the modern *Surya Siddhanta*. It must be noted that the number 1,577,917,800 is not given directly by Varahamihira, but arrived at from the figures given by him for a period of 180,000 years. This means that Varahamihira made his 180,000 years period short by 1 1/7 of a sidereal day. **What an error ! ! !** This is the first great argument on which George Thibaut first established the existence of an old *Surya Siddhanta* prior to Varahamihira. India has yet to produce another copy of *Pancha Siddhanta* or any copy of the much-talked of OLD Surya Siddhanta. P.C. Sen Gupta has taken great trouble to show that the apogee positions of the

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and the planets are differently stated by amihira of the first century B.C. and the m *Surya Siddhanta*. Even in the present-ext-books of the same author the perigee ons are stated differently in the earlier ater editions. They are as they ought to be. e absence of older manuscripts of the *Surya anta* with different values of the plane- and other elements, it is not fair to assert istence of an older book based on specula- helped by uncorroborated statements of amended, and imperfect copy of the *Pancha anta*.

C. Sen Gupta tells us that there were two *urya Siddhantas* prior to the present one. ys that there was one before the time of amihira, one that was given by Varaha- with the epicycle theory and the third is present-day one.

rahamihira has not spoken a single word there having been a *Surya Siddhanta* of ent form before his time and that he is g a new *Surya Siddhanta* for posterity. I t know whether his *Pancha Siddhanta* can be considered to be a homogeneous one to ated as a new *Surya Siddhanta* of his. To hat he introduced the epicycle theory for rst time in the *Surya Siddhanta* is also not t. He lived in the first century B.C. and it t be asserted that the Greeks of the first y B.C. ever knew anything about the ep- of planets, Aryabhata I, lived long before amihira (as is evidenced by Varahamihira's nces to the opinions of Aryabhata I, in his *a Siddhanta)* and his teachings were given k from in the fifth century A.D. by hatta II and therein we find complete ref- s to the epicycle theory. Thus the epicycle is indigenous to India and was imper- understood and borrowed by the Greeks. ncient Greeks refer to the ancient observa- of India built at Ujjain on zero degree de and latitude equal to the obliquity of liptic, several centuries before the birth of t.

apatha Brahmana which gives the posi- the ascending equinox in Krittika Naksha- d whose date is now accepted to be 3100 gives us a clear picture of the nature of the llowed at that time. *Sat. Br.*, II Khanda, yaya, 3rd Brahmana, 27th verse tells us that a year is made up of 12 or 13 lunar months. This shows that a lunar year with proper intercalation (to accord it with the sidereal year) was being followed at this remote period in India. It is well known that the purpose of intercalation is to make the lunar year accord with the sidereal year and hence with the Indian seasons. That is the solar Madhu month and the lunar Chitra month must be very near each other or overlap and similarly the other months. Hence the beginning of the lunar year and that of the sidereal year must be very near each other; the sidereal occurring just after the lunar year. In the same book VI Khanda, ii Adhyaya, 2nd Brahmana, 18th verse states, [2]"*Tadvai Phalgunyameva Esha Ha Samvatsarasya Prathama Ratrir Yat Phalguni Pournamasi Yottaraishottama Ya Purvamukhata Eva Tatsamvatsaram Arabhate*".

This is a very clear statement that the luni-solar year starts when the Full Moon is in Phalguni (Uttara) which amounts to the same thing as saying when the Sun is in Uttara-Bhadra-pada This is so even now. Hence the sidereal-solar year, even at this remote time in India, must have begun with the Sun entering Aswini, irrespective of the position of the ascending equniox, which at that time is said to be in Krittika. Hence from time immemorial the Indian fundamental year was the sidereal-solar, starting from the moment when the Sun entered the beginning of Aswini Nakshatra. (This has no resemblance to the lunar year of the Babylonians, which as per the assertion of Cyril Fagan began with the Sun in 19 degrees Aries, Moon in 3 degrees Taurus, and the equinox in 14 degrees Aries in the year 786 B.C.)

At this early *Satapatha Brahmana* period we find the ascending equinox at the end of the first quarter of Krittika and the solstitial colure passing through the initial point of Magha, the lunar year starting when the Sun was in Pisces and the sidereal starting when the Sun entered the first point of Mesha. This is also corroborated by the *Maitrayani Upanishad* of the *Samaveda*. There is a verse there which reads

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2 तद्वै फालगुन्यमेव एषा ह संवत्सरस्य प्रथमा-
रात्रिर्यत्फाल्गुनी पौर्णमासी योत्तरैषोत्तम
या पूर्वामुखतऽएव तत्संवत्सरमारभते ।

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as, [3]*Kalaschannasya Suryo Yonirvai Kalasya Tasyaitad Rupam Yannimeshadi Kalat Sambhritam Dwadasatmakam Vatsaram Etasya Agneyam Ardham Ardham Varuna Maghadyam Sravishtardham.*

The year is solar and sidereal is clearly stated here. It is said that Kala-Yoni is Surya *i.e.*, the starter of the year is Surya. Surya's *rupam* or *nakshtram* is Ni-Mesham. 'Ni' as per Nirukta means 'to lead' The 'Ni' (leader) of Mesha is Aswini Nakshatra. Ni-Mesha is a word as old as *Manu Smriti*. Manu has given that 18 Ni-Meshas make one Kashta; 30 Kashtas make one Kala; 30 Kalas make one Muhurta and 30 Muhurthas make one day. Thus Ni-Mehsa stands for 1/18 x 30 x 30 x 30 x part of a day or roughly 1/6 of a modern second. This is considered as almost a moment *i.e.*, as instant of time. The word 'Sambhritam' means 'Samyak Siktam Jatam' i.e., 'produced well-formed'.

Manu says that one full year of men makes one day and night of the Devas. Uttarayana is their day and Dakshinayana their night. The *Aranyaka mantra* quoted above, having declared that the year is a period of 12 months, says that the year consists of two parts, one light 'Agneyam' and the other dark 'Varunam'. This refers to the day and night of the Devas or the Uttarayana and the Dakshinayana of the year. Varunam or dark part (Dakshinayana) is said to begin with the beginning of the Magha Nakshatra and end with the middle of Sravishta Nakshatra. Nothing can be more clear than this. Even at this remote period the number of Nakshatras were only 27 and the Nakshatra Abhijit has been definitely dropped. This book must be at least five hundred years earlier than the *Vedanga Jyotisha*. *Surya Siddhanta* has not gives up the star Abhihit from its list. This shows that the *Surya Siddhanta* must be earlier than this book. We have seen from the contents of very early books on Indian astronomy that the Indian sidereal year started from the Aswini origin from time immemorial. Nakshatra lists found here and there in our books cannot be an argument that at one time in India the year was tropical or *Sayana* and began when the ascending equinox was in Krittika. Similarly there is no justificaction for concluding that because Aswini tops the list of Nakshatras in the *Surya Siddhanta*, therefore the *Surya Siddhanta* was composed at a time when the ascending equinox coincided with the Aswini origin *i.e.*, in the first century B.C. To say that the author of the Surya Siddhanta was ignorant of the phenomenon of precession is not correct. For the above verse, quoted from the *Upanishad*, continues and says,

[4]*Agneyam Kramenotkramena Sarpadyam"*

It says that the summer solstice regularly moves up Magha to Aslesha. To give a date to the *Surya Siddhanta* on the assumption that a knowledge of precession must have entered India after Ptolemy is not fair.

Manu Smriti gives the same details about Kalpa, Chaturyuga, Kritayuga, Tretayuga, Dwaparayuga, Kaliyuga, Manvatara etc. as the *Surya Siddhanta*. Both of them talk about the Varaha Kalpa, Manus Swayambhuva, Swarochisha, Uttama, Tamasa, Raivata, Chakshusha and Vaivaswata and the 27 Chaturyugas elapsed. Both books come up to the end of the Kritayuga and there stop. Surya Siddhanta Ch.I, verse 2 says, "When but little of Kritayuga was left, a great Asura, named Maya, being desirous to know that supreme, sure and exalted science, that chief Vedanga, in its entirely — the cause, viz., of the motions of the heavenly bodies performed a propitiation of the Sun very severe religious austerities." From this we have an internal positive evidence of the date of composition of *Surya Siddhanta* is the end of some Kritayuga. Again Ch. I, verses 22 and 23 read."..... The half of his life is past; of the remainder, this the first Kalpa. And of this Kalpa 6 Manus are passed with their respective Sandhis; and of the patriarch Manu son of Vivaswant, 27 ages have passed. Of the present, the twenty-eighth age this Kritayuga is passed; from this point, reckoning of the time, one should compute together the whole number". Herein we have a positive statement regarding the date of composition of the book. There cannot be found any statement in the whole of the book

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3 कालश्चान्नस्य सूर्यो योनिर्वै कालस्य तस्यै-तदूपं यन्निमेषादि कालात्संभृतं द्वादशात्मकं वत्सरमेतस्याग्नेयमर्द्धमर्द्धम् वारूणमाघाद्यं श्रविष्टार्द्धम् ।

अग्नेयं क्रमेणोत्क्रमेण सार्पाद्यं

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When to Conceive a Son

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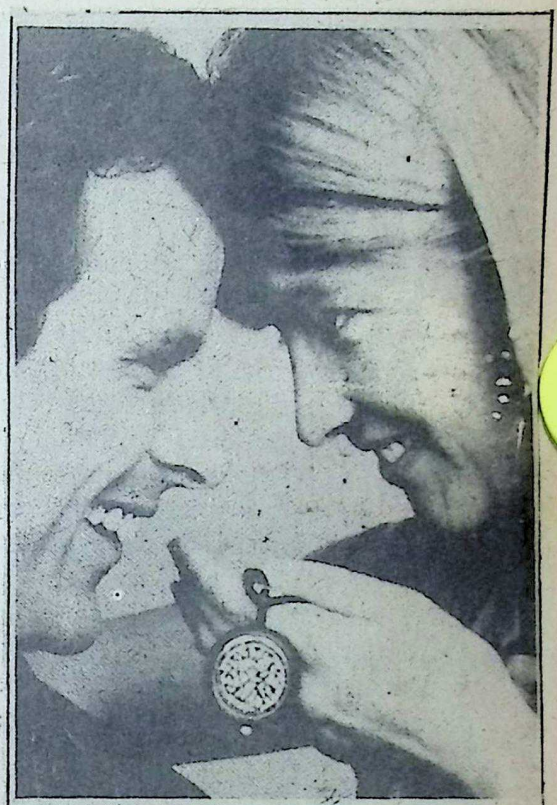
IN THE recently held European Clock and Jewellery Fair at Basle (Switzerland), a Swiss clockmaker launched a witch that doesn't just tell the time — it tells couples when to conceive to produce a boy or a girl. If a woman sets the watch's "cycle hand" at the start of her monthly period, it will indicate the fertile days of her cycle and the days when she is more likely to conceive a boy or a girl, Ernst Streit, the clockmaker told visitors to the Fair. He claimed 90 per cent accuracy for the theory on which the watch's "cycle-hand" is based — that sperm carrying the male "Y" chromosome reach the egg faster than sperm with the "X" chromosome but die sooner. Females have two "X" chromosomes and males have one "X" and one "Y" chromosome. If a couple has intercourse two days before ovulation, only sperm with the "X" chromosomes are likely to survive. But if they have intercourse on the day of ovulation, sperm bearing the "Y" chromosomes will probably reach the egg first. Streit said orders for the watch were already into five figures from some countries. It will cost 90 Swiss Francs ($ 60).

Innovative as the watch is, it is based on sound knowledge gained from latest research in biological sciences and unquestionably has its utility value. But knowledge so far gained on biological processes of human reproduction is still not complete and there are many blind areas to be probed into. For instance, one is not certain that the process of ovulation sets in following every menses. Actually, the cycle may be ovulation at times; in which case the entire month would be sterile. Consequently any follow -up exercises for impregnation would be futile. Whereas, the ancient sages have evolved a reliable method to monitor the biological processes of reproduction at key stages starting from menstruation through ovulation, fertilisation, pregnancy to child birth which keep their timings in rhythm with the lunar cycle. The menstruation cycle is one lunar month and ten lunar months after conception is the full term of gestation and the moment of birth. Life is graded with logarithmic progression of movement of the Moon. Having realised this truth, the ancient sages formulated astrological dicta oriented for use in daily life so that the common householder as well could benefit from the subtle



A couple displays a watch which says when to conceive to have a boy or a girl.—Reuter wirephoto

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knowledge of life processes, without having to study and gain proficiency. The astrological dicta in the chapter "Nisheka" in *Brihat Jataka* of Varahamihira are unique in the sense that formulation of the dicta therein clearly imply that they must have had a thorough knowledge concerning the biological processes involving chromosomes, DNA and Genome, sans the modern scientific lingo. The chapter on "Nisheka" emerges as a veritable treatise on the formative stages of life before birth, once the symbolic astrological language is reworked, transcribed and expressed in modern scientific terms.

It emerges from scientific study that biological rhythms that ebb and surge throughout the body happen to be synchronised to the solar and lunar schedules. Many of these rhythms are so pronounced that time could almost be measured by them — the minutes by the pulsating heart, the days by the rising and falling of body temperature or of adrenal secretion, the months by the menstruation cycle and pregnancy. It is this subtle knowledge that ancient sages have put to use in formulating astrological dicta that are specifically evolved as guidelines in planning life activities. In the context of formative stages of life before birth, the astrological treatise starts with the phenomenon of menstruation which is the first key stage in the process of reproduction. The scanning system is co-related to the movement of the Moon. Mars and the Moon are the causatory factors that trigger the biological process of the menstruation cycle states Verse 1 in Chapter IV of *Brihat Jataka*. The next checkpoint is the stage of ovulation. The couple just need to consult the almanac to check the transiting position of the Moon on the day of appearance of menses to ascertain whether the process of ovulation would set in or not, following the menses. The guideline is that the transiting Moon should be in "Anupachaya" houses, namely the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 12th from the Janma Rasi *i.e.*, natal Moon, while being aspected by Mars in transit. In other words, conditions would be congenial to conceive following such a menses, as it signals that ovaries would produce ova, which of course is a pre-requisite for conception to occur. Otherwise, the whole month following the menses should be construed as sterile; that is in the absence of the above planetary combination at the time of menses. It is a compliment to the ingenuity of the sages that they have made the scanning procedure so simple that all one needs is a general purpose almanac.

The next directive comes from Verse 3 in the same chapter for purposes of electing a day for implantation *i.e.*, sexual intercourse with intent to conceive. The criterion is that the act should result in prompt fertilisation. The verse states that the day elected for implantation should have the Sun, Venus, the Moon and Mars in own Navamsa or Jupiter should be in trine to the Ascendant at the time of intercourse. Needless to mention, the validity of this rule is clearly subject to fulfilment of the earlier rul about the period being fertil consequent to the process of ovu lation having set in.

Finally a guideline is give in Verse 10 on the choice of th sex of the child to be conceive consequent to implantation the elected time. The conce tion would produce a boy if the time of intercourse, th Ascendant, Jupiter, the Moo and the Sun happen to occup odd signs or Navamsas. Shoul they be occupying even sign and/or Navamsas, such a con ception would produce a gir Should the placement of thes planets be evenly placed wit some in odd signs/Navamsa and some in even signs/Na vamsas, then the signs occu pied by male planets would prov to be the deciding factor. Obvi ously, for purposes of electin an appropriate time and da for conceiving to produce a bo would call for some elementar knowledge of Astrology; and suf ficient control over one's pas sions to strictly adhere to th astrological guidelines.

The chapter is exhaustiv in its briefing on how to moni tor the progress of growth withi the womb during the gestatio period from the moment o conception upto the moment o birth of the baby, based on th transit of the Moon, as repro duction is synchronised to a lunar schedule; so much so, the moment of conception pre-de termines the actual moment o natural birth. Verse 21 in the Chapter on "Nisheka" of *Brihat Jataka* states that the Dwadasamsa sign of the Moon at the time of sexual intercourse gives indication to the Janma Rasi *i.e.*, the sign occupied by

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oga in aily Life — IV*

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Asanas

To him who is temperate in g and recreation, in his effort ork, and in sleep and wake- ss, Yoga becomes the de- er of misery."

Srimad Bhagavad Gita

HE asanas are poses mainly for health and strength. There are merable asanas, but not of them are really neces- I shall deal with only asanas as are useful in g ailments and maintain- good health. Asanas must learned from a competent or teacher who can make changes or modifications em as to suit the specific s of a particular person. I outline very generally the d of some of these popu- asanas. Breathing is very tant in any asana and what gest is the simplest form of thing.

he following points are tant while practising

1) Always do asanas in a lit, clean and ventilated If you are one of those lucky few who can do it in the open in the privacy of your compound or terrace, so much the better. As far as possible, close the door of your room so that you are left undisturbed by people walking in and out of it.

(2) Wear minimum clothing, preferably cotton so that it does not interfere with breathing and perspiration. Discard all tight-fitting under-garments like corsets, belts and brassiers. Remove all footwear.

(3) Do the asanas on a blanket folded twice, spread over a carpet. Use a bed-sheet over the blanket so that the woollen fibres do not stick to your lips or nose when you have to do the asanas that require you to lie on your stomach. It should not be too soft nor too hard.

(4) Tie your hair simply. Remove all pins and broaches and if you wear a bun, make sure it does not protrude unduly as to come in the way of your lying flat on the carpet.

(5) Always perform asanas early in the morning. If this is not possible, the next best time would be evening around dusk.

(6) Never do asanas on a full stomach immediately after a meal. Make sure at least 5 hours have elapsed after a heavy meal and at least 3 hours after a light meal (tiffin). You must allow at least half-an-hour to pass after a drink—tea, coffee, milk, juice, etc.

(7) Always seek the guidance of a competent teacher.

You may wonder why in spite of repeatedly pointing out the absolute need for a Guru, I have explained the general techniques of asanas. It is because if by reading about them, an interest is kindled in you to pursue this wonderful subject seriously, my aim in writing these pages will have been fulfilled to a large extent. Once the wish to study Yoga is earnest and sincere, a true Guru will appear sooner or later.

Bhujangasana (Snake pose)

The asana derives its name because it resembles snake with its hood raised. The head and chest raised represent the hood while the rest of the body lying flat, the body of the snake.

1. Lie down on the carpet on your stomach, face down.
2. Relax all your muscles.
3. Place the palms of the hand on the floor in line with the shoulders, each palm facing down and about 1 inch away

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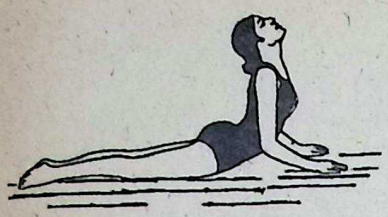

Bhujangasana

from the tip of the shoulder.

4. Keep your feet together with the the toes touching the ground.

5. Now slowly raise the head off the ground and take it up gradually so that the spine curves beautifully backwards. Do not exert force or do it suddenly. Each movement should be slow, continuous and without jerks.

6. Raise the spine little by little so that each vertebrae is gradually loosened.

7. Keep the body from the navel downwards touching the ground.

8. Retain the pose for a few seconds.

9. Gradually bring down the back to the original position of lying flat on your stomach.

10. Repeat the asana 6 times.

Once you have learnt the procedure of the pose step-by-step, practise doing it with breathing.

Breathing:

(a) Exhale completely when lying flat.

(b) Inhale slowly as you gradually raise the head and spine to form the hood.

(c) Retain the breath so long as you remain in the pose.

(d) Exhale slowly as you come down to your original position.

Benefits: Bhujangasana is one of the best asanas for all spinal and back-ache problems. The health and youth of a person depend upon the elasticity and suppleness of his back-bone. Most of us have noticed how as old age sets in, the back begins to stiffen. Bhujangasana tones up the entire spinal column pulling at the same time, the abdominal muscles. The pressure on these muscles gives relief from constipation. This asana is of particular help in toning up sluggish uterine muscles and ovaries. It is a powerful antidote against wet-dreams and leucorrhoea. It develops the chest and firms the bust.

Salabhasana (Locust pose)

This asana when fully assumed resembles a locust from which it derives its name.

(1) Lie flat on your stomach.

(2) Let the hands relax alongside the body, the palms facing upwards.

(3) Press the nose, forehead and chin against the ground.

(4) First let the whole body relax.

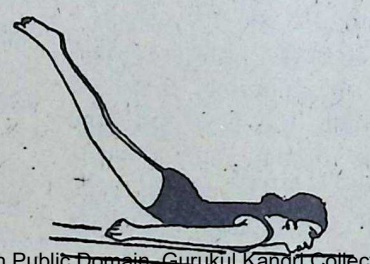
(5) Next stiffen all the muscles and raise the legs off the ground.

(6) Lift it as high as possible. Do not force it the first time but do it in measures by gradual practice.

(7) Do not bend the legs at the knees, but hold them from the thighs to the toes in a straight line.

(8) Retain the pose for a few seconds.

(9) Slowly bring the feet down.


Salabhasana

(10) Remember to keep the legs together, both while lifting and bringing them down.

(11) Repeat 4 times.

Breathing:

(a) Exhale completely when lying prone on your stomach.

(b) Inhale slowly and then lift the legs off the ground.

(c) Retain your breath while in the pose.

(d) Slowly exhale as you bring down your feet.

Salabhasana tones the lower half while Bhujangasana exercises the upper half of the body.

Benefits: This asana tones up the liver, kidneys and pancreas strengthening the muscles in these regions. The pressure against the abdomen stimulates the intestines removing sluggishness of the bowels. It tones up the vertebral column supplying plenty of blood to this region. It strengthens the pelvis and tones up the uterus. It rids one of flatulence.

Dhanurasana (Bow pose)

The body in this pose has the appearance of a bow with the string taut.

1. Lie flat on your stomach on a carpet.

2. Relax the entire body.

3. Bend the legs backward over the thighs.

4. Catch hold of each leg at the ankle with the hand.

5. Now, slowly raise the head and chest off the ground.

6. Next, raise the legs at the thighs higher and higher without undue force.

7. Tug at the legs with hands until the back arches beautifully while the hands hold the legs tight like the string of a bow.

8. Retain the pose for a few seconds balancing only on the abdominal region without any jerks or shakiness.

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idelights on ractical Astrology — V*

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en Saturn Becomes Promoter

WHILE explaining the Yogas in the horoscope of Sri Vikrama Deva Varma, I had mentioned that Saturn in the 8th house the individual long life, immense wealth gh it comes late in life. About the position Saturn is said as follows:

Sani, the lord for bestowing longevity, if joned either in the 6th, 5th, 8th or 11th es in the horoscope of any individual, such ndividual will live for 100 years and become lthy and prosperous."

In the following horoscope, apart from the other Yogas, you may observe that Saturn is in the 11th house, and as given in the texts, the individual lived for more than 80 years and had houses, lands and cattle at his command. He was a headmaster but at the same time, a romantic poet, artist, a man of wit. He was honoured by the th as well as by the Maharaja of Jeypore, Vikrama Deva Varma. He was extremely ar in the town and was revered.

ASCDT. SUN VENUS	MERC.	
RASI Headmaster		
		KETU

The other yogas in the horoscope:

) Ist lord in the 10th in his exaltation;

) The Sun in Aries exalted;

ii) Jupiter, the 9th lord in the 9th *yasthana*).

(iv) Saturn, the 10th and 11th lord in the 11th *(labhasthana)* house of gains.

(v) Rahu in the 11th house. It is said that if Rahu is in the 11th either from the Lagna or from the Moon and his Dasa or Bhukti comes, the individual will acquire and enjoy all material wealth. This is a significant Yoga which will apply when Rahu is in the 3rd or 6th house either from Lagna or the Moon. Rahu in the 3rd, 6th and 11th from Chandra will give Dhanayoga more sumptuously than when so placed from Lagna in the same positions. Rahu is a Chandala no doubt who creates most disadvantageous and unfortunate situations and conditions when placed in other houses; but in the 3rd, 6th or 11th from the Lagna or the Moon, the material benefits he gives would be such as beyond one's imagination! And, probably, the Yoga would become two-fold when Venus Bhukti in Rahu Dasa comes, *i.e.*, after 12 years of Rahu Dasa finish. The total duration of Rahu Dasa is 18 years. One must note that even if Rahu gives adverse results being in places other than those mentioned, when Venus Bhukti in Rahu comes, things will start happening somehow. That is to say that the real Yoga in Rahu Dasa starts only after 12 years after Venus Bhukti begins. Venus is the Acharya (Guru) of the *rakshasas*. Hence, the Acharya favours his disciple Rahu.

(vi) Another important point I would like to bring to the notice of the readers is the position of Mercury in the 2nd house. It is said that if Mercury is either in the 2nd or 8th not associated with malefic planets his Dasa or Bhukti will give immense wealth. Notice the word "immense" and also note that he should not be associated with bad planets.

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A very good-looking boy came to my father when he was in Rayagada. The boy hadn't much education but had immense zeal to do business. But who would finance him looking at his worth? He came to my father one day in the evening. He introduced himself as Gantayat. He brought a packet of pan and handed it to my father, bowed and saluted him. Gantayat told him why he had come in no uncertain terms and gave him his horoscope.

After a study of the horoscope, my father told him that he would succeed and would acquire unprecedented wealth. And, it happened exactly as foretold. Later on, when I was advancing in the study of Astrology, had asked my father to tell me as to which was the planet that made Gantayat prosperous. He said that it was the 11th house Rahu!

Guru-Sukra-Chandra Yoga

Another significant Yoga that was seen to operate well in the lives of individuals is the Chandra, Guru and Sukra Yoga when they are placed in Kendras from one another. Even a poor man having this Yoga is bound to become rich and very famous during his life-time, and no doubt fame is something that anybody would aspire for. I will sum up the Sanskrit *sloka* as follows:

(i) If the Moon is either in the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th houses; (ii) if Jupiter is either in the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th houses from the Moon and again if Venus is either in the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th houses from Jupiter, then the person born with such an arrangement of planets enjoys all the pleasures of life. Having observed persons having this Yoga, I would sum up the results of it as follows:

A person who is illiterate becomes literate. A person having just ordinary education gets higher education. He may become a writer and earn a much name and fame. He will be admired for his good qualities. He wanders a lot, becomes a virtual vagrant. Receives awards for his contribution to literature, art or music. He is attractive and dominating. He is a man of action though they may look sometimes, as though they are slow to respond. They have very good planning.

If the person is born in a poor family, he becomes rich; the rich become still richer. He has a good family, sons and daughters, good education and obtains important positions. He lives long. He may be secretive, however, and selfish-natured. He will acquire lands, buildings, gold ornaments and jewels. Of all the members in the family, he is liked by his parents most.

The heights to which one will reach with this Yoga will no doubt depend largely on the strength of the planets.

This individual was born in a highly respectable family. His grandfather inherited much ancestral property, which was gradually liquidated due to his own lethargy and indifference towards it. Finally, his grandparents could not pass on much to the individual's father. This person, after passing matriculation, started doing odd jobs at the age of 15 years. He was liked everywhere by everyone. Gradually, he passed one examination after another and became a post-graduate. From the age of 20 or 21 years, he started writing short stories, plays and serials. This was not only adding to his income but also made him known widely. As time passed, he became a reputed writer. He got many awards in competitions as well as from the State. He had a family with three daughters and a wife. The daughters were all educated and also got happily married.

RAHU	MOON		
	RASI (Play wright)		JUPIT.
ASCDT.			
SAT.	MARS	SUN VENUS MERC.	KETU

(i) The Moon, Jupiter and Venus Yoga is very prominent in his birth chart. The Moon is in the 4th from the Lagna, Jupiter is in the 4th from the Moon and Venus is in the 4th from Jupiter. When the formula is struck, then the reaction should also start. (ii) Observe the Gajakesari Yoga. Jupiter and Venus are in a Kendra from the Moon. (iii) Jupiter is in exaltation. The Sun is in debility. Mars is in his own house and also Venus. If at least three planets are in exaltation or in debilitation in their own houses, the individual will enjoy Raja Yoga. (iv) The 9th and 10th lord combination gave rise to Bhagyarajyadhipati Yoga. But due to association with the 8th lord (Sun), the person had to start from a small position and come up. The association of the 8th lord with any other lord reduces the Yoga of the planet associated with phenome-

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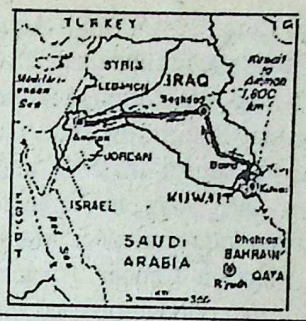
The Iraq -Kuwait Conflict



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IRAQ is bounded on the East by Iran, on the South-West by Pakistan Gulf, on the South by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, on West by Jordan and Syria and on the North Turkey. It is about 435,000 sq. kms. in area has a population exceeding 17 millions.

In 1918, Iraq came under the British on a gue of Nations mandate. The British ted the Kingdom of Iraq on 23rd August, 1 (Chart 1).

The important features of this chart are: Sun is in its *swakshetra* Leo with Mercury, iter conjunct Saturn is in Leo. Mars in 12th Cancer 18-59 is in debility. Saturn and Mars e destined to play an important part in the rs of Iraq.

The British terminated their mandate and independence was granted on 4th October 2 (Chart 2). Consequently Iraq was admit- to the League of Nations as an independent ntry.

		PLUTO 15-58 VEN.26-08
Chart 1 IRAQ Kingdom 23-8-1921 6.00 a.m.		NEP.14-57 MARS 18-59
		MERC.5-23 SUN 5-47 ASCDT.11-16 JUPIT. 29-8
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RAHU 23-08	Chart 2 IRAQ Independence 4-10-1932 0.00 a.m.		ASCDT.0-49 MARS 13-59
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The significant features of the Independence are: Pluto is right on the Ascendant oppos- Saturn in the Ascendant. Mars in the 1st e is in debility at 14-00 Cancer. Jupiter in 2nd house in Leo is conjunct Ketu. A solar e had occurred 34 days earlier on 31-8-1932 on Leo at 21-05. This has confirmed the malefic inherent nature of Mars and Saturn.

A military coup on 14th July 1958 overthrew the monarchy. The exact time of the coup is unknown. The radio station was seized by the military that day at about 5.00 a.m. and the first broadcast of the news was relayed. Press reports maintained that the event occurred at 7.00 a.m.

Planetary positions for that day at 5.00 a.m. are:

Rasi: Aries - Mars 1-21 and Ketu 3-25; Taurus - Moon 23-55 and Venus 26-14; Gemini - Sun 27-6; Cancer - Uranus 16-37 and Mercury 20-45; Leo - Pluto 6-40; Virgo - Jupiter 28-38; Libra - Rahu 3-25 and Neptune 8-00; and Scorpio - Saturn 26-20.

The important features of this chart are: Strong Mars in Aries is conjunct Ketu in addition to Saturn in Scorpio in opposition to Moon in Taurus. Independence Ascendant was square transit Mars who in turn was square Independence Saturn at Capricorn 4-18. The Sun at 27-6 Gemini on the day of the event was to join in a luncheon at 29-56 two days later, right on Independence Pluto and one degree away from the Independence Ascendant. These were quite adequate to overthrow the monarchy.

On the 8th of February 1963, the Baathist-nationalists (present regime) took over by a military coup again. The time of the coup is not known. The planetary positions for 5.00 a.m. ST are:

Rasi: Cancer - Rahu 5-24, Moon 18-00 and Mars 19-00; Leo - Uranus 9-38 and Pluto 17-12; Libra - Neptune 21-24; Sagittarius - Venus 8-19; Capricorn - Mercury 0-50, Ketu 5-24, Saturn 20-

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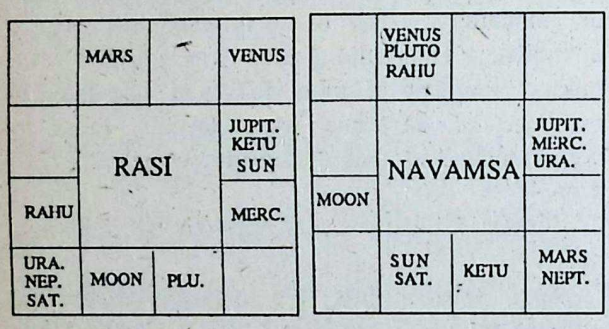
9 and Sun 24-15; and Aquarius - Jupiter 20-38.

The solar eclipse on 25-1-1963 at 10-38 Capricorn had the Moon and *neecha* Mars in Cancer opposing Saturn on that day. This eclipse was close to Saturn in 20-9 and in opposition to the Moon and Mars in Cancer.

The Independence Mars was conjunct Moon and Mars in Cancer. Again the Moon and Mars were in opposition to Saturn. Independence Saturn in Capricorn 4-16 is conjunct Ketu in Capricorn. Independence Ketu Jupiter, Lunation/Independence point (21-35) were all conjunct Pluto in Leo 17-12.

On the 2nd of August 1990 around 2.00 a.m. Iraq invaded Kuwait which was the beginning of the present conflict. The planetary positions for 2.56 a.m. (GMT midnight) are as follows:



Mars in Aries was opposing Pluto in Libra. The Sun had been eclipsed on 22-7-1990 just ten days before the event at Cancer 4-27.

The Independence Ascendant of Cancer and Pluto in Gemini were affected by this eclipse in Cancer. Independence Mars was square transit Mars in Aries. Independence Ascendant and Pluto (Gemini 29-33) were in opposition to transit Saturn in Sagittarius. Independence Mars was conjunct Ketu in Cancer.

On 19th September 1990 Jupiter will conjoin Ketu in Cancer in close proximity to radical Mars in Cancer. This could be the climax of the conflict. The effect of Mars square Pluto will vanish by 1st September 1990 and the conflict could terminate by 6th October 1990 when the Moon will be in the 10th from exalted Jupiter.

The year 1993 could be fateful for Iraq with Saturn opposing Independence Pluto on 10th March, Saturn conjunct Ascendant on 21st March and again Saturn conjunct Independence Saturn on 1st May and Mars conjunct Independence Mars on 15th May. —175.90 (Received on 28-8-1990.)

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conflicting with the above statement. But there are some other places wherein this statement is further corroborated.

A close study of the book shows that it must have been written at a period when the ascending equinox must have coincided with the First Point of Mesha, and when the Earth's axis had not developed its wobbling motion which has given rise to the phenomena of the precession of the equinoxes. Several descriptions and statements in the body of the book show that at that remote period, the phenomenon of the precession of the equinoxes had not yet started. I have not so far come across any *mantra* of the *Rigveda* which tells us in unambiguous terms, when this phenomenon started. The value of precession is not given in the first chapter along with the elements of the various planets. The first chapter, however, gives the motion of the different planets, their apses and nodes and does not mention the precession of the equinoxes. This proves that the precession phenomena had not developed in very very early times. But in the third chapter, the precession phenomena is definitely mentioned and the period of precession is stated to be 28,800 years, which is the same as that given in the *Rigveda* and other sacred books. *Surya Siddhanta* attributes 600 right angles in a period of 4,320,000 years and *Rigveda* gives 150 revolutions in the same period. Neither of these two books mention the date when this phenomenon started. I have already shown in my article " Vedas as Sources of Astronomy" that the Kalpa period of 4,320,000,000 years finds mention in the *Rigveda* and the Chaturyuga and four Yuga periods find mention in the *Atharvaveda*.

There are several *mantras* in the *Rigveda* describing Aswini as the First Point of Mesha and also referring to the coincidence of the ascending equinox (fixed or moving is not clear) with this First Point of Mesha. We also find a mantra in the *Rigveda* (*R.V.* I-115) [5] "*Chitram Devanam Udagat Anigam Chakshur Mitrasya Varunasya Agneh Apra Dyava Prithvi Antariksham Surya Atma Jagatas Tastushascha.*"

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चित्रं देवानामुदगादनीकं चक्षुर्मित्रस्य-
वरूणस्याग्नेः आप्रा द्यावापृथिवी अंतरिक्षं
सूर्य आत्मा जगतस्तस्थुषश्च ।

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elect Readings om Nadis

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NADI GRANTHAS have always held a fascination of their own for all interested in Astrology. In this series of les, I propose to give from Nadis such exts as highlight the technical excellence by ch they arrive at surprising results which not easily discernible by conventional rules Astrology. The results for particular Bhavas, the 7th Bhava, for natives of different mas, will be given so as to be of interest and tative value to research-minded readers.

First I shall take up a Kanya (Virgo) Lagna oscope. This is from *Saptarishi Nadi*, which readers would have known, is supposed to be astrological discussion between the *Sapshis*, the proceedings being presided over by vati Herself.

The planetary positions are as given in rt 1. Describing the characteristics of the er of the native, the *Nadi* says that he will be merchant of *kapata* nature *i.e.*, not frank of rt, occasionally charitable and with defeceyes and limbs (arms and legs). The reason n is that the Sun and Mercury conjoin in the Bhava and the Moon and Jupiter are in the The relevant lines from Tamil read as ows:

Jothikarangal Kutram Sonneerayya
Choppuveer Changai Turaviye Nee
Adavanam Budhan Onban, Mathi Pa Asanil
Anuhiyathe, Palan Athanaal Arindhu Paaru
[*Note: Adavan* (Sun), *Budhan* (Mercury), *Mathi* on), *Pon* (Jupiter)].

The Nadi later on narrates the sinful deeds the native's father had committed in his ious birth for which he has to suffer these ical defects this birth. One of the sins is that one day he stole the Kannmalar (an ornament covering the eyes) of Goddess Mariamman. The other sin is that he hit a cow which was grazing in the backyard with a stone on account of which it became lame. This confirms that a child is born at that particular moment of time when the planetary set-up expresses the resultant sum of the previous Karma (both good and bad). Nadis further give us an insight into which type of sin could be removed by remedial measures. In this case, the Nadi states that there is no *shanti* for this heinous deed done to the Goddess and he will have to suffer these physical defects throughout life. Taking the 9th, *viz.*, Taurus as the Lagna of the father, Mars is in the 5th aspected by malefics. According to *Brihat Jataka* (23rd Chapter) this is a combination for Angaheena. **Does this clinch the issue about the 9th house representing father and not the 10th?** This native was born in the star Satabhisha and father's death is predicted to occur in the 34th year of the native when he would be running Saturn Dasa, Rahu Bhukti. The native is born in the 3rd pada of Satabhisha and the balance of Rahu Dasa at birth is 4 years and 6 months as per the last *stanza* of the first part of this reading. There is an interesting point involved in this, which will be discussed later on in this article. [Similarly for another Kanya (Virgo) Lagna native it is stated that the father of the native will not get his father's property as Venus is in *vyayasthana* (12th) and is aspected by Saturn. The planetary positions of this horoscope are as follows: *Rasi:* Virgo - Lagna, Sun, Jupiter and Mercury; Libra - Moon and Mars; Scorpio - Saturn; Capricorn - Rahu; Cancer - Ketu; and Leo - Venus.

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KETU		MERC. SUN	VENUS
MOON JUPIT.	Chart 1		
SAT.			
			ASCDT. MARS RAHU

KETU			
	Chart 2		ASCDT.
SAT. JUPIT.		MARS RAHU MOON VENUS	SUN MERC.

Two interesting astrological points are given during the discussion about the *kalatra* (wife) of the native of Chart 1. While one Rishi predicts that the native will marry a second time after the death of the first wife due to the malefic Ketu being in the 7th house, sage Agastya refutes this and stresses that he will have only one wife and she will be long-lived since Saturn aspects the 7th and Kalatrakaraka Venus is posited in the 10th house. The interesting feature is that the position and consequent effects of the lord of the 7th house, *viz.*, Jupiter are not taken into account at all. By conventional Astrology, we will certainly deduce that since a malefic is in the 7th house which is also aspected by 2 malefics, there will be late marriage and since Mars is in Lagna unrelieved by any benefic aspect he will have Kalatradosha. Further the lord of the 7th house is in the 6th *i.e.*,, 12th from the 7th house which is minus point. The intriguing factor is that the aspect of Saturn on the 7th house is given as a reason for the longevity of the wife. The placement of Venus (Kalatrakaraka) in Dasamakendra (10th house) seems to overcome the other defects of the 7th house. The importance of Venus seems to stem from the fact that he is the owner of the 8th house, taking Pisces, the 7th of the native as the Lagna of the wife. Thus the Nadi principles are inscrutable a times.

It was averred in an article on Nadi principles (*A.M.*, Annual 1987) that "only the Ra chart has been taken into account by the Nad and not even the Nakshatra *pada* or even th degrees of the planets have been scrutinised Even the Bhava Chakra has not been consi dered, nor the Navamsa". This presumptio does not appear to be correct at all when on goes through the reading given for another cha (Chart 2) of Karkataka (Cancer) Lagna given i a *Nadi grantha*. The relevant portion transcribe reads as follows:

Nidhi Guru Aatichiyaga Neelanum Aasarathaga Devalokamsam, Thann Serrinthathaal Dasai Kaalathil Melidu Yogamendrom.

In the discussion on this chart, sage Agasty states that the native would be lucky from hi 5th year like the waxing Moon. But sag Vasishta objects to this prediction, giving th reason that the conjunction of Jupiter and Sa turn in the 6th house would only spell misfor tune for the native. [This is also the result give in *Garga Hora* (Stanza 573) for the conjunctio of these 2 planets in the 6th house]. But Agasty replies that his prediction is correct since Jupi ter is in *Devalokamsa*. From this it is clear tha though generally in their discussion, only th positions of the planets in the Rasi Chakra ar mentioned, the Rishis have given prediction taking all the Shodasamsas into account which perhaps they were able to calculate just men tally. The Nadis take into account the strengt by Ashtakavarga *bindus* also. The relevan excerpts will be given in due course.—28.90.

YOGA IN DAILY LIFE

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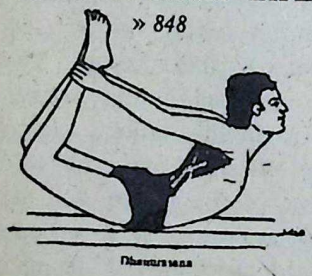

9. Relax the grip of the hands on the legs and return to the original position.

Breathing:

(a) Exhale completely while you lie flat on the ground.

(b) Inhale slowly and then catch hold of the legs and raise yourself to form the bow.

(c) Hold your breath while in the pose.

(d) Exhale slowly as you return to the flat-on-the-stomach pose.

First, master the technique of each asana. Then, practise it with the breathing as outlined under each pose.

Benefits: Dhanurasana is a combination of Salabhasana an Bhujangasana and gives th benefits of both. The entire bac is massaged. It reduces obesity cures constipation and rheuma tism. It removes intra-uterin troubles, regulates menstruatio and reduces greatly pains in th pelvic region. The practice o these three asanas regularly ca be very useful in making labou and delivery smooth and almos painless.

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stro-Analysis f Marital Compatibility — II*

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I FULLY endorse the view of DR. RAMAN that "children born when there is a Venus-Mars configuration should be ght up in a disciplined manner, and should ade to avoid dissipating habits of immedi- pleasure".

As regards the relative positions of Venus Mars in horoscopes, I think,the best ones the 3rd/11th or 5th/9th. The rest should not epended upon credulously.

Many wrong notions are prevalent regarding a Dosha and most astrologers — I may be doned for saying so — cannot define what it is heir consultees.

Briefly stated, it means "annoyed Mars" in- ed to disturb conjugal felicity when posited ny of the marital zones — the 2nd, 4th, 7th, 12th, from the Lagna, the Moon and Venus. h a Mars is known for his violence and ag- ssiveness. No marriage can flourish in vio- and stormy weather.

DR. RAMAN also endorses the view that the ses have to be reckoned with reference to all three, *viz.*, Lagna, the Moon and Venus. He her states in *Electional Astrology* that "the ha (evil) is considered weak when it exists Lagna, a little stronger from the Moon and more powerful from Venus".

Aren't we all subject to Kuja Dosha, if the tion of Mars is judged as stated above? Mars cover almost all the Bhavas in almost all the scopes, barring a few ones.

Many horoscopes are rejected simply because s occupies one of the marital zones in a horoscope. This is altogether a wrong practice. I have cleared many such horoscopes whose owners were stated to be suffering from Kuja Dosha. In fact, the attitude of Mars should be considered deeply before he is declared as causing Kuja Dosha. Even classical texts give antidotes. According to them, Mars has no Dosha if he occupies the 2nd Bhava in 3 or 6 signs; the 12th in 2, 7 signs; the 4th in 1 or 8 signs; the 7th in 4, 10 signs; the 8th in 9, 12 signs. DR. RAMAN also feels that "in Aquarius and Leo, Mars produces no Dosha whatsoever. The Dosha is counteracted by the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter or Mars and the Moon or by the presence of Jupiter or Venus in the Ascendant" (*Electional Astrology* page 107).

Sometimes, Kuja Dosha is over before the native marries, or it does not operate at all in his lifetime.

Therefore, we should remove the unjustified fear which people have in their minds regarding Kuja Dosha. Truly speaking, we should also take note of Saturnine Dosha and Nodal Dosha.

The 2nd, the 4th and the 12th also need consideration as they too are concerned with the important aspects of marital life. If they are strong, they will fortify the foundation of conjugal felicity.

The Position of Other Planets

It will be in the fitness of things if the positions of the Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu are also compared in the horoscopes. In brief, the Sun rules will-power, inspiration, vitality, resistance to disease, authority, reputation, magnanimity, individuality, etc. Saturn, who is most dreaded by the common man, signifies endur-

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ance, thrift, industry, patience and economy when he is strong and beneficially disposed to the native. Rahu and Ketu, I must point out, are generally disposed to harm the native in one way or the other, even when they are exalted and placed with strong benefics in good houses. They denote wicked thoughts and sinful acts.

Sometimes, we need Rahu's blessings to disguise our intentions to gain something—which, of course, we ultimately lose as Rahu is stated to have achieved and lost. He suffered for the deception he indulged in. But I do not advocate his philosophy. What I mean to say is that Rahu and Ketu should not be overlooked when we begin to assess the extent of marital bliss. They do exercise a lot of influence on us. They should occupy harmonious positions so that their energies get directed to benefit the couple. Jupiter represents finance, children, sacrifices, religious acts etc.

All these merits of the Sun, Saturn and the Nodes are a must to lead a blissful married life. I do not think the life of the native, if married, is of any significance if he is devoid of them. He needs them all to have a happy life.

Does Matching of Horoscopes Help Happiness in Marital Life and to What Extent and in What Way?

It is also wrongly thought that the natives whose horoscopes have been duly matched will not meet tension or find any problem in their married life. 'Matching' only means that the couple will possess normal harmonies needed to face minor adversities of life without grumbling. One's spouse may share one's grief. In fact, matching does not provide them with a guarantee against any mishap—death, separation, or divorce.

The extent of happiness brought to the natives through 'matching' is proportionate to the grades of matching—+A, A, +B and B. If 6 planets out of the total 9 in a horoscope match with the 6 in the other horoscope, and if the compatibility points exceed 24, 'matching' may be graded as '+A'. The lower the plus points, the lower the grade.

For space consideration, I am citing only one example to substantiate my point.

The Moon of the boy occupies Taurus 4° 40'

MERC. SUN	VENUS	MOON	
JUPIT. MARS	RASI Boy Krittika (3)		RAHU
SAT. KETU			
ASCDT.			

Moon—1s 4° 40'

MERC.	SUN	VENUS SAT. MARS	
	RASI Girl Pushya (3)		MOON KETU
ASCDT. RAHU			
JUPIT.			

Moon—3s 18° 19'

and falls in Krittika (3) and that of the girl is in Cancer 10° 19' in Pushya (3). The Compatibility Table indicates 23/36 'Kutas'. It is 63.88%. Judged on the basis of the Kutas, no astrologer will give adverse remarks.

But a perusal of the boy's horoscops shows that he is destined to suffer in his marital life on account of the following reasons:

(a) The 7th lord Mercury is debilitated and also combust.

(b) Mercury's dispositor, Jupiter, occupies the 12th from him.

(c) The 8th Bhava — the marital tie and its life — is shadowed by Rahu, a malefic.

(d) The 8th lord, the Moon, is posited in the 6th, in his exaltation sign, but his dispositor is placed in the 12th from him.

(e) The lords of the Ascendant and the 7th, Jupiter and Mercury, are in adverse positions from each other — 2nd/12th,

(f) Other marital zones are also not very strong.

Can we ignore these afflictions while making a judgement regarding matching of his horoscope with the girl's ? Of course, we can't and shouldn't.

The girl's horoscope is slightly better than that of the boy. The following facts come to light:

(a) Their Ascendants do not fall in the same triplicity,

(b) Their lords are not in harmonious places from each other.

(c) The Moons occupy 3rd/11th positions,

(d) The Suns are in 2nd/12th places,

(e) Both Mercurys are debilitated and occupy the same house.

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andom Thoughts on arriage Counselling — II*

BEPIN BEHARI

HESE are the traditional methods of matching the horo-s. They are important in to comprehend the inher-armonious affinity exist-etween the partners. But ntly, the concept of mar-itself has changed. In dif-t parts of the world pres-, heterosexual marriages ot the only prevalent modes ual companionship. Les-relationships and homo-l marriages are also being nised. What is more per-t in the present connec-is that these 'marriages' en legalised. Astrologers me countries are ap-hed to indicate whether partners could be happy each other. This upsets traditional technique of ing charts. Any astrologi-nter to such horoscopes ot depend upon the tradi-l marital compatibility in ancient Hindu texts e will have to approach blem differently.

e Arabian astrologers sed the question under ring natal figures which does not take into account only sexual partners ordinarily understood as marriage partners, but every kind of relationship or companionship, businessmen's partnership and such other relationships are considered there. Robert Zoller in *The Arabic Parts in Astrology: A Lost Key to Prediction* has given some information on the subject. Based on this information one can approach the question of matching the horoscopes differently.

Robert Zoller has given several factors necessary for comparison of different horoscopes. He mentions that for the sake of clarity and ease of reference, the procedure for comparing two natal figures may be summarised as follows:

(1) Interpret each natal figure individually without reference to the other, from its outer aspect first.

(2) Interpret each natal figure individually without reference to the other figure with regard to the combined "inner" and "outer" testimony (*i.e.*, the signification of the parts of that figure in the context of the determinations of the planets, house aspects etc.).

(3) Consider how the outer aspect of one chart affects the outer of the other and *vice versa*.

(4) Consider how the inner aspect of one chart is affected by the outer aspect of the other chart and *vice versa*.

Then Zoller says that the consideration of the signification of the parts in comparison must be the last consideration. This is because the outer side of the chart sets the context here, while the inner shows how the inner person meets the outward circumstances of life. A special contribution of this approach is that it takes into account the inner and the outer aspects of one's own life. Astrologically it is possible to study the growth of the inner person for which purpose some external conditions are presented to him. Under the Divine Justice, even the various limitations imposed on the individual are directed towards assisting the individual in unfolding his latent faculties. Whenever any deliberate relationship is forged the impact of the other's external conditions on the external as well as on the inner conditions of the person need to be examined. Similarly, the inner conditions of the impinging personality also must be studied.

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In deciding marital compatibility, it is not only the interaction of the husband on the wife or of the wife on the husband has to be examined, but for the harmonious growth of both, the husband and the wife, it is necessary that the mutual interaction of both the parties should be considered. One must find whether the inner and the external growth of the husband is strengthened by the inner and the external conditions of the wife, and the same way, whether the inner and the external conditions of the wife are harmonised by those of the husband. Only on such considerations, one can decide the happiness as well as desirability of the partnership. In this approach, death of a partner, personal sensuous pleasures and such other considerations in favour of the partnership are not that important as the enduring impact on the growth of the inner person. In traditional Hindu terminology, one has to grope for desirability of the marriage from the soul's point of view for both the partners.

Illustrating the procedure, Zoller has indicated the importance of the following considerations in matching of the charts:

(1) part of fortune;
(2) part of the Sun;
(3) part of the hyleg;
(4) part of the marriage of men according to Hermes;
(5) part of the marriage according to Albumassar;
(6) part of Venus;
(7) part of Mars;
(8) part of luxury and fornication of men;
(9) part of pleasures and amusements;
(10) part of the marriage of women.

As it is not our intention to go into details of these considerations, we will not discuss all of these. To indicate the nature of these considerations, we shall quote Zoller to show the nature of part of the hyleg. Bonatti's treatise states that " the ancients did not care to say much regarding this part because it is so involved with other things. But none of them are able to exist without it. But this part is able to exist without them. It is to these things as matter is to form. The ancients would have been able to set forth the doctrine on this if they had so desired, but they set it aside.....This part is the root of the others and is taken by day or night from the degree of the conjunction or prevention which preceded the nativity or the question or the revolution, to the degree of the Moon, and this is then projected from the Ascendant. And this part is called the *radix vitae* [root of life] because it comprehends entirely the whole being of the native or querent or even the revolution, and if it is well disposed, it signifies universally the good "being" of the native and of other matters. However, if it is evilly disposed, it signifies the contrary of the aforesaid". Explaining the meaning of certain terms such as conjunctional nativities etc., Zoller has stated that conjunctional nativities, questions, revolutions,etc., are those occurring between the time of the New and Full Moons. The degree of the conjunction (or conjunction of the liminaries) is the degree of the New Moon. Preventional nativities, etc are those which occur after the Full Moon but before the New Moon. The degree of the prevention (or prevention of the luminaries) is the degree of the Full Moon.

Let us have another example. Given below is the description of determining *pars fortunae*.

"Let it be posited that the Sun is in the 12th degree of Taurus and in the 5th minute and that the Moon is in the 12th degree of Virgo and in the 5th minute, and the matter on account of which you desire to extract the *pars fortunae* be in the day. Now you have to take the place of the Sun from the place of the Moon and there will remain four signs. And let there be 5 degrees and 5 minutes of the sign ascending. Begin to project from the beginning of the same sign (by equal degrees) giving 30 degrees to each sign, and wherever the number ends, there will be the place of this part. On the other hand, at night (*i.e.*, in a nocturnal figure) you take the place of the Moon from the place of the Sun and add it to the degree of the sign of the Ascendant and project this from the Ascendant, and wherever the number ends, there will be the *pars fortunae*. However, if both luminaries are in the same degree, the *pars fortunae* will be the degree and minute of the Ascendant."

From the above, it can be inferred that there are various methods of matching horoscopes. The determination of widowhood or otherwise or the examination with regard to extra-marital sexual relationship only relate the examination to limited aspects of the

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ractical Illustrations f Matching — II*

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X THE 9th house has 9th lord posited therein and also lord of Dhana (wealth) showing a Dhana Yoga. The aspect of e 7th lord, lord of Kendra, Saturn making a mbination of 7th plus 9th lords aspecting ch other shows that wife would be lucky for m and would advance his fortune. Saturn, a tural malefic aspecting the 9th (being 8th d also), would cause obstructions. The Sun's d Jupiter's affliction is not good. (The afflicn of Pisces and Virgo axis in case of afflicted gna, is not good for health).

Conclusion: The native may rise in life but er great effort and may not be in a position to the full rewards of his labour. There may be me form or the other of obstacles. Life would be smooth.

X. The 10th lord Mars is in own house and th Lagna lord. The combinations are 1st plus and 1st plus 10th. Mars is a Yogakaraka for s Lagna. Gains from 5th and 10th can be pected. The *badhakasthana* for this Lagna is urus. The lords of Kendras from this *badhakana* are supposed to give malefic results ether with their own results. Mars is one of em.

Conclusion: The planetary combinations in e 10th show that the native will rise in life th his own efforts and would work hard to ke his fortune and get success.

XI. The 11th house receives no aspect and its d is in the 10th house (in 12th from its own use). This aspect is covered in the earlier cussions. The 11th shows gains.

XII. The 12th house receives the aspect of retrograde Saturn. The 12th lord is in the 10th in the company of Mars, Venus and Moon which is also unfavourable for the enjoyment of 12th Bhava results.

This assessment shows the horoscope is of a medium quality and has doubts which need careful consideration and clarification before the marriage is proposed. It can be said that the chart of a girl which can supplement the deficiencies of this chart is needed.

Female Chart

1. The Lagna is Virgo in the constellation of the Sun, the 12th lord. The Sun and the Lagna lord are in the 7th, both in Revati Nakshatra (in Gandanta) and at the end of the Rasi. There is no aspect on Lagna. The Lagna lord is with a malefic receiving the aspect of Jupiter (a retrograde planet), 4th and 7th lord, who has Kendradhipatya Dosha. Jupiter is in the Nakshatra of Mercury (Gandanta) and also at the end of Rasi. Jupiter receives the aspect of Mars, the 8th lord. Saturn's aspect is also on Jupiter (Saturn being retrograde gives effect of the previous Rasi).

Conclusion: Mercury's debilitation receives Jupiter's aspect (resulting in Neechabhanga). The promise is of medium health. No problem.

2. The end house has no planet. The 2nd lord is in the 9th which is its own house but afflicted by Ketu and Saturn. Venus, lord of the 2nd and the 9th, is in the Nakshatra of the Sun (an enemy). A retrograde Saturn in the 3rd is also giving the effect of the 2nd house. The 2nd house is afflicted. The position of the 2nd which happens to be 8th from 7th denoting longevity of the spouse is weak and afflicted.

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3. Saturn in the 3rd with Rahu makes the native work hard but it is the house of Mars whom Saturn treats as enemy. Mars posited in the house of Saturn is aspected by Saturn. There is exchange between 3rd and 5th lords. The position of the 3rd is better.

4. The 4th house has no planet but it is sandwiched between malefics and receives no benefic aspect. The 4th lord Jupiter is exalted but afflicted by exalted Mars who is the 8th lord. The result is that domestic peace may face disturbed periods also.

5. The 5th lord in the 3rd having exchanged places with the 3rd lord receives the aspect of Jupiter. The 5th lord aspects his own house. Jupiter, the *karaka,* of the 5th house is in exalted Rasi.

Conclusion: The overall position of the 5th is good. But shows some mental worry.

6. The Moon, a weak planet, is in the 6th house and the lord of the 6th is in the 3rd with Rahu. Saturn, the 6th lord, giving affliction from the 3rd house to the 9th and 9th lord may pose problems in the making of fortunes. Health or other problems might cause hindrances.

7. *The lord of the 7th is exalted but retrograde and afflicted by Mars and Saturn. The *karaka* Venus is also afflicted. Mars represents husband in the female chart. The afflictions to Mars, Jupiter and the 7th house and lords are not desirable. Mars is in Saturn's house and aspected by Saturn. Jupiter is in *Gandanta* and is afflicted by Mars and Saturn. The position of the Sun in the 7th (a natural malefic) and also as the 12th lord causes separation.

Conclusion: Taking the overall position of the 7th house and its lord and also taking into consideration the position of the 2nd house, 4th house Jupiter, Mars, etc. (as already discussed earlier) the chart needs serious matching.

8. The 8th house is aspected by the lord of 8th, Mars (good). The position of Mars in enemy's house and in the Nakshatra of the Sun is not good. The 8th lord in its sign of exaltation receiving the aspect of a friend Jupiter, is good. No benefic aspects the 8th house. The 8th house is the house of longevity and also *mangalya* in the case of female.

Conclusion: The longevity position is not bad but for marriage purpose, the position is unfavourable. In view of the position of the 2nd, 7th and 8th houses, the marriage should take place with a boy having a Purnayu Yoga.

In Navamsa chart, the 7th lord Sun is in Lagna and in an inimical house and the 8th lord is with the 7th lord. The Lagna lord is in the 8th and Mars from the 12th aspects the 7th house. The position instead of improving has shown negative points. Venus is also afflicted in Navamsa.

Between the exalted planets Jupiter and Mars, Mars is *ucchabhilashi* and Jupiter has left the point of exaltation. Mars is stronger. Mars being 8th lord and a natural malefic is not favourable. The position of 7th and lord of 7th is pitiable. Hence the matter needs overall assessment of the two charts with care.

9. The 9th lord is in the 9th but afflicted by Saturn and Ketu. Venus, the 9th lord, is in the constellation of the Sun, the 12th lord. The affliction to the 5th and 9th shows that there is death of *punya* and at the time of crisis the *punya karmas* would not come to her rescue. The affliction of Bhagyasthana would cause obstruction in the growth of fortune.

10. Karmasthana lord Mercury in debilitation Rasi with 12th lord Sun is aspected by the lord of the house Jupiter causing Neechabhanga. In view of the detailed discussion already made and the position explained now it is apparent that the native may the get less results in spite of her best efforts.

11. Lord of 11th in 6th and weak is not a good position. Jupiter as 4th and 7th lord in 11th shows gains from property and husband.

12. The 12th house represents sex-life of the native and also Moksha. Saturn's aspect on 12th is not favourable. After the above examination, let us study the two charts with a view to see whether they complement and supplement the deficiencies discussed above.

(**Wherever these sensitive points are discussed serious consideration in matching is required*)

The tallying of 22 1/2 Gunas and other traditional methods employed in matching will not do unless the complete analysis of the two charts is done. The marriage was approved in the above case and took place on 17th April 1979. The couple had a very happy, prosperous marital life and lived like a model couple. Perhaps the *Ayus* aspect was not considered. The husband died on 28th January 1989.

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strology and atrimonial Adventures—II*

"SOLITAIRE"

happy Marriages

give below the charts of two couples well n to me, whose marriages have ended in ration and enmity; and proved to be noth- ut literally a bed of thorns for the wife in the case and for the husband, in the other.

ase 5: Wife: Dhanishta; *Husband:* Chitta.

SUN VENUS MERC. RAHU	JUPIT.	
Wife 22-4-1930 3.49 p.m. Mangalore		ASCDT.
	KETU	

KETU	ASCDT.		
	Husband 22.9.1922 9.38 p.m. Mangalore		
MARS		VENUS MERC.	RAHU SUN MOON SAT. JUPIT.

ccording to rules II (c) (i) and III (c) (ii), the scopes match very well But observe the disparity in the character of husband and . The wife has a strong and unafflicted a lord and Moon, good 4th, 9th and 10th es, and Sanyasa Yoga. The husband has cha Yoga, Venus and Mercury in the 7th , and 4th, 5th, 9th and 10th lords in the 6th e. This man, who disliked his parents, sib- , wife and children deserted them! He went a foreign land, had several *affairs-de-cover* , and died there. The good and beautiful had a hard time bringing up the children handed. This marriage came about through egligence of the astrologers to re-check the chart. In the male chart given to the girl's father, Jupiter was depicted as occupying the 7th house, whereas in reality, it was in the last degree of Virgo! The lady had to pay dearly for the astrologer's negligence. Had Jupiter been correctly placed in Virgo in the original chart, this lady's father would never have given her in marriage to this profligate man.

Case 6: Wife: Moola; *Husband:* Pushya.

SAT. MERC.	KETU		
SUN JUPIT.	Wife 12-3-1939 5.30 p.m. Udupi		ASCDT.
VENUS			
MOON MARS		RAHU	

	RAHU	JUPIT.	VENUS
	Husband 4-8-1929 2.30 p.m. Udupi		SUN MOON MERC.
			MARS
	ASCDT. SAT.	KETU	

This 'dharmic' and sagacious gentleman (literally!) married this lady without matching of horoscopes, since his "Brown Sahib" family did not believe in them. See how they differ! He is a jupiterean-saturnine product, she is a luxury-loving (venusian) and dominant, shrewish martian (aspected adversely by Mars and Lagna lord with Mars). See his strong 9th house and her *adharmic* 9th house. This lady made him drop all his friends and relatives overnight, then she established absolute "sovereignity" over him, but getting him to educate and marry off, eight of her siblings! Jupiter as lord of 2nd in the 7th made him terribly henpecked, and he put up with her dominant nature and tantrums for years. The poor man lost his job. The lady then, after 22 years of marriage, left him in the lurch, and flew off to her brothers abroad (who had been educated by her husband!). The poor man

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now stays alone. Had his horoscope been matched properly and a wife of similar philosophical temperament (even a "lunar" or "mercurial" wife would have done), had been selected for him, he would probably have led a happy life—see the good 7th house, 7th lord Venus in a freindly sign and unafflicted, and good 4th, 9th and 10th lords and houses, and Lagna and Lagna lord unafflicted.

Minimizing Afflictions

Case 7: Wife: Satabhisha; *Husband:* Poorvashadha.

RAHU			VENUS
MOON JUPIT.	Wife 31-7-1950 8.00 a.m. Mangalore		SUN
			ASCDT. SAT. MERC.
	MARS		KETU

		SUN VENUS MERC.	SAT.
	Husband 8-6-1944 8.45 p.m. Bantval		MARS RAHU JUPIT.
KETU			
ASCDT. MOON			

Both have zero Kuja Dosha. The man, a surgeon and son of a millionaire, got married only at 30 years, because his father was very particular about matching horoscopes. Saturn in the 7th gave him a tall and slim wife from a socially and financially inferior family.

In both charts, note the affliction of the 7th lord and Venus by (a) aspect of *dusthana* lord in wife; (b) occupation of *dusthana* in husband. Both are doctors happily married for 16 years and have three children.

Note IV (1) and IV (3) in wife's chart and IV (3) and IV (5) in husband's chart. Compare both. Note III (a) and III (b) present.

Case 8: Wife: Krittika; *Husband:* Sravana.

Observe Jupiter in the 9th Sagittarius in wife's chart, exchange of 6th and 7th lords with Venus in debility in the 6th - IV (7).

	ASCDT MOON RAHU		
	Wife 16-11-1948 7.00 p.m. Bombay		SAT.
JUPIT.	SUN MARS	MERC. KETU	VENUS

RAHU			
	Husband 19-10-1949 Midnight Bangalore		ASCDT.
JUPIT. MOON			SAT. MARS
VENUS		SUN	KETU MERC.

In the husband's chart, observe Jupiter-Moon in the 7th IV (1) and 7th lord in enemy's sign with Mars (5). Both are gynaecologists and have a son. They are happily married. The afflictions have been minimized according to IV (7) and IV (5).

Summing up: (i) Proper checking and matching of horscopes will prevent unhappiness and tragedies in the marital state. (ii) Strong Sanyasa Yoga, Paischa Yoga and grossly afflicted marriage indicators serve as warning signs. Such a person better not venture into marriage because, it is far better to be "happily unmarried than unhappily married"! Marriage is not the end all and be all of life, and can be happily dispensed with, on many occasions, to a person's very great advantage. One can expend one's energies on one's profession, relatives, hobbies and/or social work and be happy, and spread happiness everywhere.—138.90.

PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF MATCHING — II*

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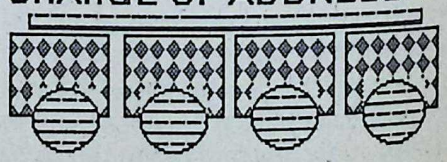
To point out the defects of a prediction after the event or to trace the event after it has occurred is very easy. The difficulty is in predicting in advance. Before approving two charts a detailed examination and analysis of the two charts is necessary. This whole exercise takes time.

But people are in the habit of getting everything according to their own wishes and also immediately. A man goes to the doctor, tells him the disease and gets the medicine. In some cases the patient himself prescribes the medicines. This cannot be the case with the astrologer. He needs time and can diagnose the disease and also prescribe the medicine but not as dictated by the patient.—140.90

CHANGE OF ADDRESS ?



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MENT CLASSICAL WRITERS OF JYOTISHA

Achutha Pisharoti

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rsonal History

ACHUTHA PISHAROTI, a pupil of Jeshta Deva (1500 A.D.) of Alathur was the preceptor of Melputhur Narayana ttathiri, the eminent poet and the well known hor of the renowned work 'Narayaneeyam'. ttathri studied Sanskrit Grammar under haroti.

The year of his birth should be around 1550 D, since his famous disciple Narayana Bhatiri was born in 1560 A.D. Achutha was born the Pisharoti community, the community looked after the external affairs relating to erala temple. He was a native of Tirukkanr in South Malabar.

A highly learned man in Astronomy, Astrol- and Mathematics, he was as much distinhed for his scholarship of Sanskrit Gram-, Poetry, Literature and Ayurveda. He had mber of brilliant pupils.

The depth of his knowledge can be judged the scholarship of his pupils like Narayana ttathiri, Nedumpayil Krishna Asan, Pulimukur Potti, Trppanikara Poduval, vaayikkulathu Azhaati, etc., who became ous in his own life-time. King Ravi Varma of tattunad in South Malabar was his patron. intellectual assets that stand to his credit ly qualify him for an equal place among the l known astronomers of Kerala like Sankarayana, Parameswara, Neelakanta Soma-, etc.

s Works

Achutha has written some eight highly valu- works on different subjects. Among them elates to Astrology, one to Sanskrit Grammar, five to Astronomy and a Malayalam commentary on Madhava's work on Astronomy.

1. *Pravesaka:* This is a short treatise on Sanskrit Grammar meant for the study of beginners in Sanskrit.

2. *Horasaarokaya:* This work of Achutha is an adaptation of Sripathi's Jataka Paddathi, a well known work on Astrology.

3. *Uparaga Kriya Krama:* This is a short work on Astronomy, dealing with the calculation of Solar and Lunar Eclipses in 4 chapters. In one of the verses, the author says that he has written this work with the object of helping the ignorant and the dull witted as below:

Marthaandakyam param Jyothihi Nathva Sivabi Vilikyathe
Hithaaya Mandha Buddhinam Uparaaga Kriyakramaha

In the concluding verse, he refers to his preceptor as "Prokthaha Prava Yaso Dynaath Jeshtadevasya Sad Guruho" etc.

Achutha starts his *sloka* after praying to Surya, the dispeller of darkness and to the venerable God Siva. The last verse tells us that Jeshta Deva was his learned teacher (Guru). This work was completed by him in the year 1593 A.D.

4. *Karanothama:* This is on Karanas, relating to Astronomy. Some 109 verses that go to make this work, deal with eclipses and the methods to work out eclipses, with his own commentary on it.

5. *Chayaashtaka:* This work deals with the method of calculation of time at night from the shadow cast by the Moon. This is done by using Sanku (Gnomon), a 12 inch-long stick by fixing it to the ground. The same stick is used also for measuring the shadow of the Sun during day-

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time.

6.*Sputanirnaya Tantra:* This work deals with the correct way of calculations of the planetary motion, etc. in 6 chapters, with his own commentary on it. This work was written by him prior to Uparaga Kriya Krama, perhaps in 1590 A.D.

7. *Rasigola Sputaneethi:* This is a comprehensive and valuable work of Achutha pointing out that all measurements of celestial longitudes of planets are to be made along the ecliptic and that the measurements of their latitudes are to be made perpendicular to the ecliptic.

The position of all planets is denoted in Hindu Astronomy in terms of 2 co-ordinates, the longitudes in relation to the first point of Mesha and the latitudes (Vikshepa) as perpendicular to it.

Rasigola Sputaneethi deals with the question of correction necessary to the orbital longitude of the Moon to reduce it to the ecliptic, in view of the fact that the Moon actually moves along its own orbit, but its longitude is to be measured along the ecliptic. This is spoken of in modern Astronomy as 'Reduction to the ecliptic'.

Though not expressely dealt with by others, Nityananda of Indraprastha (1639 A.D.) in his work *Siddhantha Raja* has mentioned about it, perhaps the first to do it in Northern India. It goes to the credit of Kerala astronomers for their shrewdness for discerning the value of this correction and deriving a formula for it, which tallies with that of modern Astronomy.

The first to note this correction among Westerners was Tycho Brahe (1546-1601 A.D.), a Danish astronomer, a contemporary of Achutha.

Poet Vasudeva in his *Bringa Sandesa* pays a rich tribute to Achutha's remarkable knowledge of Astronomy. Narayana Bhattathiri in his obituary verse on Achutha's death in 1621 A.D. extols his Guru's proficiency in many subjects. From this we can say that Achutha was 70 years old when he passed away.

Achutha has written a Malayalam commentary on *Venvaroha* by Madhava of Sangamagrama, one of the well known astronomers of Kerala mentioned as 'Golavid'. He wrote this commentary at the instance of Sri Netranarayana, the spiritual head of Nambuthiri Brahmans of Kerala. This work gives a facile procedure to work out the true position of the Moon for every 3 minutes.—21.90.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON MARRAIGE COUNSELLING

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problem. The relationship between the Nakshatras of the natal Moon attempts to reveal the basic inherent impulses underlying the two egos likely to get united in the bond of marriage. A scientific matching would depend upon at first on determining what we are looking for, whether our intention is to find out harmony and external happiness of the partnership or the union which fosters the growth and development of the inner ego. The best result is possible when the impact of one on the other in the context of the whole *personality* is taken into account.

Marriages are *primarily* relationship for sexual compatibility. This takes into account physical health, blood circulation, sexual virility and mutual physical attraction as well as commonness of the attitude to sex acts. For this purpose, the state of the Ascendants, Mars and Venus are important. Secondly, after the sexual relationship merges in emotional blending, the happiness in marriage will assume emotional fusion of the one into another, mutual respect, sympathy and empathy, desire to feel life together. For this purpose, the relationship between the position of the Moon and the 4th sign will be important. All marriages must end in creativity between the partners. This is the domain of the 5th house. And then, is the question of dependence of one another for furthering their Dharma or their purpose of life. The importance of the 9th house should be considered in this connection. The relationship between the egos can be decided on the basis of the disposition of the Sun. Thus the compatibility of the entire horoscope in their external and inner aspects is very significant which cannot depend merely on one or the other factors. The entire results of the planetary disposition are important.

Another aspect which is equally important but very often overlooked is the periodization of the planetary impact. The Dasa-Bhukti of the planets should be such as to cancel adverse periods in one another's life. The different periods of various planetary dispositions should be such that there is always harmony in the conditions and cancellation of adverse periods. Indeed matching of horoscopes is a challenge to astrologers, but it is the most helpful chapter in astrological prognostications.--139.90.

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strology and the lature of Death — VI*

V. M. NATU

MY MAIN aim in writing this article is to highlight and probe combinations for unnatural and abnormal deaths due to idents, murders and suicides. At the same e I have listed combinations for danger from erent things and objects which may lead to th or to only suffering based upon totality in-ations in a chart. Combinations for suffering m snakebites, dogbites and danger from other druped animals, wild beasts, birds amd in-ts have also been given as these are acciden-in nature. In this case one has to remember t where general combinations for suffering n poisoning in life exist in a chart, they cate suffering from snake bites, dogbites also as basically poisoning of blood is in-ed in such problems. Similarly when dan-from water is involved it indicates danger aquatic animals also.

Now let us go to the statistical analysis of rts connected with these problems. In this ter the study of charts of unnatural deaths has been taken. The study of charts where suffering in lifetime has been seen or those nakebites, dogbites etc will he taken in sub-ent chapters.

Subgroups

A total of 116 cases are available in my rds on the subject of unnatural deaths which been taken for analysis as a whole group further split up into six subgroups with following details for separate statistical study.

Full group - 116 cases, Subgroup 1 - vehicles involved with 38 cases, Subgroup 2 - water involved - 20cases, Subgroup 3 - shooting and weapons involved - 16 cases, Subgroup 4 - fire and burn injuries involved -13 cases, Subgroup 5 - Poisoning involved - 11 cases, and Subgroup 6 - hanging involved - 8 cases.

The analysis has been carried out on Rasi charts, Navamsa charts, Ashtamsa charts which have a bearing on longevity and death, Drekkana charts and types of Drekkanas occupied by vital points and planets as Drekkanas have been stated to have a special significance in unnatural deaths, asterism occupations by Ascendant, the 9 planets and other relevant house-lords and planets in certain houses and other miscellaneous analysis of importance.

The whole group has been analysed and the six Subgroups, have been analysed separately in all the aspects, the results of which have been presented in Tables 1 to 11 B (*to appear in Part VIII)*. Tables 1 and 2 present the frequencies of signs and house positions of the Ascendant and the 9 planets in the whole group of 116 charts. Tables 3 to 11 B present the results of comparative outcome for the full group and the six Subgroups as above, the Tables being self explanatory. Careful study of these Tables will give similarities and differences in the charts analysed regarding the details presented therein. Some further relevant comments and details of outcome are being described below.

Prominent positions in Rasi, Navamsa, Ashtamsa and Drekkana charts and in asterism occupations are given next.

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Rasi Charts

The Full Group: Ascendant in Libra, Virgo and Cancer, the Sun in Libra, Scorpio, Aquarius and Taurus (in debility and in inimical signs), the Moon in Taurus (exalted), Pisces, Leo and Capricorn, Mars in Cancer (in debility), Leo and Libra, Mercury very prominent in Scorpio and next to that in Libra and Pisces (in debility), Jupiter in Scorpio and next to that in Aries, Cancer (exalted) and Virgo, Venus in Scorpio and next to that in Leo and Pisces (exalted), Saturn very prominent in Scorpio next to that in Sagittarius and Leo, Rahu in Libra, Sagittarius and Aries, total occupation in Libra and Scorpio signs and next to that in Virgo (bad watery sign Scorpio owned by Mars is noteworthy), minimum occupation in Gemini sign, these are important Rasi positions considering occupations in houses, the Sun very prominent in 4th next to that in 3rd and 5th (3rd to 5th houses are thus important for the Sun), the Moon in 3rd, 12th, 8th and 11th (8th and 12th Trika houses occupation is noteworthy), Mars very prominent in Lagna - 7th axis and in 8th house (all three noteworthy for violent Mars), Mercury in 3rd, 4th, 10th, 5th and 7th (three *Kendras* noteworthy), Jupiter prominent in 2-8 axis next to that in 10th. Venus very prominent in 5th, next to that in 2nd and 11th, Saturn in 10th to 12th (from 11th aspecting Lagna) and also in 2-8 axis, Rahu prominent in Lagna next to that in 3rd, 4th and 12th (occupation or aspect of three top malefics Mars, Saturn and Rahu to Lagna is thus noteworthy), total occupation in 5th and 10th houses next to that in 7th house, these are important positions.

Subgroup-1

Ascendant in Libra and Cancer, the Sun in Virgo, Libra and Aquarius, the Moon in Taurus and Virgo, Mars in Leo, Cancer and Pisces, Mercury in Virgo, Aquarius and Libra, Jupiter in Libra, Scorpio, Virgo and Aries (mark two martian signs), Venus in Leo and Aquarius, Saturn very prominent in Scorpio (in 7 out of 38 cases) next to that in Leo, Rahu prominent in Aries (in 7 out of 38 cases) next to that in Libra and Capricorn, total occupation maximum in Libra next to that in Virgo, Cancer and Leo, these are prominent Rasi positions. Considering occupation of houses, the Sun in 10th, the Moon in 6th (*trika* house), Mars very prominent in 7th (in 9 out of 38 cases), Mercury in 10th, Jupiter in 7th and 10th, Venus in 11th, Saturn in 5th, Rahu in 3rd and 10th, total occupation in 5th and 10th next to these in 6th to 8th houses these are noteworthy positions. Planetary conjunctions repeating in these charts are those of Sun-Mars, Sun-Rahu, Mars-Mercury, Mars-Venus and Venus-Rahu.

Subgroup-2

Considering Rasi occupations, Ascendant in Libra to Sagittarius, the Sun in Libra (debility), the Moon in own sign Cancer, Mars in Leo, Jupiter and Saturn in Capricorn, total occupation in Cancer to Libra signs are noteworthy points. In house occupations, the Sun in 4th, the Moon in 8th (in 25% cases) and in 10th (in 20% cases), Mars in 7th and in Lagna, Jupiter very prominent in 2nd (in 7 out of 20 cases) next to that in 8th, Venus in 5th, Saturn in 4-10 axis total occupation in 2nd, 8th and 7th houses these are important points. The repeating planetary conjunctions are those of Sun-Moon, Sun-Mars, Moon-Mars, Moon-Jupiter, Mars-Jupiter, Mars-Rahu and Jupiter-Venus.

Subgroup-3

Ascendant in Virgo and Libra, the Sun in Scorpio, the Moon in Jupiterian signs, Mars very prominent in Libra next to that in Taurus (both Venusian signs), Mercury in Scorpio, Jupiter in own sign Pisces, Saturn in Scorpio, Rahu prominent in Cancer next to that in Libra and Sagittarius, total occupation in Libra, Scorpio and Taurus (mark two signs of Venus), these are important Rasi positions. In house positions, the Sun in 9th, Mars in 7th, Mercury in 3rd, Jupiter in 8th, Venus in 4th, Saturn in 2nd and 10th, Rahu in Lagna, 11th and 12th, total occupation in 4th, 9th next to these in 3rd and 7th, these are notable points. The repeating planetary conjunctions noticed are Moon-Jupiter, Moon-Venus, Mars-Mercury, Mars-Saturn Mars-Rahu and Jupiter-Venus.

Subgroup 4

Ascendant in Taurus, the Sun in Libra, Mars in Leo, Mercury in Virgo and Scorpio, Jupiter in Scorpio, Venus in Virgo, Saturn in Sagittarius Rahu in Pisces, total occupation in Virgo to Scorpio, these are important Rasi positions The Sun in Lagna and 5th, the Moon in 10th and 11th, Mars prominent in 4th next to that in 10th aspecting 4th, Mercury in 2nd and 5th, Jupiter

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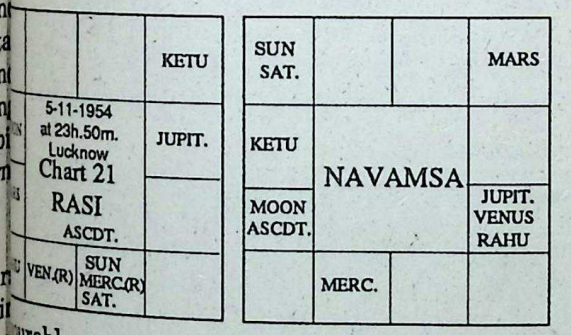
oes Matching eally Help? — II*

MRIDULA TRIVEDI

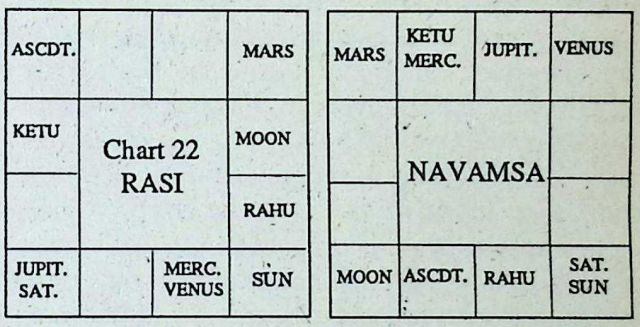
HERE are many Slokas in Sanskrit texts which state that Kuja Dosha gets neutralised if Mars is aspected by Jupiter or Moon. In my experience after due verifica- and judgement of more than two hundred scopes of Kuja Dosha I do not find neutrali- on of Kuja Dosha by Jupiter's aspect or junction correct.

piter and Kuja Dosha

Jupiter and Mars should not be treated as if both are conjoined or placed opposite other especially when Mars occupies any of 6 houses where it is said to cause Kuja ha. I have found that Kuja Dosha gets anced by the opposition of Jupiter. Readers certainly commit a mistake if they predict cancellation of Kuja Dosha due to the aspect piter or the Moon. I am illustrating Cases 22, 23, and 13 in which we find that Mars and iter are placed opposite each other in a very

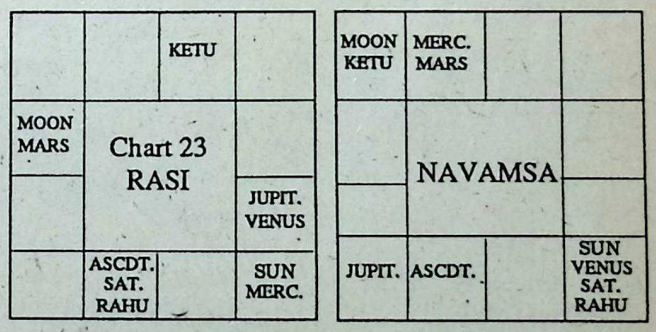


urable position apparently and as per the s given for cancellation of Kuja Dosha. In e 21 Jupiter is exalted in the Lagna while Mars is exalted in Capricorn. She got separated from her husband after four years of marriage. If Mars Dosha got cancelled why did this separation take place? In Case 22 Mars is posited in



Case 22: Born on 14-10-1960 at 17 hrs. (IST) at 28 N 27, 78 E 49 with a balance of 16 years, 6 months 15 days of Mercury Dasa.

the 4th house and Jupiter in the 10th in own sign in association with Saturn. Jupiter and Mars, Saturn and Mars are opposite each other synchronising with the 4th and the 10th houses. She could not adjust with her husband and got separated a few months after marriage. In Case 13 Mars is in the 2nd house in Libra and Jupiter



Case 23: Born on 16-10-1956 at 9 hrs. 10m. (IST) at 25 N 20, 83 E 0 with a balance of 3 years, 3 months and 20 days of Rahu Dasa.

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occupies the 8th house. The husband of the lady committed suicide after five years of marriage after unbearable tension and the worst kind of marital misery. Jupiter is said to form Akhanda Saubhagya Yoga if in the 8th house. Why did it not give this Saubhagya to the native concerned? I can illustrate hundreds of such cases where separation and death took place in spite of Kuta matching and cancellation of the Kuja Dosha by the aspect of Jupiter and there being no other specific reason for divorce or death.

Kuja Dosha (Evil of Mars)

Much importance has been given to Kuja Dosha. In fact to discuss all about Kuja Dosha is beyond the scope of this article. However, in brief, Kuja Dosha exists when Mars is posited in the Lagna, the 2nd, the 4th, the 7th, the 8th and the 12th houses. But there are certain signs for each of its positions when Kuja Dosha is ineffective. Dr. B. V. Raman has dealt with Kuja Dosha exhaustively in his book *Muhurta*. I would certainly like to add that proper balancing of Kuja Dosha is most essential in every chart and this is what I mean by Graha Melapak. Suppose Mars is present in the 8th house of a girl and in the 12th house of the boy. Will the Kuja Dosha be neutralised? No, it will not because intensity of Mars in the 8th house is much more than what it is in the 12th house. This also depends on the signs occupied by Mars. If Mars is exalted in own or friendly house there will be less Kuja Dosha than if it is his debilitation or inimical sign. The intensity of Kuja Dosha in Lagna, the 7th and the 8th is more than its intensity in the 12th, the 2nd and the 4th. Mars' nature is to create evils. Why should other planets like Saturn, Rahu, Ketu and the Sun not be taken into consideration as creating maladies on marital life? In fact, proper balancing or comparison of Kuja Dosha is needed in each and every horoscope where Mars is placed in the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th or 12th. It should be looked into if any of these houses have been occupied by malefics Mars, Saturn, Rahu, Ketu, or the Sun. Also see if the planets are exalted, debilitated or in friendly, inimical or neutral signs. The following Table may be referred to in finding out the exact points of Kuja Dosha in the horoscope of the boy and girl. In my view if the variation of Kuja Dosha is around 25% that should be treated as a happy matching; if it is around 50% I would happily recommend the marriage, if it is more than 75% of variation there will be certain misunderstandings, health problems or other kinds of miseries like poverty, mental trouble, financial shortage, family quarrels, losses etc. In case of unavoidable circumstances I can recommend such marriages also but with certain preventive measures and remedies like Mangala Gauri Vrata, Vata Savitri Vrata, Mangala Stotra Japa, Peepal or Vishnu Pratima or Kumbha Vivaha etc. In case variation of Kuja Dosha is more than 75% in both the horoscopes I will not recommend marriage in spite of any kind of worship or remedy. The mutual adjustment will be under tolerable limits though with difficulty if it is upto 75%. In case it exceeds this limit the things may be intolerable and permanent losses will come in operation such as loss of partner or divorce, mental disorder, setbacks in business, poverty, denial or ill-health of children and all that which may create unhappiness in married life depending upon the exact placement of Mars.

Generally a view exists among people that if one of the partners has Kuja Dosha and it is absent in the horoscope of the other partner the

Table for Grahamelapak

For	1st, 8th, 7th			4th, 12th, 2nd		
	Mars	Saturn Rahu Ketu	Sun	Mars	Saturn Rahu Ketu	Sun
In Neecha Rasi	100	75.00	50	50	37.50	25.00
In Enemy's Rasi	90	67.50	45	45	37.50	22.50
In Neutral Rasi	80	60.00	40	40	30.00	20.00
In Friend's Rasi	70	52.50	35	35	26.25	17.50
In Swarasi	60	45.00	30	35	22.50	15.00
In Uchcha Rasi	50	37.50	25	35	18.75	12.50

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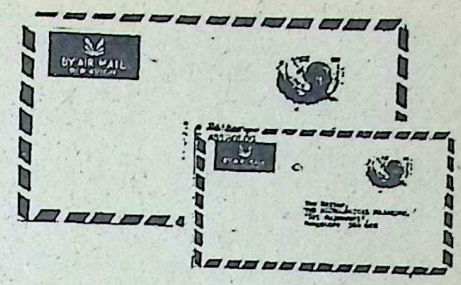

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Sir, - Reference is invited to 1990 Annual Number e THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE and, in particu- he all-important editorial "World Trends and sions in 1990-91".

There is a sizeable number of Indians residing e Gulf and Middle East region (Saudi Arabia, vait, Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq, Libya etc) who read astrological predictions and take stock of gs just as I have been doing over the last few s. It is observed that while lakhs of Indians, cially from South India, earn their livelihood is region, your Annuals spare very little thought space to such a vital region. A vague reference st Asia faces serious tension and overthrow of of the rulers" gives very little, if any, hint to the most discerning reader who could read een the lines.

This being so, you can very well imagine the t of so many not so smart readers as perhaps , to comprehend concealed predictions. The ent tragedy of Kuwait and the hardship to 1,72,0000 or so Indians there and an addi- l 12000 in Iraq is literally beyond words. ireds or may be thousands have lost their life- gs, livelihood, shelter over their heads, sup- to families in India and also confidence in selves. By making only an oblique reference ly occurrences in this region, you have either recisely studied the chart of this region, or , have not fully realized the planetary combi- ns. In either case it is a singular disservice to ands of your devoted readers residing in ries like U.A.E. and Saudi Arabia.

This, however, is not an attempt to lay the e of the doings of a madman like Saddam ain at your door.

would earnestly request you to publish a rate article exclusively pertaining to this region for the benefit of Indians of this region and simultaneously spare more thought and space for the region in future Annual Numbers.

With all good wishes,

Jeddah, S. Arabia. *R. V. Nair.*

Political Forecasts

Sir, - Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev has analysed the horoscope of Mr. V. P. Singh (*A.M.*, April 1990, page 391) and has come to the conclusion that Mr. Singh may not complete full term. It appears she has altogether forgotten to look into the Navamsa chart. He is passing through the major period of Mercury and the minor period of the Moon. In the Navamsa, the Moon is afflicted by Saturn and Rahu and Ketu and the Ascendant is Virgo. Mars is a dire malefic for this Ascendant. At present he is in Taurus and will continue there for the next six months. The affliction of the Moon shows the working of the mind of Mr. Singh. Rahu and Saturn taken together stand for deceit, clandestine activity and cunning. Saturn stands for lower classes and democracy. Rahu stands for minorities. Mr. Singh is playing a political game unashamedly to win their support by following a policy of divide and rule. He wants to go to the polls by getting the support of such segments of Indian society. Mr. Singh's Government is passing through the *sade sathi* of Saturn. Saturn will not allow him to continue in power. The recent policy statements on reservation without any national debate which he has been professing since his coming to power and the declaration of Kissan Decade from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the Independence Day are clear indications of the working of his mind. He is creating a situation where the major supporters of the Government will withdraw their support. Mr. Singh wants to create a situation where he will have the opportunity to tell this segment of Indian society that he was doing everything to ameliorate

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FROM OUR OLD READERS - June 1944

Mr. Jinnah

Sir, - Please accept my sincere congratulations on the wonderful fulfilment of your prediction on page 336 of the July 1943 issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE that Mr. Jinnah would have a very bad time when Saturn entered Gemini. Your prediction was as follows:- "When Saturn gets into Gemini, Mr. Jinnah will come under the evil influence of Ardhashtama affecting his health and popularity". According to Mr. Lahiri, Saturn entered Gemini on 5th August, and according to Mr. L. Narayana Rao on 3rd August, but according to your Ayanamsa at about 6 a.m. on 23rd July 1943. Everybody is aware that Mr. Jinnah was attacked by one of his own community on or about 23rd July, and thus was threatened not only his own health and popularity but also the future of the whole Moslem community.

Several readers have already congratulated you for your prediction about Mussolini, and if space permits, I may add a word to it. Mussolini was brought down from the high pedestal in the Fascist Party on 25th July after Saturn entered Gemini, the 8th from Lagna and 2nd from Moon. He was, undoubtedly, born in Scorpio, and Saturn and Rahu were governing. Saturn the owner of 3 and 4, an Ayogakaraka for Scorpio, was placed in 7th Marakasthana, with Mars the owner of 6th and Rahu the sub-lord of 12th, the house of destruction and death, and they were 6th and 8th in position. It is obvious, that according to your Ayanamsa, Mussolini was passing through a very unfavourable time. According to other Ayanamsas, he was born in Libra, and the same planets were governing at this time. Though Saturn comes to 8th from Lagna, he is the best yogakaraka, and Rahu comes to Lagna, which being a kendra position, could not have brought about this disaster. The fact that these happenings of universal importance occurred on or about 23rd July, clearly proves that the value of your Ayanamsa merits due consideration.

Colombo *E. De. Alwis.*

their conditions but could not get the support of other political parties. But his trick will recoil on him. He does not know the mind of the electorate. The Bhukti of the Moon ends by January 1991. Everything will be completed before this date.

Ranchi. *Dr. U. S. Prasad*

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Sir, - In the horoscope of prime minister V.P. Singh (birth date: 25-6-1931 at 7.00 a.m. at 81° 54' E, 25° 28' N) there is Gajakesari Yoga as Jupiter is in Cancer in the Ascendant in the 10th from the Moon. At the same time there is the Sun and Saturn opposition which is malefic and gives adverse results like political downfall or shift from the top position.

The Sun, Herschel and Neptune in Sagittarius will generate sudden tragic and unexpected developments in New Delhi upto December 14, 1990.

In Arun Nehru's chart (Born 25-5-1944 at 17 hrs. at 80° E, 26° 51' N), there is a malefic combination of Mars, Jupiter and Rahu in the 10th house in Cancer which is likely to influence his political life adversely.

In conclusion, the planetary positions indicate that the Lok Sabha will be dissolved or both V.P. Singh and Arun Nehru will resign. Mid-term elections are possible.

Gadhinglaj. *K. B. Chaugule.*

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Sir, - Saturn will be retrograde in the evil sign of Capricorn and the cruel sign of Sagittarius between May and September 23, 1990. Mars will turn retrograde in Taurus in Rohini and Krittika between October 20 and December 1990.

The conjunction, technically known as 'grahakuta', of five or six planets will occur from October 20 to 21 in Libra, from December 15 to 31 in Sagittarius and from January 14 to 18, 1991 in both Sagittarius and Capricorn.

Mars will enter Rohini, technically called 'Rohini Sakata Bheda', in September 1990.

A 13-day fortnight will occur between September 5 and 18 in all places West of 72° 50' East longitude. Thereafter, lessening of two lunar days, technically known as 'tithi', will occur on November 2 and 10, 1990.

The most ill-omened comet ever seen, known as 'Austin', is gradually nearing the earth. A sunspot which is very inauspicious is also visible on the Sun.

Undoubtedly, the cumulative effect of all these planetary positions is extremely unfavourable. They portend disasters like severe cyclones, floods, earthquakes, terrorist activities, public agitations, accidents on land, water and sky, wars, epidemics and the like. There will also be reshuffling or change of Governments as well as danger to some prominent political leaders. The evil effects will affect the countries around the Tropic of Cancer within 10° South to 40° North latitude.

These will occur especially from August 6 to 13 and 25 to 31, September 1 to 6 and 10 to 22, October 11 to 25, November 1 to 7 and 21 to 30, and December 13 to 25, 1990. Similar disasters will also take place in January, 1991.

'Nama Rasi' means the zodiacal sign indicated

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the first alphabet of the name of a person or ace. Accordingly, the 'Nama Rasi' of both Bharat ndia) and Mr. V. P. Singh, our prime minister, is gittari is. Mr. Singh has Cancer for his Ascen- nt and Libra is his 'Janma Rasi'. As the conjunc- n of five and six planets occurs in Sagittarius, th India and its prime minister will pass through ritical period. The proposed construction of the ma temple on Rama Janmabhumi will not aterialise during the inauspicious period.

Some catastrophies, occurring between ptember, 1990 and January, 1991 will be fit to recorded in the pages of history.

The forecasts given above are based on astro- gical theories and calculations. They are not ended to create panic. On the other hand, they ould help in taking requisite precautions in time d to mitigate harm.

Satyanarain Misra.

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Sir, - Today's press has reported the sacking of s. Bhutto. It must have been a bolt from the blue Ms. Bhutto and others. But to the readers of E ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, it was known long fore (*A.M.*, January 1990, page 8).

"Four planets .....to set right matters."

"Charges of financial corruption in the family y make news."

What a fantastic forecast it was! A prediction ade well in advance, nearly 9 to 10 months fore.

Congratulations. I pray God Almighty to stow upon you a long and healthy life to enable to serve the humanity.

ngalore. *S. R. Vasudeva Rao.*

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Sir, - Kindly accept my congratulations for the edictions made in your Annual 1990. (1) West ia faces serious tension and overthrow of one of e rulers. (2) In India farmers, debts may be itten off and liberal financial grants given. This will be a fateful year for democracy in kistan. (4) Steps may be initiated by the King of pal to democratise the country.

The editorial written by you on 15-11-1989 worthy of careful study by all students of trology.

inkulam *P. R. Sanathanan Nair*

aturn-Jupiter Nexus

Sir, - *Vide* Page 559 (*A.M.*, July 1990) Mr. thak says "Apparently there is no textual thority in support of the theory propounded by B. V. RAMAN....." This is not correct.

The following *sloka* supports DR. RAMAN'S theory.

अतिचार गते जीवे शनिर्वक्रत्वमागते ।
तं नपश्यामि राजेन्द्रयो धरां धारयिष्यति ।

Arasavalli *B. Gopala Rao.*

Astrology & Crime

Sir, - The editorial "Astrology and Prevention of Crime" by Gayatri Devi Vasudev is an excellent guide for students of Astrology.

The case was extensively covered by all sections of the media here. It sent shock waves among the people.

I don't know as to why at the very outset (then) *greed* struck me as the motive in this case. The tragedy sent a shiver right through my spine.

Salem, U.S.A. *T. N. Qazi.*

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Sir, - With reference to the above editorial in considering the debilitation of the 4th lord Mercury in Chart 2, the placement of Rahu in the 4th, the aspect of Sun and Saturn to the 4th without any redeeming features one cannot agree with the fact that the native of Chart 2 enjoyed a good conjugal life till the very end of her life.

Thalayalaparambu. *N. K. Venugopal.*

Sidelights on Practical Astrology

Sir, - Please refer to the horoscope of Lord Krishna (*A.M.*, August 1990, page 627). Ketu is shown in Simha. To conform to Panchanana Yoga, it should be in Cancer. If Rahu is to be shifted to Kumbha the Yoga will become Shadanana.

I presume this is only a printing error.

New Delhi *Sub. No. 11332.*

Mrityu Bhagas

Sir, - In her article Smt. Meenakshi Raut (*A.M.*, February 1990) has laid great stress on Mrityu Bhaga.

Kalyana Verma in *Saravali* has said that if the Moon with malefics and without strength is posited in a particular degree of a Rasi, it would give very bad results to the native. As per *Phaladeepika* also certain degrees in a Rasi are called Mrityu Bhaga and weak Moon in that degree/Rasi may cause early death.

Howrah *K. K. Chakraborty.*

Janmashtami

Sir, - *Srimad Bhagavatham* states that Lord Krishna was born in the month of Leo (10/3/8). But Janmashtami is celebrated in many parts of India

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in the month of Cancer. Kindly enlighten the readers as to why the difference has occurred. Kerala Panchangas have given 11-9-1990 *i.e.*, 26 Chingam 1166 M.E. as Krishna Jayanthi.

Painkulam *P. R. Sananhanan Nair*

Reflections on Ramayana

Sir, - With reference to Mr. P. R. S. Nair's letter on page 723 (*A.M.*, September 1990) I would like to bring to the notice of your readers the famous adage "that curse becomes a boon and boon becomes a curse" to Dasaratha.

Dasaratha who had no sons was cursed to die of *putrasoka*. In his agony of having killed a *brahmachari*, he was inwardly happy, as atleast on account of the curse he would have to have a son to suffer *putrasoka*. This curse acted as boon. His boons to Kaikeyi, on the contrary, acted as a curse to separate him from Sri Rama and hasten his demise.

Hyderabad *T. T. Veera Raghavan*

Arundhati's Column

Sir, - I congratualte Arundhati for the excellent prediction given regarding my niece (*A.M.*, March 1990 issue, Q. 2). She got admission in Medical College through entrance examination as indicated by Arundhati.

Mungeli , (M.P) *D. M. Chincholkar*

Neechabhanga

Sir, - I find rules concerning Neechabhanga, relative or absolute, are not being applied consistently by many astrologers and even by some writers in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. If a Neecha *graha* attains Neechabhanga because its lord (Rasyadhipati) is located in a Kendra from the Moon, then Mars in Cancer must automatically get Neechabhanga as its lord, Moon, wherever it is located, is always in Kendra (first house) from itself. But when the Moon itself becomes *neecha* in a horoscope because of its location in Scorpio can it still confer Neechabhanga on Mars in Cancer or any Neecha *graha* whose lord is in Kendra from such a Moon in Scorpio? In one horoscope Moon is in Scorpio, Mars in Cancer and Saturn in Aries. As I see it, Mars gets Neechabhanga and as such it confers, in its turn, Neechabhanga on Saturn.

In her letter in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE of May 1990 (Pages 433, 434) about Mother Teresa's horoscope Mrs. Usha Srinivasan seems to have erred in remarking "Mars, lord of the house and the Sun, the exaltation lord, is in the 4th or Kendra from the Moon". The Sun is in Kendra from the Moon (being in Leo and Taurus respectively) in Mother Teresa's horoscope but the Sun only obtains its exaltation in Aries and thus the Sun is not the exaltation lord of Mars, but Mars is the exaltation lord of the Sun.

Another point, when your writers refer to the sequence of the houses in a horoscope, as first house, fifth house and so on, do they go by the sequence of the houses in the native's Rasikundali or the sequence of Bhavas in the Bhavakundali (of the individual concerned)? I should be grateful to you for your kind clarification.

Bangalore *Shankar Mrityunjaya*

Bhattotpala *versus* Rudra

Sir, - Apropos Ekalavya's column in the July 1990 issue, regarding Shilpi Yoga, if a commentary has to be resorted to for the explanation, I cannot understand why a Shilpi has to be designated as a sculptor when Bhattotpala clearly says (चित्रकार) (painter) in this respect. Rudra's (बुधाधिष्टतद्रेक्काणो) should imply the *drekkana* in which Mercury is placed (and not Mercury in his *drekkana* position). If now Bhattotpala's comment is added here -

".....द्रेष्काणः स यस्य राशेः सम्बन्धी तस्मिन्
राशिः.....सौरेण द्रष्टे जातः शिल्पी भवति ।"

the result is the same as the translations by Pt. Subramanya Sastri, Prof. Suryanarain Rao and others which require Saturn to aspect a Rasi and not Mercury himself. Furthermore if Sripati's aspects are followed, how can Saturn aspect just a *drekkana*? Bhattotpala's

चित्रकर्मादिकर्मरगा जीवतोत्यर्थ

hints at the native's earnings as a painter only but surely Bhattotpala does not think that he becomes a "loser of all". Thus it clearly becomes a case of Rudra *versus* Bhattotpala and the relative reliability of the two has to be ascertained.

Other than this, I have an important clarification to seek. The treatment of "retrogression in exaltation" as given in standard texts like *Phaladeepika, Saravali, Uttarakalamrita* etc., all point to the same thing — exaltation and debilitation are both cancelled if the planet is retrograde. *Uttarakalamrita* goes one step forward and says that a retrograde planet in *uchcha* will behave as a debilitated planet and *vice versa*. Do you support all or any of these? If so, to what extent have you found these to hold good in practical life? Can you argue on the basis of one or two model charts of persons you have known?

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Your Technical Difficulties Solved

MIHIRA

(In the letters THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE receives from the readers many interesting questions are put taining to astrological and allied problems. Here are a few queries together with answers. If some nilar doubts are puzzling you, why not write to us about them? ***A reader can put one question at time. This service is free to all readers of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE—Ed., A.M.)***

Q. 1. ***Rasi:*** *Virgo - Ascendant 22-1, Sun 3-31, rcury (R) 20-42, Jupiter 18-43 and Mandi; gittarius - Moon 16-41 and Mars 5-50; Aquarius ahu 27-17; Aries - Saturn (R) 14-44; and Leo - nus 2-52 and Ketu. The native is a liar, disobe-nt, steals and spends money on cinemas and els. Though intelligent, he is a medium class dent. Saturn (R) has lowest Sapatavargabala d is completely weak in Dasavarga. (a) Will on Dasa make him worse or will he change for better? (b) Will he complete his education?*

R. C. Dave, Visnagar.

Ans: (a) The Moon's dispositor Jupiter occu-s Lagna and hence there is a chance that he nges for the better during Moon Dasa. pitiation of Moon is advised.

(b) The 4th is the house of academic education. occupied by malefic Mars and also the Moon is lord of 8th from 4th. Karaka Mercury is placed though vitiated by Mandi. Under the e conditions, he is likely to complete his edu-on although with difficulty.

Q. 2. ***Rasi:*** *Sagittarius - Ascendant; Aquarius on; Aries - Mercury and Ketu; Taurus - Sun Venus; Gemini - Mars; Virgo - Jupiter; Libra hu; and Scorpio - Saturn. Saturn Dasa has n. What career will 10th lord Mercury with in the 5th give the native?*

M. Sampathkumar, Mandapeta.

The Lagna lord Jupiter in the 10th and the lord Mercury in the 5th changing place with suggests an administrative career connected finance or education.

Q. 3. ***Rasi:*** *Virgo - Ascendant; Libra - Mars 10 and Neptune 6; Scorpio - Sun 19, Mercury 21, Saturn 2 and Rahu 24; Sagittarius - Venus 13; Taurus - Ketu 24; Cancer - Uranus; and Leo - Jupiter 5 and Moon 28. (a) Here the 7th lord in 12th with lord of 11th house Moon forms Gajakesari Yoga. It is aspected by Saturn, the 5th and 6th lord. (a) Lord of Lagna is combust; but Kalatrakaraka Venus is in 4th house and in trine with Jupiter and Moon. Does the above planetary positions deny marriage? (b) Do 10th lord Mercury's association with Saturn and Rahu indicate success in industry?*

Prof. Vinod Rathi, Akola.

Ans: (a) Kalatrakaraka Venus in the 4th aspected by the 7th lord Jupiter by themselves grant marriage. Saturn's aspect to the Moon can, at the worst, delay marriage. The Gajakesari in the 12th indicates laboratory or research work for self or partner. (b) Yes; it can help industry connected with media, printing press etc.

Q. 4. ***Rasi:*** *Gemini - Ascendant 12-44 and Ketu 18-8; Cancer - Jupiter 0-41; Leo - Sun 26-22; Virgo - Mercury 13-59; Libra - Venus 12-21 and Saturn 13-02; Sagittarius - Mars 14-41 and Rahu 18-8; and Aquarius - Moon 25-37. Mercury Dasa started on 10-1-1983. (a) In spite of exaltation of Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury and own house situation of Sun and Venus, why is there worry and delay in all undertakings such as getting a job, getting married etc. Is it due to Saturn's aspect on 11th house? Is there any remedy to be free of worry? (b) The native had to leave his job in October 1984 and had losses in partnership business in 1984. Why did this*

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happen in Mercury Dasa and Bhukti though he is exalted?

A. V. Kumar, Nellore.

Ans: (a) 7th is (i) the house of marriage; (ii) job or profession being 10th from the 10th. Saturn's aspect to that house which is already afflicted by occupation by malefics Rahu and Mars and also their dispositor Jupiter accounts for delay in getting job and marriage. (b) With reference to the 10th house, Mercury is *maraka* lord occupying *maraka* house; it is natural he should afflict job in his Bhukti, exaltation or not.

Q. 5. ***Rasi:*** *Gemini - Ascendant 2-40; Leo - Venus 4-07 and Ketu 28-47; Virgo - Sun 5-36, Jupiter 20-09 and Mercury (R) 22-12; Sagittarius - Moon 27-22 and Mars 7-42; Aquarius - Rahu 28-49; and Aries - Saturn 16-14.* ***Navamsa:*** *Libra - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Moon and Ketu; Aquarius - Sun; Taurus - Venus; Gemini - Mars and Rahu; Cancer - Jupiter and Mercury; and Leo - Saturn. (a) Is it a fact that the Yogas conferred on the native are: (a) Raja Yoga, (2) Neechabhanga Raja Yoga, (3) Gajakesari Yoga, (4) Pushkala Yoga; (5) Chandra Mangala Yoga and others; and on other side (1) Kemadruma Yoga and (2) Sun-Moon opposite? (b) What is the effect of the 8th and 9th lord Saturn in depression in Aries and Chandra Mangala combination in Sagittarius?*

P. Narasingh Bhan, Bellary.

Ans: I shall leave the obvious and concentrate on the less so. Pushkala is caused when lunar lord joins Lagna lord, occupies Kendra — so far it is available; but neither the Lagna lord aspects Lagna nor does a strong planet occupay Lagna (*Phaladeepika*, V-19). So it does not occur. Kemadruma is cancelled because Kendra is occupied. The Sun-Moon are in Kendra and not opposition. Saturn's debilitation is cancelled because his dispositor gets lunar company. In the 11th, Saturn restricts profits and gives friendship among old people. Chandra Mangala gives prosperity through partnership.

Q. 6. ***Rasi:*** *Scorpio - Ascendant and Ketu; Capricorn - Moon 22; Taurus - Rahu 5; Cancer - Saturn 8; Virgo - Sun 13; and Libra - Mercury 14, Mars 15, Jupiter 15 and Venus 16. (a) Mars, the lord of Ascendant, is in the 12th. Again, Rahu from his exaltation house aspects the Ascendant exchanging asterisms with Mars. Will red coral or gomedh save Mars, the Lagna lord? (b) Is exchange of asterism, as is here (Rahu and Mars) between two antagonistic planets generally auspicious or otherwise?*

Sub. No. 9827

Ans: (a) Red coral will be the remedy for Mars. (b) Personally I don't lay much store by exchange of stellar lordship, as I feel its consideration is not warranted by classical texts.

Q. 7. ***Rasi:*** *Aries - Ascendant; Gemini - Jupiter; Cancer - Ketu; Virgo - Mars; Libra - Venus, Saturn, Sun and Moon; Scorpio - Mercury; and Capricorn - Rahu. The 7th lord is in 7th house along with 5th lord. Saturn is exalted and posited in 9th. There is no malefic in 5th, 8th and 12th. In my opinion there is sign of having issues, but to my surprise, the native is issueless and very much disturbed. The native was married in June 1977.*

Shyamal Pathak, Prakasha (Maharashtra)

Ans: The 5th lord in the 7th is an affliction to the child. More so in the company of Saturn and 7th lord. Putrakaraka occupies the 3rd which is a weak house. The partner's horoscope has also to be examined.

Q. 8. ***Rasi:*** *Taurus - Ascendant and Ketu; Leo - Jupiter; Virgo - Moon; Scorpio - Mars, Saturn and Rahu; Capricorn - Sun and Mercury; and Aquarius - Venus.* ***Navamsa:*** *Gemini - Ascendant, Sun and Jupiter; Cancer - Ketu; Virgo - Saturn; Sagittarius - Mars; Capricorn - Rahu; Aquarius - Moon; Pisces - Mercury; and Aries - Venus. The native is lean and thin. Mentally no normal development, slow to understand anything and has no education. (a) What accounts for her slow development? (b) Is there any Kuja Dosha? What are the reasons that are preventing her marriage? She is now running Rahu Dasa.*

Sub. No. 11236.

Ans: (a) Lagna carries Ketu who is debilitated; it is aspected by Saturn. These account for the stunted growth. The 4th lord Sun occupies the 6th from the 4th; Karaka Mercury occupies the 6th from the 4th; Saturn aspects the 4th. These account for her stunted growth and difficulty in education. (b) Her 7th house is occupied by Saturn who causes delay and debilitated Rahu causes Dosha. There is no Kuja Dosha as such.

Q. 9. ***Rasi:*** *Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Rahu; Taurus - Jupiter; Cancer - Venus; Leo - Sun and Moon; Virgo - Mercury and Mars; Libra - Ketu; and Sagittarius - Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Pisces - Ascendant; Aries - Mercury and Saturn; Taurus - Mars; Cancer - Jupiter; Virgo - Moon and Sun; and Libra - Venus and Rahu. The native was relegated in rank in his profession in early 1984, orders being issued in December 1983. The emoluments were not however affected. This happened due to a policy matter by his employers (Government of India). At the time of this setback, Jupiter was*

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nsiting the 5th and Saturn 3rd from the Moon. Why should Lagna lord Jupiter humilitate the tive during his Dasa as well as favourable nsit? (b) Will the same Jupiter reinstate the tive to his original status?

R. Vasudevan, Delhi.

Ans: (a) You have not mentioned the ruling sa and Bhukti at that time which should have en adverse and Jupiter's transit helped in not ecting emoluments. (b) I need Dasa-Bhukti rticulars to answer this part of the question.

Q.10. The following horoscope taken from Annual ue of 1968 A.M., (Page 64) is reproduced along h Rajiv Gandhi's. Born 29th August 1861 at 55 ghatis after sunrise at Isarda in old Jaipur te. ***Rasi:*** *Virgo - Ascendant and Venus; Sagitrius - Rahu; Taurus - Moon; Gemini - Ketu; and o - Saturn, Jupiter, Sun, Mars and Mercury. rn 20th August 1944.* ***Rasi:*** *Virgo - Ascendant d Mars; Capricorn - Ketu; Gemini - Saturn; ncer - Rahu; and Leo - Sun, Mercury, Moon, piter and Venus. A common soldier Kayamsingh s made Maharaja all of a sudden which he did t know minutes earlier. Rajiv Gandhi was made ime minister under similar circumstances. The cendant in both cases is the same. The 12th use in both contain 5 planets. It is said that nets in 12th house are bad whereas in these two es, it is otherwise. Is it a case of rebirth?*

T. S. Subbanna, Mysore.

Ans: Rajiv Gandhi's chart is under dispute and nce it need not be connected; the issue is of 5 nets in 12th catapulting a common soldier — jiv is born with a golden spoon in his mouth! e only explanation possible is: These five pla- s occupy the Kendra of the Moon who is ex- ed; they all aspect the lunar 10th and Venus ar lord occupies the lunar 5th aspecting 11th. e strength of the planets and Dasa Bhuktis ld also have a story to tell.

Q. 11. ***Rasi:*** *Taurus - Ascendant; Cancer - piter; Virgo - Mars; Libra - Ketu; Scorpio - Sun d Mercury; Sagittarius - Saturn, Moon, and us; and Pisces - Mandi.* ***Navamsa:*** *Taurus - endant, Venus and Saturn; Cancer - Moon; go - Mercury and Rahu; Libra - Jupiter; Capri- n - Sun; Pisces - Ketu; and Aries - Mars. The sig- ators for academic qualification, Mercury and (4th), are in the 7th. Born in Budha Drekkana sesses Anapha, Sasa and Sakata Yogas. He d Venus Dasa upto 18 years and 5 months. ing this period, he was very poor in his studies, n other respects very intelligent and got instan- ous results in his activities. The Ascendant lord with Moon in 8th is aspected by Saturn, a Yogakaraka for Taurus Lagna. Will this boy at least come up in studies in ensuing Sun's period? What could be retarding his progress in Venus Dasa?*

P. K. Narain, Durgapur.

Ans: The basic defect of this chart is the combination of Lagna lord, Moon, who is Karaka for mind, and Saturn, who is after all a dull planet. With reference to the 4th house Saturn is the 6th and 7th lord and the Moon, the 12th lord. Saturn also aspects the 5th house, which is occupied by the malefic Mars. These explain the experience. Saturn has to be propitiated. There can be improvement in Sun's major period, provided Saturn and Mars are taken care of, as Sun's dispositor Mars occupies 5th — intelligence.

Q.12. I will be very grateful if you throw some light on the following issue. The lady was born on March 6th, 1956 in Calcutta at 9.09 a.m. ***Rasi:*** *Aries - Ascendant and Venus; Taurus - Ketu; Leo - Jupiter (R); Scorpio - Saturn and Rahu; Sagittarius - Moon and Mars; Capricorn - Mercury; and Aquarius - Sun. She has been engaged to be married four times to four different males belonging to other castes, nationalities and religions. Each time, the lengthy involvements have not fructified. Is Rahu in the 8th powerful enough to overwhelm the strong influence of Jupiter in the natal chart? If so, should the native abandon hopes for marriage and instead pursue scholarly research studies away from her country of birth, especially because, she is a Brahmin, having behaved like an outcaste already?*

- S. Maitra, Calcutta.

Ans: I have always noticed that the Rahu-Ketu axis running along or by the side of Lagna, Moon and Venus causes problems in marriage. Delay therefore is a blessing in disguise. There however appears to be scope for marriage and child-birth. She can wait for the event till after 1991 August when the chance can arrive.

Q.13. The boy whose birth chart has been given below tried for medical competitive test a few times unsuccessfully. Is it due to combust Mars being also 6th lord placed in the 1st and the 9th lord Moon placed in the 8th or due to debilitated Jupiter in the 3rd whose Dasa has been running since September 1973? ***Rasi:*** *Scorpio - Ascendant 227 with Mars 225 and Sun 221; Capricorn - Jupiter 281 with Saturn 274; Aquarius - Ketu 220-07; Gemini - Moon 71-19; Leo - Rahu 300-07; and Libra - Mercury 208 with Venus 205.* ***Navamsa:*** *Sagittarius - Ascendant; Capricorn - Moon;*

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Aquarius - Saturn; Aries - Rahu and Jupiter; Taurus - Venus; Gemini - Mercury; Libra - Sun and Ketu; and Scorpio - Mars.

C. S. P. Verma. Patna.

Ans: The chart is suited for a medical career but the combustion of Mars is its weakness and hence propitiation of the planet by wearing coral gem and fasting on Tuesday, besides saying the prayer of Durga can help. He will ultimately succeed.

Q.14. (a) What are the indications in the horoscope of an illegal child? (b) What are the indications in the horoscope of a person who has brought up the illegal child of his wife along with his own children without any discrimination as he does not want to punish the illegal child for the sin of his wife? (c) What are the indications in the horoscope that his wife will give birth to an illegal child?

Ishwar Dayal Srivastava, Delhi.

Ans: These are dangerous questions and our classics have given some formulae whose application can cause more harm than good in the present age. They need great circumspection.

Q.15. ***Male: Rasi:*** *Leo - Ascendant, Sun, Mercury and Saturn; Gemini - Venus; Aries - Rahu; Pisces - Moon; Scorpio - Jupiter; and Libra - Mars and Ketu.* ***Female: Rasi:*** *Libra - Ascendant, Venus, Sun and Mercury; Taurus - Moon; Pisces - Rahu; Aquarius - Jupiter; Sagittarius - Mars; and Virgo - Saturn and Ketu. Is Jupiter as 5th lord in Scorpio in the male chart and 5th lord Saturn with Ketu in the female chart responsible for lack of issue? Or, will Jupiter in the 5th in female chart confer issue.*

- Om Prakash Joshi, Kanpur.

Ans: In the male chart, the 5th lord Jupiter occupies the 12th from the 5th. In the female chart, Karaka Jupiter occupies Karaka (5th) house while 5th lord occupies the 8th from 5th in the company of Ketu. Both dispositions are adverse for progeny. In both charts the 9th (5th from 5th) house is either evilly occupied or aspected. The charts have to be examined in depth for a categorical reply for which full data might be needed.

16. ***Rasi:*** *Aries - Ascendant; Taurus - Rahu 9-27; Gemini - Jupiter 1-29; Scorpio - Mercury 19-20 and Ketu: Sagittarius - Sun 11-4; Capricorn - Mars 9, Moon 5-30 and Venus 19; and Aquarius - Saturn 18-38. Do the 5th lord Sun in 9th and a strong 10th house indicate a successful career in science?*

Siddhartha Sharma, Delhi

Ans: The 4th is the house of academic education. It receives the aspect of strong Mars as well as the Moon which can give a science education to begin with.

Q.17. ***Rasi:*** *Aquarius - Ascendant; Gemini - Ketu; Aries - Moon and Jupiter; Libra - Sun, Saturn, Venus and Mercury; Sagittarius - Rahu; and Capricorn - Mars.* ***Navamsa:*** *Gemini - Ascendant, Sun and Venus; Leo - Rahu, Moon and Mars; Virgo - Jupiter; Capricorn - Mercury; and Aquarius - Ketu. Although Jupiter and Mars are exalted, Moon and Venus are in own house, the native has no education, job or anything. Why is this? Or, will matters improve at least later on (Born 15-11-1954) ?*

Mohan Singh. Jaipur.

Ans: Please do your homework first and later ask me. Jupiter is not exalted in Aries, nor the Moon's own house is Aries. After studying the fundamentals ask me with correct details.

Q.18. ***Rasi:*** *Aries - Ascendant and Moon; Taurus - Ketu; Cancer - Jupiter and Mars; Leo - Sun, Mercury and Saturn; Virgo - Venus; and Scorpio - Rahu.* ***Navamsa:*** *Gemini - Ascendant; Cancer - Saturn; Leo - Rahu; Libra - Mercury; Scorpio - Moon; Sagittarius - Sun; Capricorn - Mars and Jupiter; and Aquarius - Ketu and Venus. Is this Neechabhanga Yoga effective while Jupiter-Mars conjunction is in Cancer and 4th lord Moon in Aries, Ascendant lord Mars in 4th house, are in mutual exchange as well. Does this cause any good effect? If so, when it will materialise? While Neechabhanga occurs in Rasi for Jupiter, lord of 9 and 12, Mars, lord of 1 and 8, while in Navamsa, Mars becomes exalted, while Jupiter is debilitated. How far would this affect any adverse effects? If so, why?*

S. A. Venkataraman, Jabalpur.

Ans: Yes; the Neechabhanga is very much effective. It gives rise to Guru Mangala Yoga. It confers property. When the period of either planet operates, it will materialise. In the Navamsa too Neechabhanga operates. The latter will support the former. I do not envisage any adverse effect on their account.

Q.19. ***Rasi:*** *Sun 4-23; Mercury 10-7; Mars 42-41; Ketu 65-33; Ascendant 92-18; Jupiter 90-4; Mandi 135-43; and Saturn (R) 201-01. Do the Sun and Mercury in the 10th show a successful career in the Income Tax Department?*

S. Balachandran, Madras.

Ans: Where is Venus? The aspect of Saturn to the 10th house can make one an income-tax personnel. Operating Dasas must be helpful for success.

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Q.20. My grand-daughter, born on 17-3-1972, ffered from cerebral palsy at the age of two asequent on the vaccination given to her. Necesry treatment was given and she is now able to k, though not freely. But her limbs have become mpletely invalid. Recently a doctor at Bombay scribed exercise under physio-therapy. The rcises are being done whenever possible as the sents do not feel or rather do not have time to get m done regularly. In ***Brihat Jataka*** *transed by Prof. B Suryanarain Rao (pages 450 and 1), it is stated that when benefics are in the 6th , they destroy the evils indicated by these Bha-. In the present horoscope, Jupiter, the lord of s. In the present horoscope, Jupiter, the lord of , is in 6th in his own house. I do not understand to how she suffered such a disease which has ome incurable and made her life miserable. I uest you to kindly examine the horoscope and gest any remedial measures such as propitian and the like.* ***Rasi:*** *Cancer - Ascendant and u; Sagittarius - Jupiter; Capricorn - Rahu; ces - Sun, Moon and Mercury; Aries - Venus; d Taurus - Mars and Saturn.* ***Navamsa:*** *Virgo scendant, Venus and Ketu; Sagittarius - Mery; Capricorn - Mars; Pisces - Saturn, Moon and hu; and Leo - Sun and Jupiter with 2 years, 7 nths and 15 days of Mercury Dasa at birth.*

Venkata Rao, Bombay

Ans: This illness has a bearing on the first se, being related to the brain. The 6th, 8th and h are all houses of affliction. Of these, the 8th he worst and its lord, Saturn, aspects Lagna as l as 5th house. Eleventh is 8th from the 4th. iction came in Saturn's sub-period in major iod of Mercury who rules 12th. Jupiter Dasa is ote.

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l Venus in Lagna and 2nd, Saturn in 11th, l occupation in first four houses are impor- house positions. The Sun-Mars, Moonurn, Moon-Rahu, Mercury-Jupiter, Jupiterus and Venus-Rahu are repeating planetary binaitions noticed.

group 5

Ascendant in Cancer and Virgo, the Sun minent in Taurus (in 4 out of 11 cases), the n in Cancer and Capricorn, Mars in Gemini, iter in Aquarius, total occupation in Taurus ancer and in Aquarius are noteworthy Rasi tions. The important house positions being, the Sun in 9th, the Moon in 12th, Mercury very prominent in 10th (in 5 out of 11 cases), Venus prominent in 11th, Saturn in 3rd and total occupation from 10th to 12th houses. Mars-Mercury and Mars-Venus conjunctions are seen repeating.

Subgroup 6

Ascendant in common signs Virgo, Gemini and Sagittarius, the Sun in Sagittarius, the Moon in Virgo, Mercury in Jupiterian signs, Jupiter in Venusian sign Taurus and Venus in Jupiterian sign Pisces, Rahu in Taurus, total occupation in common signs Virgo and Pisces and in bad watery sign Scorpio, these are important Rasi positions. Mercury and Rahu in 4th house and total occupation in 4th and in 6-12 axis are noteworthy points in house occupations. Sun-Saturn, Sun-Rahu, Moon-Rahu, Mercury-Saturn, Mercury-Rahu and Saturn-Ketu are planetary combinations found repeating.

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(f) Jupiters are in 3rd/11th places,

(g) Venus and Mars are also at adverse places - 2nd/12th,

(h) The Nodes stand at opposition,

(i) Saturns are in trinal places.

MERC. SUN	VENUS	MOON	
JUPIT. MARS	Natural Zodiac		RAHU
SAT. KETU			
ASCDT.			

MERC.	SUN	VENUS SAT. MARS	
	Natural Zodiac		MOON KETU
ASCDT. RAHU			
JUPIT.			

Their planets shown in the natural zodiac convince me that the horoscope do not tally with each other. The 'Grade' goes very low. I suffered from a dilemma for about two days regarding 'my opinion' to be given to the consultees. *The weak positions of planets concerning marital felicity of the boy's horoscope made me uneasy.* I told them finally with a heavy heart that the horoscopes did not match. — 149-90.

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*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun Ravi	☽ Moon Chandra	♂ Mars Kuja	☿ Merc. Budha	♃ Jupiter Guru	♀ Venus Sukra	♄ Saturn Sani	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
	h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1. Thurs	14 41 12	196 -1 22	349 32 14	51 21	202 12	109 58	195 52	267 38	280 05	254 15	259 55	205 03
2. Fri.	14 45 09	197 01 22	4 16 32	51 11	203 47	110 03	197 07	267 42	280 02	254 17	259 56	205 05
3. Sat.	14 49 05	198 01 24	19 18 58	51 00	205 21	110 08	198 22	267 46	279 59	254 19	259 57	205 08
4. Sun.	14 53 02	199 01 28	34 29 39	50 48	206 55	110 13	199 37	267 50	279 56	254 22	259 59	205 10
5. Mon.	14 56 59	200 01 34	49 37 53	50 35	208 29	110 18	200 53	267 54	279 53	254 24	260 00	205 12
6. Tues.	15 00 55	201 01 42	64 33 59	50 22	210 02	110 22	202 08	267 58	279 49	254 27	260 01	205 15
7. Wed.	15 04 52	202 01 51	79 10 52	50 07	211 35	110 27	203 23	268 02	279 46	254 29	260 03	205 17
8. Thurs.	15 08 48	203 02 03	93 24 37	49 52	213 07	110 31	204 38	268 06	279 43	254 31	260 04	205 20
9. Fri.	15 12 45	204 02 17	107 14 17	49 36	214 39	110 35	205 54	268 10	279 39	254 34	260 06	205 22
10. Sat.	15 16 41	205 02 33	120 41 11	49 19	216 11	110 39	207 09	268 15	279 36	254 37	260 07	205 24
11. Sun.	15 20 38	206 02 51	133 47 41	49 02	217 43	110 43	208 24	268 19	279 33	254 39	260 08	205 27
12. Mon.	15 24 34	207 03 11	146 37 03	48 44	219 14	110 47	209 40	268 24	279 30	254 42	260 10	205 29
13. Tues.	15 28 31	208 03 33	159 12 19	48 25	220 44	110 50	210 55	268 28	279 27	254 45	260 12	205 32
14. Wed.	15 32 28	209 03 57	171 36 05	48 06	222 15	110 53	212 10	268 33	279 23	254 48	260 13	205 34
15. Thurs.	15 36 24	210 03 23	183 50 30	47 46	223 45	110 56	213 26	268 38	279 20	254 50	260 15	205 37
16. Fri.	15 40 21	211 04 50	195 57 09	47 26	225 14	110 59	214 41	268 42	279 17	254 53	260 16	205 39
17. Sat.	15 44 17	212 05 19	207 57 18	47 05	226 44	111 02	215 56	268 47	279 14	254 56	260 18	205 41
18. Sun.	15 48 14	213 05 50	219 52 08	46 44	228 12	111 04	217 12	268 52	279 11	254 59	260 20	205 44
19. Mon.	15 52 10	214 06 22	231 42 56	46 23	229 41	111 06	218 27	268 57	279 08	255 02	260 21	205 46
20. Tues.	15 56 07	215 06 56	243 31 26	46 01	231 09	111 09	219 42	269 02	279 04	255 05	260 23	205 49
21. Wed.	16 00 03	216 07 31	255 19 55	45 39	232 36	110 10	220 58	269 07	269 01	255 08	260 25	205 51
22. Thurs.	16 04 00	217 08 07	267 11 26	45 16	234 03	111 12	222 13	269 13	278 58	255 11	260 27	205 53
23. Fri.	16 07 57	218 08 45	279 09 45	44 54	235 30	111 14	223 28	269 18	278 55	255 14	260 28	205 56
24. Sat.	16 11 53	219 09 23	291 19 16	44 31	236 55	111 15	224 44	269 23	278 52	255 17	260 30	205 58
25. Sun.	16 15 50	220 10 03	303 44 54	44 08	238 20	111 16	225 59	269 29	278 48	255 20	260 32	206 01
26. Mon.	16 19 46	221 10 45	316 31 28	43 45	239 44	111 17	227 14	269 34	278 45	255 23	260 34	206 03
27. Tues.	16 23 43	222 11 27	329 43 56	43 23	241 07	111 18	228 30	269 40	278 42	255 26	260 36	206 05
28. Wed.	16 27 39	223 12 10	343 25 11	43 00	242 29	111 18	229 45	269 45	278 39	255 29	260 38	206 08
29. Thurs.	16 31 36	224 12 54	357 36 33	42 38	243 50	111 19	231 00	269 51	278 36	255 32	260 39	206 10
30. Fri.	16 35 32	225 13 39	12 16 09	42 16	245 09	111 19	232 16	269 57	278 33	255 36	260 41	206 12

*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-11-1990 is 22°17' 02".

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AGASTYA

yana positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-1990

Planets (Grahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
avi	218 19	215 56	0 N 00	14 S 17
handra	11 49	9 00	4 N 42	9 N 0
ujja	79 38	72 15	0 N 07	22 N 33
udha	224 30	221 55	0 S 23	16 S 33
uru	132 15	134 51	0 N 28	17 N 35
ukra	218 09	216 05	0 N 54	13 S 23
ani	289 56	291 34	0 S 05	22 S 02
ahu	302 22			

E SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward from Libra to 16° Scorpio. The south declination of Sun increases from 14° 17' to 21° 44' at the end.

E MOON

Starting from 20° Pisces the Moon moves forrd, completes one circuit of the zodiac and ends 27° Aries. The north declination of the Moon reases from 9° 00' till it becomes a maximum at 24' on 5th; then the north declination decreases the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 1; afterwards the south declination of Moon reases reaching a maximum of 26° 19' on 19th; reafter the south declination of the Moon deses until the Moon crosses the equator to the h on 26th; then the north declination increases 2° 15' at the end.

ARS

Mars continues its retrograde motion in Tau- from 21° to 12° at the end. The north declination of Mars increases from 22° 33'; reaching a maximum of 22° 47' on 16th; then the north declination decreases to 22° 33' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury moves forward from 22° Libra to 6° Sagittarius, entering Scorpio on 5th and Sagittarius on 26th. The south declination of Mercury increases from 16° 33' to 25° 52' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter continues its forward motion in Cancer from 20° and ends at 21°. The north declination of Jupiter decreases from 17° 35' till it becomes a minimum at 17° 17' on 26th; the north declination then increases to 17° 18' at the end.

VENUS

Venus moves forward from 16° Libra, enters Scorpio on 12th and ends at 24° there at the end. The south declination of Venus increases from 13° 23' to 22° 55' at the end.

SATURN

Saturn moves forward from 28° Sagittarius to 0° Capricorn entering it on 30th. The south declination of Saturn decreases from 22° 02' to 21° 42' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 280° 05' to 278° 29' at the end.

Uranus moves ahead from 254° 15' to 255° 39' at the end.

Neptune moves forward from 259° 55' to 260° 43' at the end.

Pluto moves forward from 205° 03' to 206° 15' at the end.

e description of planetary movements is given on yana basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-11-1990 is 22° 17' 02".

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LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the timings (I.S.T.) given below:

Mars at 7h.00m. on 5th; Jupiter at 11h.27m. on 9th; Pluto at 14h.57m. on 16th; Venus at 23h.28m. on 17th; Mercury at 24h.47m. on 18th; Uranus at 29h.05m. on 20th; Neptune at 15h.49m. on 21st; Saturn at 9h.36m. on 22nd.

The Sun: Conjunction Venus 1st; opposition the Moon 2nd; trine the Moon 7th, 27th; square the Moon 9th, 25th; parallel Venus 9th; conjunction Pluto 10th; parallel the Moon 15th, 22nd; conjunction the Moon 17th; opposition Mars 27th; parallel Saturn 30th.

Mars: Conjunction the Moon 5th; square the Moon 11th, 25th; trine the Moon 13th, 23rd; opposition Mercury 17th; opposition the Moon 18th; opposition Venus 23rd; opposition the Sun 27th.

Mercury: Conjunction Pluto 2nd; opposition the Moon 3rd; trine the Moon 7th, 29th; square the Moon 10th, 27th; parallel Saturn 11th; parallel Neptune 12th; parallel Uranus 16th; opposition Mars 17th; conjunction the Moon 18th; trine Jupiter 19th.

Jupiter: Trine the Moon 1st, 18th, 28th; square the Moon 3rd, 16th, 30th; square Venus 4th; conjunction the Moon 9th; trine Mercury 19th; opposition the Moon 23rd; trine Venus 29th.

Venus: Square Jupiter 4th; trine the Moon 7th, 28th; conjunction Pluto 8th; square the Moon 9th, 26th; parallel the Sun 9th; conjunction the Moon 17th; opposition Mars 23rd; parallel Saturn 25th; parallel Neptune 26th; trine Jupiter 29th.

Saturn: Square the Moon 1st, 14th, 29th; trine the Moon 3rd, 12th; opposition the Moon 7th; parallel Mercury 11th; conjunction the Moon 22nd; parallel Venus 25th; parallel the Sun 30th.

Uranus: Trine the Moon 2nd, 11th, 30th; opposition the Moon 6th; square the Moon 13th, 28th; parallel Mercury 16th; conjunction the Moon 20th.

Neptune: Square the Moon 1st, 13th, 28th; trine the Moon 3rd, 11th, 30th; opposition the Moon 7th; parallel Mercury 12th; conjunction the Moon 21st; parallel Venus 26th.

Pluto: Conjunction Mercury 2nd; opposition the Moon 3rd, 30th; trine the Moon 7th, 26th; conjunction Venus 8th; square the Moon 9th, 24th; conjunction the Sun 10th; conjunction the Moon 16th.

I. Full Moon: Dark Fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 27h.18m. on 2nd for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 197° 56'; the Moon 17° 56'; Mars 50° 59'; Mercury 205° 11'; Jupiter 110° 08'; Venus 198° 15'; Saturn 267° 46'; Rahu 279° 59'; Uranus 254° 19'; Neptune 259° 57'; Pluto 205° 08'.

Cusps (mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 154° 18'; the 2nd 184° 44'; the 3rd 215° 10'; the 4th 245° 36'; the 5th 275° 10'; the 6th 304° 44'; the 7th 334° 18'; the 8th 4° 44'; the 9th 35° 10'; the 10th 65° 36'; the 11th 95° 10'; the 12th 124° 44'.

II. New Moon: Bright Fortnight (Sukla Paksha) begins at 14h.35m. on 17th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 212° 19'; the Moon 212° 29'; Mars 47° 00'; Mercury 227° 19'; Jupiter 111° 03'; Venus 216° 27'; Saturn 268° 49'; Rahu 279° 13'; Uranus 254° 57'; Neptune 260° 19'; Pluto 205° 42'.

Cusps (mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 337° 01'; the 2nd 7° 06'; the 3rd 37° 11'; the 4th 67° 16'; the 5th 97° 11'; the 6th 127° 06'; the 7th 157° 01'; the 8th 187° 06'; the 9th 217° 11'; the 10th 247° 16'; the 11th 277° 11'; the 12th 307° 06'.

THE DATE OF SURYA SIDDHANTA

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This mantra describes that the Chitra Nakshatra was the ascending equinox at one time. We have also a record in the *Rigveda* that the solstitial colure was sweeping through the Great Bear. We have also records in other various parts of Magha, according to the *Vedanga Jyautisha* it was in Aslesha, according to Varahamihira it was in Punarvasu third quarter end, its original fundamental position. Hence the Surya Siddhanta must be given the lowest period 28, 950 B.C. so that it may include in it the phenomena of precession. Thus the *Surya Siddhanta* is a book based on the truths of the Veda, existing over lakhs of years now and the three verses referring to the phenomena of precession might have been introduced in it at least as far back as 28, 950 B.C.

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Daily Guide for November 1990

MIHIRA

[The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to railway time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Thurs.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 9h.53m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Revati and Siddha Yoga till 22h.37m., then Aswini and Amrita Yoga. Upto 9h.53m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for taking medicine, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for purchasing food-stuffs.

2. *Fri.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 6h.47m., then Poornima (Full Moon) till 27h.18m., afterwards Prathama (1st tithi). Aswini and Amrita Yoga upto 20h.01m., then Bharani and Siddha Yoga. After 6h.47m. good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for travel.

3. *Sat.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 23h.38m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Bharani and Siddha Yoga till 17h.09m., then Krittika and Amrita Yoga. Good for testing instruments.

4. *Sun.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 19h.57m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Krittika till 14h.13m., then Rohini. Siddha Yoga whole day. Between 14h.13m. and 19h.57m. good for borrowing, for repaying debts, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

5. *Mon.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 16h.28m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Rohini till 11h.25m., then Mrigasira. Amrita Yoga whole day. Good for buying cows or dogs, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for driving new vehicles, for deepening wells.

6. *Tues.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 13h.18m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Mrigasira and Siddha Yoga till 8h.55m., then Aridra and Marana Yoga. Routine work only.

7. *Wed.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 10h.37m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Aridra till 6h.52m., then Punarvasu upto 29h.23m., afterwards Pushya. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 6h.52m. good for travel, for taking medicine, for driving new vehicles, for wearing new garments, for appointing staff, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for buying cows or dogs.

8. *Thurs.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 8h.30m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Pushya till 28h.30m., then Aslesha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for travel, for taking medicines, for appointing staff, for purchasing food- stuffs, for buying cows or dogs, for gardening.

9. *Fri.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 7h.01m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Aslesha till 28h.45m., then Makha. Marana Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

10. *Sat.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 6h.12m., then Navami (9th tithi) till 30h.00m., afterwards Dasami. Makha and Amrita Yoga upto 28h.40m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga. After 6h.12m. good for testing instruments.

11. *Sun.*- Dasami (10th tithi) whole day. Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga till 29h.40m., then Uttaraphalguni and Amrita Yoga. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing, for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for writing accounts, for deepening wells.

12. *Mon.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 6h.24m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Uttaraphalguni whole day. Good for driving new vehicles, for wearing new garments, for appointing staff, for storing and purchasing food-stuffs, for deepening wells, for buying cows or dogs.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1.	Thurs.	Vaikunta Chaturdasi, Vaikunta Chaturdasi (Pradosha), Kannada Rajyotsava
2.	Fri.	Rasayatra, Rasayatra (Vaishnava), Tripurotsava, Kartiki Pournami, Rathayatra (Jain), Pushkara Mela, Guru Nanak Jayanti
9.	Fri.-	Kalashtami, Prathamashtami
13.	Tues.	Utpanna Ekadasi
14.	Wed.	Children's Day
16.	Fri.	Kartika Puja
17.	Sat.	Lala Lajpatrai's Death Anniversary
22.	Thur.	Guru Tej Bahaadur's Death Anniversary
23.	Fri.	Guhashashti, Chamapashashti (Maharashtra), Moola Karupini Shashti (Bengal), Subrahmanya Shashti (S. India).
24.	Sat.	Mitra Saptami
28.	Wed.	Gita Jayanti, Mouna Ekadasi (Jain), Moksha Ekadasi (Jain), Moksha Ekadasi (Smartha)
29.	Thur.	Ekadasi (Vaishnava), Akhanda Dwadasi
30.	Fri.	Bharani Deepam

13. *Tues.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 7h.17m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Uttaraphalguni and Amrita Yoga till 7h.03m., then Hasta and Siddha Yoga. Good for testing instruments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for fixing pumpsets.

14. *Wed.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 8h.37m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Hasta till 8h.54m., then Chitta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for driving new vehicles, for wearing new garments, for taking medicines, for buying cows or dogs, for borrowing, for appointing staff, for deepening wells.

15. *Thurs.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 10h.18m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Chitta and Siddha Yoga till 11h.06m., then Swati and Amrita Yoga. Upto 10h.18m. good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for driving new vehicles, for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

16. *Fri.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 12h.18m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Swati till 13h.35m., then Visakha. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 13h.35m. good for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for wearing new garments, for borrowing, for writing accounts.

17. *Sat.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 14h.35m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Visakha till 16h.20m., then Anuradha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 16h.20m. good for testing instruments, for borrowing.

18. *Sun.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 17h.04m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Anuradha till 19h.16m., then Jyeshta. Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

19. *Mon.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 19h.42m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Jyeshta till 22h.21m., then Moola. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for surgical operations, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

20. *Tues.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 22h.23m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Moola and Amrita Yoga till 25h.28m., then Poorvashadha and Siddha Yoga. Good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for surgical operations, for borrowing.

21. *Wed.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 24h.58m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Poorvashadha till 28h.28m., then Uttarashadha. Amrita Yoga whole day. Only routine work.

22. *Thurs.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 27h.17m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Uttarashadha and Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for testing instruments, for driving new vehicles, for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for storing food stuffs.

23. *Fri.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 29h.09m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Uttarashadha and Siddha Yoga till 7h.11m., then Sravana and Marana Yoga. Upto 7h.11m. good for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for wearing new garments.

24. *Sat.*- Saptami (7th tithi) whole day. Sravana till 9h.27m., then Dhanishta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for appointing staff.

25. *Sun.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 6h.22m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Dhanishta and Marana Yoga till 11h.04m., then Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

26. *Mon.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 6h.48m., then Navami (9th tithi). Satabhisha and Siddha Yoga till 11h.55m., then Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga. Only routine work.

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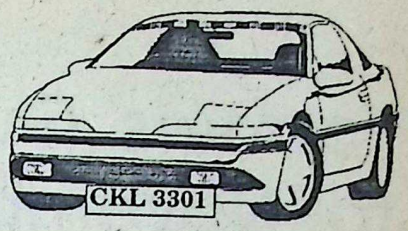

MIHIRA

(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel).

Aswini, Makha, Moola

1st upto 9h.53m.; 4th after 14h.13m.; 5th till 11h.25m.; 7th after 29h.23m.; 8th upto 28h.30m.; 13th after 7h.03m.; 14th till 7h.30m.; 24th upto 9h.00m.; 28th till 11h.05m.; 29th upto 9h.29m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashadha

1st upto 9h.53m.; 5th between 11h.25m. and 16h.28m.; 7th between 6h.52m. and 29h.23m.; 11th after 29h.40m.; 12th whole day, 13th till 7h.03m.; 19th after 22h.21m.; 20th upto 22h.23m.; 21st after 28h.28m.; 22nd whole day; 23rd till 7h.11m.; 24th after 10h.30m.; 29th whole day; 30th upto 7h.14m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashadha

4th after 14h.13m.; 5th upto 11h.25m.; 7th after 29h.23m.; 8th till 28h.30m.; 13th after 7h.03m.; 14th upto 7h.30m.; 19th after 22h.21m.; 20th till 22h.23m.; 24th upto 9h.00m.; 28th till 11h.05m.; 29th after 9h.29m.; 30th upto 7h.14m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

1st upto 9h.53m.; 5th between 11h.25m. and 16h.28m.; 7th between 6h.52m. and 29h.23m.; 11th after 29h.40m.; 12th whole day; 13th upto 7h.03m.; 21st after 28h.28m.; 22nd whole day; 23rd till 7h.11m.; 24th after 10h.30m.; 29th upto 9h.29m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

4th after 14h.13m.; 5th upto 11h.25m.; 7th after 29h.23m.; 8th till 28h.30m.; 11th after 29h.40m.; 12th whole day; 13th whole day; 14th till 7h.30m.; 19th after 22h.21m.; 20th upto 22h.23m.; 21st after 28h.28m.; 22nd whole day; 23rd till 7h.11m.; 24th upto 9h.00m.; 28th till 11h.05m.; 29th after 9h.29m.; 30th upto 7h.14m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabhisha

1st upto 9h.53m.; 4th after 14h.13m.; 5th till 16h.28m.; 7th between 6h.52m. to 29h.23m.; 13th after 7h.03m.; 14th upto 7h.30m.; 24th whole day; 29th till 9h.29m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

5th 11h.25m. to 16h.28m.; 7th after 29h.23m.; 8th upto 28h.30m.; 11th after 29h.40m.; 12th whole day; 13th till 7h.03m.; 19th after 22h.21m.; 20th upto 22h.23m.; 21st after 28h.28m.; 22nd whole day; 23rd upto 7h.11m.; 24th after 11h.30m.; 28th till 11h.05m.; 29th after 9h.29m.; 30th upto 7h.14m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

1st upto 9h.53m.; 4th after 14h.13m.; 5th till 11h.25m.; 7th between 6h.52m. and 29h.23m.; 13th after 7h.03m.; 14th upto 7h.30m.; 24th till 9h.00m.; 29th upto 9h.29m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

5th between 11h.25m. and 16h.28m.; 7th after 6h.52m.; 8th upto 28h.30m.; 11th after 29h.40m.; 12th whole day; 13th till 7h.03m.; 19th after 22h.21m.; 20th upto 22h.23m.; 21st after 28h.28m.; 22nd whole day; 23rd till 7h.11m.; 24th after 10h.30m.; 28th upto 11h.05m.; 29th after 9h.29m.; 30th till 7h.14m.

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Farmers' Guide for November 1990

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(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed.,A.M.)

1. Upto 9h.53m. good for purchasing oxen or sheep, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for ploughing, for sowing, for disposing off agricultural products, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

2. After 6h.47m. good for purchasing oxen or sheep.

3. Good for testing instruments.

4. Between 14h.13m. and 19h.57m. good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for borrowing, for repaying debts.

5. Good for purchasing oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for sowing, for harvesting.

6. Routine work only.

7. After 6h.52m. good for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for testing instruments, for purchasing oxen or sheep, for fixing pumpsets, for ploughing.

8. Good for purchasing wheat, corn, paddy, dhall etc., for buying oxen or sheep, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing.

9. Routine work only.

10. After 6h.12m. good for testing instruments.

11. Good for borrowing, for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for writing accounts.

12. Good for purchasing and storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for deepening wells, for buying oxen or sheep, for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for ploughing, for sowing.

13. Good for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets.

14. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for manuring.

15. Upto 10h.18m. good for disposing off agricultural products, for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for manuring.

16. After 13h.35m. good for writing accounts, for borrowing, for sowing.

17. Upto 16h.20m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

18. Routine work only.

19. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

20. Good for borrowing, for sowing.

21. Routine work only.

22. Good for testing instruments, for disposing off agricultural products, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for erecting sheds, for deepening wells, for manuring, for sowing, for ploughing.

23. Upto 7h.11m. good for ploughing, for sowing.

24. Good for testing instruments.

25. Routine work only.

26. This day also only routine work.

27. After 11h.55m. good for manuring.

28. Upto 11h.05m. good for purchasing or storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for disposing off agricultural products, for manuring, for sowing, for ploughing.

29. Good for sowing, for fixing pumpsets, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

30. After 7h.14m. good for borrowing, for buying oxen or sheep.

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How Is This Month (November 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed., A.M.)*

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Libra till 15th and then enters Scorpio. Mars continues his retrograde motion in Taurus. Mercury in Libra enters Scorpio on 5th and moves into Sagittarius on 26th. Jupiter continues his progress in Cancer. Venus transits Libra till 12th and then enters Scorpio. Saturn transits Sagittarius till the last day of the month and then enters Capricorn. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise motions in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

1. MESHA (Aries)

General: The Sun in the 7th and the 8th, Mars in the 2nd, Jupiter in the 4th and Saturn in the 9th and the 10th are all unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check till 12th. Mercury in the unfavourable 7th till 5th transits afterwards the favourable 8th till 26th and then moves into the unfavourable 9th. Venus in the adverse 7th till 12th transits thereafter the favourable 8th. The month will be thoroughly unsatisfactory from the Gochara point of view. It is, however, likely that the planetary influences in your natal chart offer sufficient counter-checks. You must give full play to your free-will and endeavours to change your destiny. Fate is after all the effect of past free-will. Visakha is better than Chitta and Swati.

Health and Domestic: Great care is necessary on your part in the field of health. Even the slightest symptom of illness should be attended to promptly. Chronic sufferers will have a most trying time. You may have to face problems in the domestic field during the first twelve days. During the rest of the month domestic life will be peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: The month will be thoroughly unsatisfactory for all financial affairs. While the income will shrink expenditure will rise sharply. Economy in every direction should be your watch-word. Speculative transactions should be completely avoided.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month is unfavourable for all matters pertaining to real properties. You are advised to postpone all decisions on property deals to later periods. Services will have an extremely trying month. Businesses and professions may have to keep their fingers crossed.

Women: Love affairs are to be totally avoided as

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these are likely to lead you to disappointments and frustration. You should be most careful about your functional health. Employed girls should be extremely careful in their dealings with the superiors.

Students: Unhappy home and financial drain will worry you. But Vidyakaraka will assist you to make progress in studies for most days in the month. In view of your proneness to physical injuries, you are advised to refrain completely from sports and athletics.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-15	2-18-17
Money dealings and enterprises	5-12-20	3-10-18
Journeys	7-13-22	4-11-19
Real property matters and educational activities	9-15-24	3-8-16
Children and speculation	12-20-25	6-14-21
Services	9-20-28	8-18-23
Partnership	7-15-30	10-19-26
Insurance	5-13-28	10-19-27
Profession and business	1-12-30	10-19-29

Chandrashtama occurs from the morning of 17th to night of 19th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: Mars in the 1st, Jupiter in the 3rd, Venus in the 6th and the 7th and Saturn in the 8th and the 9th are all unsatisfactory, unrelieved by any checks. The Sun in the favourable 6th till 15th transits afterwards the unfavourable 7th with check. Mercury in the favourable 6th till 5th with Vedha transits thereafter the adverse 7th till 26th with check till 15th. Thereafter he moves into the favourable 8th with check. The evil influences will be predominant during the month. You should resist temptations which are likely to make you fall from ideals and right conduct. Krittika is better than Rohini and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: Bilious and windy complaints are indicated by the adverse transits. As the planetary influences indicate an aggravation of the present complaints chronic patients should resort to prophylactic methods. You have to keep your fingers crossed in so far as peace and harmony in the domestic field are concerned.

Finance and Speculation: While there is likely to be a cut in your regular income, expenditure will increase considerably. You may also incur losses in a few enterprises through deceitful friends. This is not a month for speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: Damage to crops is likely through unforeseen causes. You may also experience difficulties in dealing with tenants. Conditions of work and remuneration are not likely to be encouraging for services. Professions and businesses will have a lean month.

Women: The emphasis is on expenditure, which, if not controlled, may land you in a financial mess at the close of the month. As functional health is likely to be affected you should be particularly careful in this regard. Employed girls should steer clear of politics in their place of work.

Students: The month cannot be said to be favourable for students. Monetary difficulties may worry you. Extra-curricular activities should be cut down as much as possible. You should carefully watch your speech, manners and conduct.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-7-13	2-10-20
Money dealings and enterprises	1-9-15	2-11-22
Journeys	1-12-17	2-14-23
Real property matters and educational activities	5-12-24	6-16-23
Children and speculation	5-13-25	6-18-26
Services	5-15-28	8-19-27
Partnership	5-17-30	8-21-29
Insurance	7-13-28	3-14-26
Profession and business	7-13-30	10-19-29

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 19th to morning of 22nd.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: The Sun in the unfavourable 5th till 15th with check from 5th transits afterwards the favourable 6th with check. Mars in the 12th and Saturn in the 7th and the 8th are both unsatisfactory; Saturn is under check from 5th to 30th. Mercury in the adverse 5th till 5th with check transits afterwards the favourable 6th till 26th when he moves into the adverse 7th with check. Jupiter in the favourable 2nd yields to Vedha. Venus in the favourable 5th till 12th transits thereafter the adverse 6th with check. In a month of mixed results the favourable influences will be more in evidence. Your reputation for character and integrity will rise high. Your enemies will be defeated. Mercury will generate in you an eager desire to make money and this desire will be fulfilled. You must curb a tendency to undertake long journeys without specific aim and purpose. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: Minor ailments are likely to cause you annoyance. Chronic sufferers will have to be careful. Children's success in examina-

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ions will make you happy. While, during the first welve days, you will enjoy domestic happiness, you will have to be tactful and patient during the rest f the month if you are keen on peace in the domestic sphere.

Finance and Speculation: The financial matters will be satisfactory. There may be gains in a new enterprises and money due from others may be realised. The expenditure will be quite reasonable and generally on approved lines. The speculative transactions will be profitable during the first twelve days and not thereafter.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the Karaka for properties, the matters pertaining to real properties will not be bad. Improvements to properties are likely to be carried out. This is a satisfactory month for services, businesses and professions.

Women: Film artistes are particularly favoured. Your work in the social field will be greatly appreciated and you will be invited to accept greater responsibilities. This is a satisfactory month for employed girls.

Students: You will make rapid progress in studies. Those in the research field will be able to collect sufficient and authentic data in support of their thesis and the Board of Examinations will accept the basis of the thesis in appreciative terms.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	12-20-30	6-16-22
Money dealings and enterprises	9-17-28	2-11-24
Journeys	7-15-25	10-19-29
Real property matters and educational activities	5-13-20	8-18-27
Children and speculation	1-12-17	6-16-26
Services	1-12-20	4-14-23
Partnership	1-17-20	3-11-21
Insurance	5-12-25	2-10-19
Profession and business	9-17-30	4-11-26

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 22nd to night of 24th.

4. KATAKA (Cancer)

General: The Sun in the 4th and the 5th and Jupiter in Janma are both unsatisfactory; the latter is under check. Mars in the favourable 11th yields to Vedha from 5th. Venus in the 4th and the 5th is fully favourable. Saturn in the favourable 5th moves into the adverse 7th only on the last day. Mercury in the favourable 4th till 5th transits thereafter the adverse 5th till 26th with check. He then moves into the favourable 6th. The favourable influences will have the upper hand. The efforts of your enemies to besmirch your good reputation will not bear fruit. You will be successful in your undertakings. Pushyami is better than Punarvasu and Aslesha.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor complaints, the month will be satisfactory from the point of view of health. Chronic sufferers will have temporary relief. Children's health may cause mild concern. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The paucity of ready cash to meet your commitments may worry you; but your friends will provide you with enough funds to enable you to meet your obligations. Speculative transactions will yield moderate profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The month shows good promise in the field of real property matters. Yield and rentals will be satisfactory. Labour problems may, however, annoy you. This is a satisfactory month for the services, businesses and professions.

Women: Social climbers will find the month quite advantageous. You will be very popular in club activities and social gatherings. Social contacts will help you in your business. Employed girls have good chance of being transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will shine very well in the field of sports. The chances of your inclusion in national or state level teams are quite bright. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the first half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	5-12-17	8-16-24
Money dealings and enterprises	9-15-22	10-18-25
Journeys	7-13-20	6-19-29
Real property matters and educational activities	7-13-22	2-14-27
Children and speculation	1-12-28	8-16-23
Services	1-12-30	2-10-19
Partnership	9-17-28	3-11-26
Insurance	9-17-30	3-11-27
Profession and business	12-20-30	6-14-26

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 24th to early morning of 27th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 15th transits thereafter the adverse 4th with check. Mars in the 10th is fully favourable. Mercury in the adverse 3rd till 5th transits afterwards the

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favourable 4th till 26th with Vedha till 15th. He then moves into the adverse 5th with check. Jupiter in the 12th is unfavourable. Venus in the favourable 3rd and 4th yields to Vedha from 12th. Saturn transits the adverse 5th till the last day when he moves into the favourable 6th. In a month of mixed results, the favourable influences have an edge over the unfavourable ones. Your popularity will increase during the month. You will acquire influence and authority through political connections. The aim of your enemies to discredit you will not bear fruit. Makha is better than Poorvaphalguni and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: You will have only minor health complaints. Chronic sufferers could look forward to having temporary relief. Children's health may cause some concern. Domestic life will be, on the whose, peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the Dhanakaraka, the financial affairs will not be unsatisfactory. Income will be certainly more than expenditure. You should refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Real property matters will be smooth, satisfactory and profitable. Yield and rentals will be at good levels. You will be able to resolve your labour problems satisfactorily. This is a satisfactory month for the services, professions and businesses.

Women: Women in independent professions such as writers, nurses, doctors, artistes are particularly favoured. You will enjoy increased popularity in club life and social field. Employed girls will find the month generally satisfactory.

Students: Those ambitious of joining the army will receive happy news of the selection as officer cadets. They will have a successful career in the army. Those pursuing engineering courses are particularly favoured.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	5-12-17	1-11-21
Money dealings and enterprises	7-13-20	10-19-28
Journeys	9-15-22	2-10-18
Real property matters and educational activities	12-17-24	3-11-19
Children and speculation	12-17-25	4-14-21
Services	12-20-30	6-16-23
Partnership	12-20-30	8-18-26
Insurance	9-17-25	10-19-27
Profession and business	5-13-22	10-19-29

Chandrashtama occurs from the beginning to the night of 1st and again from early morning of 27th to morning of 29th.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: The Sun in the adverse 2nd till 15th with check till 25th transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. Mars in the 9th and Saturn in the 4th and the 5th are both unsatisfactory; the latter is under check from 5th till the end. Mercury in the favourable 2nd till 5th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 3rd till 26th with check. He then moves into the favourable 4th with Vedha. Jupiter in the 11th is fully favourable. Venus in the 2nd and the 3rd is fully favourable. In a month of mixed results, the good effects will be more. The effects of your enemies to get the better of you will be thwarted. You will gain self-confidence as the month rolls by. Venus will help you to acquire influence. Chitta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Hasta.

Health and Domestic: There is a distinct possibility of your left eye developing glaucoma. You should consult an ophthalmic surgeon immediately. Chronic sufferers may have to take greater care of their health. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. You are likely to start new financial ventures which will yield good dividends in time to come. You are advised to refrain from speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of Karaka for properties, all matters pertaining to real estate will be satisfactory in view of the powerful and favourable support of the lord of the 4th. Yield and rentals will be at good levels. Labour is likely to worry you and it is advisable to settle issues by compromise talks. Services, businesses and professions will find the month satisfactory.

Women: This is a very good month for the fair sex. Film artistes will be offered excellent contracts by top ranking banners. Unmarried girls may confidently look forward to wedding bells during the second half. This is an excellent month for employed girls.

Students: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the Vidyakaraka, you will make rapid progress in studies. Those pursuing medical courses are particularly favoured. You will get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and such contacts will help you in your career later.

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	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
al and domestic	5-12-17	1-16-29
dealings and	5-13-20	3-18-30
rises	5-15-22	2-10-18
ys		
roperty matters	7-12-17	2-10-19
ucational activities	7-13-22	3-14-21
en and speculation	7-15-24	3-14-23
es	9-17-25	4-16-26
rship	9-20-28	11-21-30
nce	7-20-28	10-19-27
sion and business		

ndrashtama occurs from night of 1st to f the 3rd and again from morning of 29th till d.

ULA (Libra)

eral: The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd, Mars 3th and Jupiter in the 10th are all unsatis- ; the Sun is under check throughout except n 12th and 15th. Mercury in the unfavour- t till 5th transits afterwards the favourable l 26th when he moves into the adverse 3rd heck. Venus in the 1st and the 2nd is fully able. Saturn transits the favourable 3rd ally throughout till the last day when he into the adverse 4th. The general results are xed nature with good effects having an edge e bad ones. The latter half of the month will e satisfactory than the first fortnight in respect. You should guard against under- travels without specific aim. Visakha is han Chitta and Swati.

lth and Domestic: This is not a bad month lth. Weakness and general debility may ou off and on. The period may offer some elief to chronic sufferers. Domestic bliss of order will be vouchsafed to you.

nce and Speculation: Financial matters careful handling. Skillful manipulation of ilable finances is necessary to offset the un- able tendency of the Dhanakaraka. Invest- on public issue equities are not recom- d during the month. Speculative transac- ill yield good profits.

Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The posture of the Karaka for properties may ed. Because of the powerful and favourable of the lord of the 4th yield and rentals will d levels. You will settle all labour problems torily. The month will be, more or less, tory for the services, professions and busi-

Women: The month will be, more or less, satisfactory for the fair sex. New contacts will enliven social life. Social workers may be invited to shoulder greater responsibilities which they will discharge to the satisfaction of all concerned. This is a satisfactory month for the employed girls.

Students: The month is conducive to studies. Students will make excellent progress in both studies and sports. The chances of their inclusion in national or state level teams are quite bright. An enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex is likely during the month.

	Fortunate Dates	Inauspicious Dates
Personal and domestic	15-22-30	5-14-23
Money dealings and enterprises	13-20-28	11-19-29
Journeys	12-17-25	10-18-27
Real property matters and educational activities	9-15-24	8-16-26
Children and speculation	7-13-22	6-14-23
Services	1-12-20	4-11-21
Partnership	9-17-28	3-10-19
Insurance	7-15-25	2-10-21
Profession and business	12-20-30	6-16-29

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 3rd to night of 5th.

8. VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: The Sun in the 12th and the 1st and Mars in the 7th are both unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check from 15th. Mercury in the unfavourable 12th and 1st till 26th with check from 5th transits afterwards the favourable 2nd. Jupiter in the 9th and Venus in the 12th and the 1st are fully favourable. Saturn in the adverse 2nd practically throughout transits the favourable 3rd during the last day with Vedha. The favourable influences have an edge over the unfavourable ones during the month. You will be successful in your undertakings. You will renew contacts with old friends and this will be of help to you in your business. Anuradha is better than Visakha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: Minor ailments are likely to cause a little annoyance. Chronic sufferers will find the month trying. Children's success in examinations will bring much happiness to you. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. There may be gains in a few enterprises and money due from others may be realised. Expenditure will be quite reasonable and generally only on approved lines. Speculative transactions are likely to yield very good profits.

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Real Property, Services, Professions ,etc.: All transactions pertaining to real property are better postponed to more favourable periods. You are likely to experience difficulties in the realisation of rents due to you. Services are likely to be promoted out-of-turn. This is a satisfactory period for businesses and professions.

Women: Excellent period for the fair sex in general and particularly for film artistes. Romances will blossom into happy wedding. Working girls will be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You should curb a tendency to spend most of your time in extra-curricular activities. You should concentrate on studies. This is a good month for tests and interviews. You will have a memorable and pleasant picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the second half.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	9-15-22	5-16-27
Money dealings and enterprises	1-13-24	7-19-29
Journeys	12-20-30	2-11-21
Real property matters and educational activities	12-20-28	10-19-29
Children and speculation	1-17-28	3-18-27
Services	1-20-30	3-18-29
Partnership	1-20-28	8-21-29
Insurance	15-22-30	5-14-26
Profession and business	1-15-24	5-14-27

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 5th to night of 7th.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The Sun in the favourable 11th till 15th transits afterwards the unfavourable 12th. Mars in the 6th is fully favourable. Mercury in the favourable 11th till 5th transits thereafter the adverse 12th and 1st till the end with check till 12th. Jupiter in the 8th and Saturn in Janma and the 2nd are both adverse; Saturn comes under check on the last day. Venus in the favourable 11th and 12th yields to Vedha from 12th. The evil influences will be slightly more. Mars will help you develop your will very strongly and resist temptations which are likely to land you in difficulties. With some difficulty you will be able to achieve your objectives. Moola is better than Poorvashadha and Uttarashadha.

Health and Domestic: The planetary transits do not generate much optimism in the field of health. Stomach ulcers are likely to worry you practically throughout, but the consequences will not be serious. This is a trying period for chronic sufferers. Domestic life will be, more or less, peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs are not likely to be satisfactory. There will be considerable expenditure on account of medicine and doctor's bills. You must check every item of expenditure. Speculative deals, however, will yield good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions ,etc.: This is quite a satisfactory month for real property transactions. You will make considerable improvements to your buildings and landed properties. The services may have to be prepared for deterioration in working conditions. The month is likely to be lean for professions and businesses.

Women: The month is likely to prove satisfactory for social workers. They may be invited to shoulder greater responsibilities in recognition of their good work. Working girls should be very careful in dealing with their superiors.

Students: There is likely to be a set-back in studies. In view of your proneness to physical injuries, you are advised to refrain from sports, games and athletics. It is to your advantage to reduce contacts with the opposite sex as much as possible.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-12-17	7-18-29
Money dealings and enterprises	5-13-20	9-19-27
Journeys	12-15-22	2-10-16
Real property matters and educational activities	13-17-24	3-11-18
Children and speculation	15-20-26	4-14-19
Services	15-20-28	6-16-21
Partnership	15-20-30	8-18-23
Insurance	1-15-28	10-19-26
Profession and business	1-15-30	11-21-27

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 7th to early hours of 10th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: The Sun in the favourable 10th and 11th yields to Vedha from 15th till the end. Mars in the 5th and Saturn in the 12th and the 1st are both unfavourable; Saturn is under check from 5th till the end. Mercury in the favourable 10th and 11th with Vedha till 26th transits afterwards the adverse 12th with check. Jupiter in the 7th is fully favourable. Venus in the adverse 10th till 12th transits afterwards the favourable 11th. The good influences will be more during the month. You will

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be successful in your undertakings. Your appeal to Government on certain property matters will be decided in your favour. Sravana is better than Uttarashada and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor complaints you will enjoy good health practically throughout. Chronic patients will have temporary relief. Your eldest son will land a good job in a well—established industry. You will have a peaceful and happy domestic life after 12th.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. Enterprises recently started by you will start yielding good dividends. An unexpected financial legacy is likely to be conferred in your favour during the second half. Speculative transactions are likely to yield good dividends from 12th.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: It is advisable to postpone decisions on major property deals to more favourable periods. Litigation is likely with owners of adjacent properties. Compromise talks may resolve the labour conflicts. The services will find the month quite helpful. This is a profitable month for professions and business.

Women: This is a satisfactory month for the fair sex. Courtships are likely to blossom into happy weddings during the second half. Employed girls are likely to be transferred to places of their choice.

Students: With some effort you would make good progress in studies. You will get acquainted with scholars of fame and reputation and such contacts will be of great help to you in your career later.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	1-9-15	12-19-29
Money dealings and enterprises	1-13-17	2-10-18
Journeys	1-15-20	3-11-19
Real property matters and educational activities	1-17-22	4-14-21
Children and speculation	5-13-22	6-16-23
Services	7-15-24	8-18-26
Partnership	9-17-25	4-16-23
Insurance	7-17-28	4-14-26
Profession and business	7-20-30	4-10-29

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 10th to afternoon of 12th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: The Sun in the adverse 9th till 15th with check from 5th transits afterwards the favourable 10th with Vedha. Mars in the 4th and Jupiter in the 6th are both unsatisfactory, the latter is under check. Venus in the favourable 9th till 12th with check transits afterwards the unfavourable 10th. Saturn in the favourable 11th till the last day transits the adverse 12th on the last day of the month. Mercury in the unfavourable 9th till 5th transits the favourable 10th and 11th afterwards with Vedha from 12th till the end. The favourable influences have an edge over the unfavourable ones. You will have important political connections during the second half. Your enemies will not be successful in their efforts to besmirch your reputation for honesty and integrity. Poorvabhadra is better than Satabhisha and Dhanishta.

Health and Domestic: Minor health complaints may be there off and on. Chronic sufferers will have to take more care than usual. Children's health may cause mild concern. You will have to exercise patience and tact if you are keen on saving peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will not be unsatisfactory. Pressure for cash may be there. But friends will come to your rescue and assist you to meet your financial obligations. Speculative transactions are likely to yield moderate profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All real property transactions are better avoided during the month. You will experience difficulties in realising the rents due from the tenants. The labour problems could be resolved by compromise talks. This cannot be said to be a satisfactory month for the services. The period will be, more or less, satisfactory for the professions and businesses.

Women: Romances are better avoided during the month. You should curtail your activities considerably. Employed girls will have to be careful in dealing with their superiors.

Students: This is a satisfactory month for students. With a little effort you could make excellent progress in studies. You will excel in the field of sports and athletics. The chances of your inclusion in the state or national level teams are quite bright.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	15-24-30	12-19-29
Money dealings and enterprises	9-22-28	13-18-26
Journeys	7-20-25	10-16-29
Real property matters and educational activities	5-17-24	8-14-27
Children and speculation	1-15-22	6-11-26
Services	1-15-24	4-16-23
Partnership	1-15-25	4-14-21
Insurance	7-17-28	3-13-19
Profession and business	7-17-30	3-12-27

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 12th to night of 14th.

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12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: The favourable influences are in predominance during the month. Mars in the 3rd and Jupiter in the 5th are fully favourable. Venus in the favourable 8th and 9th yields to Vedha. Ignoring Saturn's sojourn on the last day in the favourable 11th with Vedha, he is unsatisfactory during the transit in the 10th from 1st to 24th. The Sun in the 8th and the 9th is unfavourable but he is under check till 12th. Mercury in the favourable 8th till 5th transits afterwards the adverse 9th with check till 26th; he then moves into the favourable 10th with Vedha. Accrual of money, authority, influence and power will be the gifts of Mars and Jupiter. You must curb a tendency to undertake journeys without specific aim and plan. Poorvabhadra is better than Uttarabhadra and Revati.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health throughout. Chronic sufferers could look forward to having a trouble-free month. Your eldest son will land an excellent job in a reputed business house. With tact and patience you could save peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: This is a very good month for finances. Money, which you had written off and bad debts will be paid back to you. You will start new financial ventures which will pay good dividends in time to come. Speculative activities will yield moderate profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: This is an excellent month for real property transactions. Acquisition of new properties is most likely. services will be promoted out-of-turn. This very good month for businesses, industry professions.

Women: Very satisfactory month for the sex. Romances will blossom into happy wedd You will be the most popular in social gatheri Employed girls will be promoted and transfe to places of their choice.

Students: Medical and engineering stud are particularly favoured. You would fare very in the superior service competitive examinat held by the Central Government. Your entry the foreign service under your Governmen indicated. You will have a pleasant and enjoy picnic in the company of the opposite sex du the month.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspi D*
Personal and domestic	9-20-28	6-1
Money dealings and enterprises	1-12-30	10-1
Journeys	5-13-24	4-1
Real property matters and educational activities	5-13-25	4-1
Children and speculation	12-22-28	4-1
Services	12-20-30	3-1
Partnership	7-13-24	3-1
Insurance	7-13-25	8-1
Profession and business	7-13-30	8-1

Chandrashtama occurs from night of 14t morning of 17th.

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27. *Tues.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 6h.23m., then Dasami (10th tithi) till 29h.06m. afterwards Ekadasi (11th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga till 11h.55m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

28. *Wed.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 27h.00m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga till 11h.05m., then Revati and Marana Yoga. Upto 11h.05m. good for driving new vehicles, for travel, for purchasing or storing food stuffs, for taking medicines, for wearing new garments.

29. *Thurs.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 24h.13m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Revati and Siddha Yoga till 9h.29m., then Aswini and Amrita Yoga. Good for driving new vehicles, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for taking medicines, for storing food stuffs, for fixing pumpsets.

30. *Fri.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 20h.5 then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Aswini till 7h.1 then Bharani upto 28h.30m., afterwards Krit Amrita Yoga till 7h.14m., then Siddha Yoga. U 7h.14m. good for wearing new garments ornaments, for dealing with members of the o site sex, for travel. After 7h.14m. good for dea with members of the opposite sex, for borrow for buying cows or dogs.

The Doctrine of Reincarnation, after accepting all t truths and laws of nature that have been discovered by mode science, carries them to their proper logical conclusions. R incarnation is based upon evolution. It means a continuo evolution of an individual germ of life, and a gradual manifestation of all the powers and forces that exist in potentially. Moreover, the doctrine of Reincarnation founded on the law of cause and effect. It teaches that t cause is not outside of the effect, but lies in the effect. Th cause is the potential or unmanifested state of the effect, an effect is the actual or manifested cause.

—Swami Abhedanan

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I would also be extremely grateful if you kindly point out the source from where the idea of constellations being owned by planets originally came. Even South Indian authors like Mantreswara have designated the owners as deities, let alone early North Indian works. Was it then the books on Nadi Jyotisha which, first, gave rise to the idea? Could you please clarify with appropriate references?

Tathagata Ghose.
Calcutta.

Return of Christ

Sir, - Mr. T. D. V. Raman has stated (*A.M.*, August 1990) that according to the *Srimad Bhagavatam* "Kalki" *avatar* would take birth when Jupiter is in Cancer and the planets Sun, Moon and Jupiter are in Pushya Nakshatra and this combination would occur only after 12 years *i.e.*, in 2002 A.D. As per a news item "Planets conjunction" in the *Sunday Statesman* of 29th July, the two bright planets would come in close conjunction on 13th August 1990 and will appear to merge and become a single dazzling entity in the pre-dawn sky. This rare phenomenon occurred on July 17, 2nd B.C. As stated in the news this bright body was described as the "star of Bethlehelm" that appeared during Christ's birth.

An old prophecy of Rishi Vedavyasa in the "Bhavishya Purana" described the future coming of Christ. The prophecy also reveals the birth of Lord Kalki in the Himalayas and says that the next Avatara will be the world leader. The Avatara according to Holy Bible will be the return of Christ in the place where he was buried *i.e.*, where Christ died a peaceful death at the age of 89 years.

Bhubaneswar *T. N. Saxena*

Epoch Making Conjunctions

Sir, - This is in reference to the above article by Dr. Chandrakant Kothari (*A.M.*, January 1990). He states that Mars was retrograde in September 1960 and April 1961. But on the basis of Dr. RAMAN's Ayanamsa, Mars was retrograde in November 1960 and not in September 1960.

How can Mars get retrograde when he (Mars) was very close to the Sun? Further, Mars was not retrograde in October 1975 but retrograde only on 6-11-1975. Mars was very close to the Sun and hence no retrogression can be applied here in May 1976.

Further, Mars was direct since 20-1-1976 and never got retrograde for the whole of December 1976.

Will the learned author clarify these discrepancies?

Bombay *S. L. Hattangadi*

(Ayanamsa values does not affect the dates of retrogression. Mars was retrograde from 20th November 1960 to 6th February 1961. Mars was also retrograde from 6-11-1975 to 20-1-1976.

Editor A.M..)

Malefics as Benefics

Sir, - The above article by Gomathi Annapoorni (*A.M.*, March 1990) is very informative and interesting but as per Kalidasa "If Saturn by occupation is benefic then he should not be exalted, *vargottama* or in *swakshetra* and if it is so, then during the major period of Saturn and sub-period of Venus, even Kubera will beg for alms, what to say of an ordinary man?". But the author of the article differs with this dictum. She is of the opinion that if Venus and Saturn conjoin in Libra, a Raja Yoga is produced whereas many authors say that when Saturn is benefic and exalted then Venus in that chart should not be in own house. Will the learned author or any of your esteemed readers please clarify?

Chandigarh *Amarjit*

(The author is no more alive. —*Ed.*, ***A.M.***)

Clarification Needed

Sir, - Prof. P. S. Sastri in February 1988 issue of *A.M.* has stated the birthday refers to Masa, Paksha and Tithi alone; and this is calculated in terms of the luni-solar year.

What about the Nakshatra of the birthday? We generally celebrate the birthday and do Ayushya Homam on the Nakshatra day of the Masa and do not take into account the Paksha and Tithi. If the Nakshatra occurs twice in the Masa, it is generally done in the latter date, unless only when it cannot be done on the later date, it is done in the earlier date.

Sraddha for departed souls is performed only taking into account the Masa, Paksha and the particular Tithi and not the Nakshatra. Could you clarify as to when we should celebrate the birthdays and do the *Sraddhas*?

Madras *A. V. Swaminathan*

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MY TURN

NARENDRA KUMAR DIXIT, INDORE.

GLOBAL BELLIGERENCY

ON 1-7-1902, the equinox entered Dwadasamsa of Yama. On this date Mars was conjunct Pluto in Taurus. It is worth noticing that whenever Mars stayed in Taurus for six months in this century, it has contributed significantly to belligerency on an international scale. In 1990-1991, the sojourn of Mars in Taurus for six months is likely to further aggravate the already tense situation in the international arena. It is remarkable that this is the third occurrence of six month's stay of Mars in Taurus since the beginning of this century. In 1911-12, Mars in Taurus for six months prepared the ground for the first world war. In 1943-44, six months' stay in Taurus by Mars resulted in acceleration of the war-frenzy when the world was already in the throes of the second world war. Hence in the light of experience, it is very likely that Mars' current sojourn for six months in Taurus can spark off a major war involving many nations.

It is also to be noted that the 7th house in the chart for Washington will get afflicted when Saturn changes latitude on 4-9-1990. This affliction is indicative of involvement in war. The concentration of U.S. troops in Gulf area corroborates the warning underlined by the science of Astrology (*vide* my letter published in August 1990 *A.M.*)

Readers may note the last date for sending their findings (My Turn — *A.M.*, October 1990) is 15-11-1990.

—*Editor.*

MY TURN

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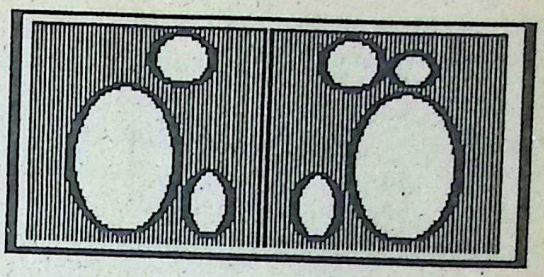
Astrology and Women's World



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Q. My grand-daughter is doing her 4th semester in Engineering. Her mother wants her to get married while her father wants her to finish her education. We are in a fix as to what is to be done.

Born 11-2-1971 at 2.45 p.m.

S. No. 12953.

	SAT.		ASCDT.
RAHU	RASI		
SUN MERC.			MOON KETU
VENUS	MARS JUPIT.		

	MERC. KETU		
	NAVAMSA		MOON VENUS
ASCDT. MARS		JUPIT. SAT. RAHU	SUN

Ans: There is nothing to be gained by rushing through marriage because Sun Dasa running for 6 years after mid-1992 will be a stressful period as the Sun occupies the 8th from Lagna. Therefore by concentrating on career now she will only be saving both herself and her family much tension. Going by present-day standards, she can wait for the Dasa of Sun to finish before embarking on marital life.

Q. My daughter married in 1981. She underwent an operation in 1982 for myomectomy, then a DNC and finally another operation in November 1985 for tubal block. She has developed uterine problems and the doctors say the uterus has to be removed. But she is unwilling as she still hopes for a child. Please give your valuable guidance.

Born 23/24-2-1950 at 4.45 a.m. (IST).

S. No. 17046.

RAHU		MOON	
SUN	RASI		
ASCDT. JUPIT. VENUS MERC.			SAT.
MANDI			MARS KETU

ASCDT.	VENUS		MARS KETU
	NAVAMSA		MERC.
SUN - MOON			
RAHU	SAT.		JUPIT. MANDI

Ans: The 5th house and 5th lord are both well-placed. The 5th house from the Moon has malefics Mars and Ketu in close conjunction. The 5th lord Mercury is not badly placed and joins Moon-sign lord Venus. The Dasa of Rahu is over and transit-wise Saturn is on the verge of leaving Sagittarius. Summing up, your daughter is justified in her hopes. As it is, her system has been meddled with far too much. Let Nature take her own course supported by yogasanas and prayer, and your daughter can look forward to a visit from the stork.

Q. My daughter has passed her S.S.L.C. with distinction. She has no mother and falls ill often. What course would be alright for her?

Born 31-10-1974 at 5.11 p.m. **A. G.**

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ASCDT.	MOON	KETU	SAT.
JUPIT.	RASI		
MANDI	RAHU	MARS MERC. VENUS SUN	

Ans: She is now running Sun Dasa. The Sun, as 6th lord, is in the 8th Neecha but with Neechabhanga. The Sun's lordship and his occupation of a nodal constellation gives weak health. The next Dasa is of the Moon who as 5th lord is full and well-placed in Aries in the 2nd house. She can, therefore, so choose her subjects as to prepare for an engineering/maths/computer-oriented future-academic career. With the advent of Moon Dasa, health will improve greatly.

Q. My daughter is doing B.E. part-time while working for a company. She says she will marry only after her studies are over. I am afraid it may be too late then because of her age.

Born 2-11-1966 at 11.50 p.m.

SAT.	RAHU		MOON
	RASI		ASCDT. JUPIT.
			MARS
	MERC.	VENUS KETU SUN	

ASCDT. VENUS	MARS	KETU	SUN
	NAVAMSA		SAT.
MOON	RAHU	JUPIT.	MERC.

Ans: Your daughter seems to have taken the right stance. She can concentrate on her studies and career and marry after she has attained her goals.

The 7th house is aspected by 9th lord Jupiter while 7th lord Saturn is in the 9th. From Chandra Lagna too the picture is good. Therefore, she will be able to find a satisfactory match and be quite happy with her husband.

Q. My daughter scored badly in her P.U.C. exams. She consumed a heavy dose of drugs on 16-7-1990 but survived miraculously. On 8-6-1990, she underwent an appendicitis operation. She has having gynaecological problems also. All this makes me fear for her future.

Born 3-12 1970.

	SAT.	ASCDT.	
RAHU	RASI		
MOON		KETU	
MERC.	SUN	MARS JUPIT. VENUS	

		KETU	MOON MERC. JUPIT.
VENUS	NAVAMSA		
			ASCDT.
SUN	MARS SAT. RAHU		

Ans: The set-backs your daughter is facing can be attributed to the Dasa and Bhuktis that are just over. She will gradually overcome her inhibitions and fears and do well in studies. The 5th lord is in the 8th and the Dasa is of 8th lord Jupiter. She can do her graduation and then go in for career-oriented diplomas or short term courses. Her chart is not indicative of high academic attainments.

The Lagna and 7th lords, Venus and Mars, are in the 6th aspected by Yogakaraka Saturn and assure of a fairly good marriage.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

BRAIN TEASER

Question: This little kid lost his mother even before he was born. What do you think is his Ascendant?

23-10-1989 at 21.00 (EDT) at 42 N 22, 71 W 04.

			JUPIT.
	RASI		MOON 26-18 KETU
RAHU			
SAT.	VENUS	SUN	MARS MERC.

Solution: Next month

Solution to our October 1990 Teaser: The son is safe and returns a little late after an outing with a friend in an ice-cream parlour.

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WHEN TO CONCEIVE A SON

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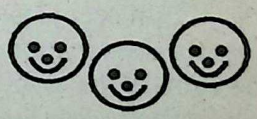
the Moon at the time of birth. During the tenth lunar month reckoned from the day of implantation, when the Moon comes to the sign arrived at by counting the number of signs indicated by the Dwadasamsa number it had attained in the sign of its occupation in the chart cast for intercourse that resulted in conception, that would be the natural birth. Of course, the counting of signs in astrological working would be from the next sign of its occupation. This *sloka* at once underlines as to how irrevocably the birth moment is synchronised with the moment of conception which actually marks the beginning of new life. Technically, natural birth time is the logarithmic progression of conception time which holds the clue to the Destiny pattern of life. This truth is now acknowledged by scientists. Research findings confirm that although the child's future will be influenced by environment, much of his or her fate may already have been predetermined. Encoded in the "genome" (the DNA in the infant's 46 chromosomes) are instructions that affect not only structure, size, colouring and other physical attributes, but also intelligence, susceptibility to disease, life-span and even some aspects of behaviour. In usage, the birth time serves the purpose of astrological delineation of life, as the natural birth depicts symbolically the in-built conception time.

The ancient system of predictive Astrology holds no provision to work upon with regard to unnatural births like caesarean sections under which babies are delivered at a pre-elected *muhurta* or at a time convenient to the attending physician and the expectant mother. In such instances, the vital "time-link" between conception time and the birth time gets snapped. This makes the birth time as astrological data a "dummy" technically. It no longer symbolically depicts the actual conception moment with which the working of destiny-forces happens to be synchronised. Understandably this subtle technical point is mostly overlooked in usage. As a result, a belief has gained ground that by pre-electing an auspicious time of delivering the baby by caesarean section the destiny of the baby would correspondingly get transformed. Nothing can be far from the truth. Such an illogical claim could also prove more damaging to the cause of Astrolog as it would be clearly contrary to the basic beliefs on which Astrology is founded.

On the other hand, there is ample scope to skilfully manage to have a baby of your choice by wisely electing a time to conceive. Accordingly tremendous significance is attached in Astrology to the sexual aspect of life; mental attitude, inner urges, vitality, potency, ability to rein passion, compatibility between partners and an intense desire to have worthy progeny. Because it calls for a disciplined approach and a planned and concerted effort to beget progeny of high order whereas it is the baser aspect of pleasure that dominates and dictates sex-life in most people. Under such unbridled sex, as an outcome of lust and passion, conception occurs whether it is desired or not following the natural biological processes. Like any other living being, man also procreates naturally. But such outcome would be progeny of a baser kind. Merely timing intercourse guided by modern scientific watch or by ancient astrological dicta by itself would not suffice to produce worthy progeny of a high order. The elected time for implantation will also have to be supported by other contributory factors; such as the encoded instructions the chromosomes of the couple carry with them, the "Heritage" the soul carries with it as it occupies the fertilised egg and the kind of scope present for occurrence of birth of a high order in the environment of the life of the couple. These are factors that can be scanned only through astrological investigation of the horoscopes of the couple. Electing an ideally suited time for intercourse with intent to produce worthy progeny would be meaningful only when the horoscope of the expectant parent promise such progeny. No wonder great men are not born everyday, be it by design or by chance.—160.90.



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DOES MATCHING REALLY HELP? — II

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evils will be death or separation from the other partner. The evils of Mars of one partner will trouble the other partner in whose horoscope Kuja Dosha is absent. This is an incorrect view. If Mars Dosha is present in one horoscope but Grahamelapak does not show a great difference in the strength, there will be no disharmony. When strong Kuja Dosha is present in one horoscope and is not counterbalanced in Grahamelapak chart it is not necessary that the partner should suffer. In my experience most of the sufferings are found by the partner having Kuja Dosha in his or her horoscope. In Case 1, the wife has strong Kuja Dosha and she suffered. In Cases 11 and 12 the wife had Kuja Dosha and suffered. In cases 13 and 16 the wife had Kuja Dosha and suffered. There are various other factors to be considered for the marital sufferings and maladies. But in most of the cases it has been observed that the person who has more evil in Grahamelapak suffers more.

The presence of Mars in the 8th house in the horoscope of females is more harmful than in the horoscopes of males. If Mars is aspected by or is opposite Jupiter the intensity of Kuja Dosha will increase. If the Lagna is Leo and the 7th lord Saturn occupies the 2nd house, the husband will carry out all orders of his wife. Usually the relationship, exchange of the lords or aspect of the lord of the 2nd and 7th house will bring very happy marital life. If Saturn occupies the 8th house in a horoscope and is aspected by Mars by his 4th or the 8th aspect *i.e.*, Mars in 5th or Lagna there will be miseries and various kinds of unhappiness in life, *e.g.* Case 33. Lagna lord Saturn is in the 8th house and Mars occupies the 5th house. Saturn receives the aspect of Mars and Mars receives the aspect of Saturn. This resulted in three marriages, two ending in divorce and the third is also unhappy. Saturn in the 7th house brings stability in marriage particularly if aspected by benefics. For Aquarius Ascendant the Sun's position is very important for marital harmony as it is the lord of the 7th house. If Sun occupies the 6th house there will be disturbances in marital life. In Cases 33 and 19 the same Yoga is found. In both these horoscopes various other factors are also responsible for disharmony. *Prasna Marga*, a famous Kerala work, says that the presence of the Sun and Venus in the 5th, 7th or 9th house is bad for happy married life. The horoscopes where the lords of the 7th and 1st houses are friends will generally have happy married life. Placement of strong evil planets in the 4th house will bring marital maladies, frequent quarrels, misunderstandings, divorce or separation particularly if Mars is placed there and is afflicted. In Cases 2 and 23 Mars is in the 4th house and there was separation. The 7th in a malefic Navamsa is also an adverse factor. If the 7th house is adversely disposed but the house of Karma *i.e.*, the 10th house is very well balanced and is beneficially disposed, the evils of the 7th house will be tempered. A planet which occupies the 7th house has a deep influence over it. The constellation in which the planet falls and the Navamsa obtained by that particular planet should also be judged properly. Mars in the 7th in Mrigasira constellation and in any fiery sign in Navamsa will bring a short tempered partner. If one is born in Taurus Lagna and Mars-Venus occupy the 7th house they will have a very successful married life. Venus in Taurus is good in the 7th. But if placed in the Sun's constellation or in Sun's Navamsa the partner will be stubborn. If the 7th lord or the 7th house or Venus, or the 2nd lord are under Papakartari Yoga, the marriage will be damaged so long as the evils of such Yogas are not counterbalanced by similar combinations in the horoscope of the husband.

(to be continued)

Horoscopes

Case — 1: Born on 5-7-1966 at 17 hrs. (IST) at 80° 56' E, 26° 51' N. *Rasi:* Ascendant 232-2; the Sun 79-36; the Moon 289-58; Mars 62-46; Mercury 104-40; Jupiter 79-40; Venus 47-14; Saturn 336-16; Rahu 29-25°; and Ketu 29°-25 with a balance of 2 years, 6 months and 7 days of Moon Dasa.

Case - 2: Born on 7-9-1960 at 8-00 hrs (IST) at Delhi. *Rasi:* Ascendant 166-17; the Sun 141-9; the Moon 342-29; Mars 59-1; Mercury 147-36; Jupiter 240-56; Venus 161-58; Saturn(R) 258-34; Rahu 142-6; and Ketu 322-6 with a balance of 5 years, 11 months and 15 days of Saturn Dasa.

Case - 3: Born on 6-11-1951 at 19.59 hrs (IST) at 79° 35' E, 37° 23'N. *Rasi:* Ascendant 62-0; the Sun 200-11; the Moon 294-14; Mars 146-31; Mercury 214-27; Jupiter (R) 342-0; Venus 153-46; Saturn 166-52; Rahu 313-12; and Ketu 113-12 with a balance of 6 years, 6 months and 11 days of Mars Dasa.

Case - 4: Born on 6-8-1956 at 3.34 hrs (IST) at Allahabad. *Rasi:* Ascendant 84-6; the Sun 110-9; the Moon 102-13; Mars 330-14; Mercury 126-57; Jupiter 132-27;

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Venus 67-42; Saturn 212-55; Rahu 221-12; and Ketu 11-12 with a balance of 6 years, 3 months and 9 days of Saturn Dasa at birth.

Case - 11: Born on 14-6-1955 at 9.20hrs (IST) at Jalandhar. *Rasi:* Ascendant 109-43; the Sun 59-5; the Moon 11-7; Mars (R) 79-13; Mercury (R) 62-17; Jupiter 96-58; Venus 37-43; Saturn (R) 202-13; Rahu 243-24; and Ketu 63-24 with a balance of 13 years, 8 months and 17 days of Saturn Dasa.

Case - 12: Born on 30-11-1952 at 5.00 hrs (IST) at 77.OE, 42.0 N. *Rasi:* Ascendant 6-10-30; the Sun 224-30; the Moon 25-41; Mars 283-1; Mercury (R)_ 225-36; Jupiter (R) 19-56; Venus 263-53; Saturn 180-26; Rahu 292-33; and Ketu 112-33 with a balance of 1 year, 5 months and 6 days of Venus Dasa.

Case - 24: Born on 14-10-1954 at 20.51 hrs (IST) at Bombay. *Rasi:* Ascendant 42-4; the Sun 177-31; the Moon 31-52; Mars 272-24; Mercury 200-41; the Jupiter 94-86; Venus 214-36; Saturn 196-19; Rahu 256-17; and Ketu 76-17 with a balance of 3 years, 7 months and 27 days of Sun Dasa.

Case - 33: Born on 27-7-1951 at 8.55 p.m. at Faizabad. *Rasi:* Ascendant 320-2; the Sun 110-36; the Moon 31-28; Mars 82-36; Mercury 126-50; Jupiter 350-53; Venus 140-56; Saturn 155-13; Rahu 318-36; and Ketu 138-36 with a balance of 3 years, 10 months and 4 days of Sun Dasa.

SIDELIGHTS ON PRACTICAL ASTROLOGY — V

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ally. (v) Malefics in the 12th house give Yoga, even if it is the Ascendant lord. (vi) In the 3rd house is Rahu.

When my father was at Rayagada (Orissa) in the late forties, the Kumandana family was the real business force in that place. The family did the pharmaceutical, transportation, rice, tobacco, cloth and money-lending businesses. It had vast lands with sugar-cane, tobacco and other cash crops. It had a number of houses and lots of jewellery. It was a very popular family. However, the joint family business did not last long; it had to be divided amongst the brothers and yet each brother had his share of wealth which was considerable.

	JUPIT.		
KETU	RASI Kumaraswamy		
MOON SAT.			RAHU MARS
		ASCDT. VENUS	SUN MERC.

Kumaraswamy Kumandan was a member of this family. He was a good-looking, strong and husky-voiced person. He didn't have much education but had business acumen. He was an occasional visitor to our house and my father too used to visit him for gossip. He had his life story written from my father.

My father had the patience to write detailed horoscopes. Electric lights were not there. He had to use a big kerosene lamp. The light being feeble, it was strenuous. But, yet he would always manage to finish it within the promised time.

This friend of my father had all the Yogas. (i) The Moon in the 4th from Lagna; Jupiter in the 4th from the Moon and Venus in the 7th from Jupiter; (ii) Rahu in the 11th house; (iii) The Sun and Mercury combination in Virgo constituting Budha-Aditya Yoga; (iv) then, the most important Raja Yoga 10th lord Moon in the 4th; (v) again, the 1st lord Venus is in his own house; the 4th lord Saturn in the 4th; the 12th lord Mercury in the 12th in exaltation. At least 3 planets are either in their own houses or in exaltation.

I would like to interrupt a bit to tell you what is Venus and what it would be like to have Venus in Lagna.

Marriage, spouse, conjugal happiness and romance are attributed to Venus. He stands for romantic poetry, wit, dance, stage, fragrance and pleasures of life. With him in the right place in the birth chart he showers the pleasures of sea-travel; makes him a master of vehicles, horses, elephants, buildings. He makes the person a minister, a king or an emperor. He generously gives all types of material wealth and fame. The Romans called the planet the Goddess of Love and Beauty, and, therefore, a person endowed with the gifts that Venus can give, can be most charming, attractive and enviable and such a person needs no introduction for his electrifying personality itself gets him easily introduced anywhere to anybody. When such a planet like Venus is in Lagna, you can imagine what the person can be. Again, for Kumandan Jupiter is in the 7th house and aspects the Lagna and Venus directly. While such a person will have great inclination for learning, he will be an extremely happy person with a beautiful, obedient and loving wife bringing with her wealth. The person will attain a good position in career and society.

The background of the person has nothing to do with the action of the planets. Planets do their work and suddenly thrust the individual to the foreground to the wonder of many and to the dismay of some. He becomes great and important.—211.89.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

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Another way is to try a more appropriate analogy, as the object of deploying armies against each other is to crush and overpower or destroy each other whereas in marriage, the search is for successful co-operation for life and cementing constructive relationship.

A more appropriate analogy would be, the use of an iron bucket to service a rocky well, as the former has perforce to be of tough material to endure in a constructive process.

An attempt can be made to prove the thesis by means of graphic-algebra thus:

$f(x) = ax + b$

represents a linear function where x may be considered the boy; a and b the Dosha constants and $f(x)$ his life coefficient represented by the line.

In a happy marriage, we seek to establish an identical coefficient in the girl too or the line must be the same.

That can be represented as

$f(c) = ca + b$

where c stands for the girl, while a and b are the same or equal Dosha constants, as any change in the latter will tilt the balance one way or the other, faulting the objective.

It is hoped that the above explanations will help understand the issue better.

Helper or Hack?

Recently I had occasion to go through the Hindi translation of *Sarvartha Chintamani* of Venkatesa.

The original author Venkatesa's name finds no place on the title page; the work could be a non-entity's. It is small mercy so to say, that Venkatesa's name has not been blacked out, as it forms part of the last verse of each chapter; possibly Venkatesa prophetically made it in-built in the text; but the *bhoomika* (preface) is full of the exploits of the translator and the *bhoomika* (preface) does not even mention Venkatesa's name, let alone his precedents and antecedents.

Does the publisher play the role of helper or hack?

Nor is the text free from *faux pas*. In chapter 3 devoted to the 2nd *bhava* for instance, the word आस्थि is printed in the place of अक्षि and faithfully translated as bone! A look at the text of the original edition published long ago *sans* translation, would have put our Hindi translator *wise!*

In the original edition, of the same chapter, the word नेत्र is explained in a foot-note as denoting both 2nd and 12th houses, which has no use for our present translator.

In sum, scholarship in astrological literature has become scarce and hack-work taken its place. Values have thus plummetted so low that in the days to come original authors could well be consigned to the limbo.

Contrast the awe with which Bhattotpala reveres Varahamihira and the scant courtesy meted out by today's commentators.

Do not film producers these days jettison names of actors who provide the meat, in their publicity and posters, and blazon their own? This, then, is our new culture!

ASTROLOGICAL MISCELLANY

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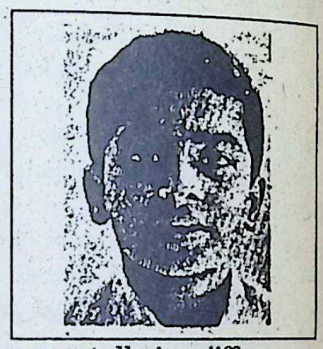
Maths Wizard



Reader K. V. Krishnamachari of Madras sends us the birth details of Vasudevan, a 9-year old described as a maths wizard, by newspaper reports. He is believed to be an adept at solving mathematical problems mentally in a jiffy.

With a superb head for mathematics, S. Vasudevan has special affinity for the number theory and he is able to come up with answers to difficult problems within 10 to 15 seconds. What is 999 multiplied by 888? Within moments Vasudevan comes up with the answer 887112. What is the fourth power of 28? The reply comes with lightning speed. 614656 (**The Hindu** 30-7-1990)

Born on 7/8-1-1981 at 4-05 a.m. (IST) at Madras.

Rasi: Libra - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Sun, Venus and Mercury; Capricorn - Mars, Moon and Ketu; Cancer - Rahu; and Virgo - Jupiter and Saturn. *Navamsa*:. Capricorn - Ascendant; Aries - Mars and Venus; Taurus - Saturn, Moon and Jupiter; Gemini - Ketu; Scorpio - Sun; and Sagittarius - Mercury and Rahu.

Readers can explore this prodigy's chart from all angles and write to us before December 15, 1990.

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The Dasa and Bhukti lords being in Shashshkata in not only Navamsa but also in samsa indicate the conflict will grow more mplex with the hostages thrust into the limeht and cast a shadow over the U.S. public age. By March 1991 Mars moves out of urus (the Moon-sign in the Iraqi chart) and piter Bhukti begins in July 1991. This pe- d may see Bush act with astonishing alacrity d the troops swing into such action as to take e Iraqis unawares. Mars in Gemini may also d to weakening Saddam's position due to mestic discontent. Jupiter as Lagna lord cupies the 7th house and forms a formidable ga with the Dasa lord Sun. Some of Bush's ntingency plans for military action may be plemented pushing back Iraq within its own rders.

According to press reports, the U.S. troops nded in the Gulf on 8-8-1990 when the Moon s in Satabhisha aspected by retrograde turn. We may note the Moon-sign is the me as that of the U.S. and therefore, will be der the same influences of *sadesathe* (when begins) as the U.S. chart.

In Venus Dasa, the My Lai massacre taught e U.S. a bitter lesson turning the tide in the ntry against the Vietnam War. The Dasa d then, Venus, is an out and out malefic for gittarius Ascendant. But now the Dasa is of excellent 9th lord Sun and President Bush rest assured there will be no such mistake in even if pressures build up to force the use he troops. Saturn's steady seven-and-a-half r cycle on the U.S. Moon will keep its troops Persian soil acting the policeman in all the ions coming under Rahu. Saturn's afflicn to the Moon warns of a situation that will resolve as soon as one would wish it to.

The big question uppermost in the minds of families of countless Indians who have fled q is "Can we go back, if at all?" The plane- positions in Iraq's chart do not seem to nt to a cooling down of the region in the near ure. Like a forest fire, the tensions will idly spread fanned by Pan-Islamic senti- nts. And in these circumstances, heart- ding though it may be, it would be wise for se displaced brethren to look for openings where and start to rebuild their lives all over again. The Gulf will continue to spew fire for a long time.

Dictators, whether Saddam or his successors, will keep the turmoil going on consistent with the directional influences in Iraq's chart. Jupiter has many more years to run. Jupiter as 9th lord rules religion and afflictions to him indicate Iraq may succeed in inciting Jehad which will draw all the regional blocs together, save one or two. Iraq will succeed fully in exploiting the Arab hatred for foreigners and "imperialistic" intervention. The Arab grouse that many of the boundaries in the Middle East were imposed by colonial rulers arbitrarily after World War II will stand Iraq in good stead and help to spread the virus of Arab nationalism in Syria, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia and even Sudan. Egypt will distance itself from Saddam's rhetoric of Arab nationalism. Venus, the Bhukti lord in Chart 2, adversely placed from Dasa lord Jupiter also indicates setbacks to Iraq. Saddam may find his gamble misfire numbering his days at the top. It also indicates a change of rulership is likely before this Bhukti ends. Like all dictators Saddam will have to make an exit from the scene without realizing his dream of building his own empire.

Summing up, the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait will transform Arab alliances and change the West-Asian chessboard. King Hussein of Jordan faces a grim political future. Surprising developments may make him quit his kingdom. Saturn-Rahu conjunction signifies Iraq may indulge in chemical warfare. As the transit of Mars continues in Taurus and Gemini aspecting Saturn, the Gulf crisis becomes more intensified and complicated. Saddam Hussein's manouevres to weaken the American efforts and his ambition to convert the present crisis into an Arab-Israeli struggle will be thwarted, though an aggressive political mood will be created in Israel adversely affecting the Jordanian monarch. Indian "refugees" may not be able to return to their jobs in the near future as political and mili-

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tary conditions in this part of the world will continue to be unsettled until Saturn leaves Aquarius. The deposed Amir of Kuwait may not have a future.

Astrology is a science of tendencies and not deterministic. Hence, the Western Powers must recall for themselves the lessons of the 1930's and how the appeasement of Hitler resulted in dangerous developments in Europe, resulting in the second World War. We invite our readers to go through the various editorials published in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE more than five decades ago to convince themselves how it was astrologically possible to anticipate the aggressive moves of Hitler.

Gayatri Devi Vasudev

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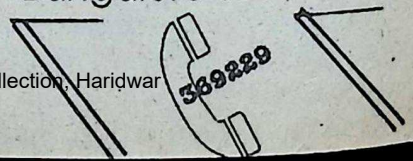

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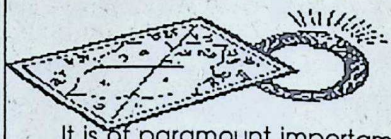

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HE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE

फलानि ग्रहचारेण सूचयन्ति मनीषिणः ।
को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकम् वेधसम् विना ॥

Those who know Astrology can only indicate in a way hat will take place in future. Who else, except the Creator Brahma, can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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MEAN ATTACKS ON ASTROLOGY

N 27-9-1944, Jawaharlal Nehru wrote to his sister Krishna Hutheesing from Ahmednagar fort asking her to get his ndson's horoscope cast. This piece of infor- tion comes under Letter No. 74, **Nehru's tters to His Sister** edited with an introduc- n by Krishna Nehru Hutheesingh and pub- ed by Faber and Faber, 24, Russel Street, ndon. Pt. Nehru writes

"In my letter to Indu I suggested to her sk you to get a proper horoscope made a competent person. Such permanent ords of the date and time of birth are irable. As for the time, I suppose the per solar time should be mentioned l not the artificial time which is being d outside now. War time is at least an r ahead of the normal time."

However, this part of the letter has been tted by the editor of the letters of Pandit hru published by the Publications Division, ernment of India, maybe in his anxiety to serve the secular image of Pandit Nehru. s bit of editing, thereby, distorted certain facts about Nehru's personality hiding from the reader Nehru's faith in Astrology.

In 1962, there was an eight planet combination known as the *ashtagraha koota* and astrologers indicated this combination was going to mark a significant period in the history of the world. THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, November 1960 discussing *the ashtagraha koota* summed up its results as follows: *"In view of the favourable directions operating in the horoscopes of both America and Russia, we do not think either of them will start the war. They will be obliged to involve themselves to defend their friends.*

"It occurs to us that the 1962 combination will change the pattern of Communist Governments for good. Top-leaders in China and Russia will be thrown out by revolutions and political upheavals. The war, if it breaks out, would be limited to conventional weapons. Apart from a struggle between east and west, troubles start in southern parts of Russia and the Middle-East.

And THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, February

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1962, (the journal appears on the stalls a month before its cover-date) said ***"The main object of this article is to categorically assure the public that as a consequence of this combination, there is absolutely no indication of either the destruction of the world or obliteration of life and that if at all a war breaks out, it will be fought with conventional weapons. On the day of the combination itself no dire calamity will befall the world."***

Yet, some rationalists shamelessly lied that astrologers had forecast the end of the world with this phenomenon. No competent astrologer did that. This dire forecast of the world's doom was cooked up by the rationalists and published as an astrological forecast in order to push their anti-Astrology stance.

The blind prejudice against Astrology stems from ignorance — an ignorance of even the basics of the science. And attacks against Astrology, when we look into the history of the world, have proceeded more on religious and cultural bias than on a rational basis. Astrology as also all other intellectual pursuits were born and bred in the temples of the Orient — India, China and only later on it spread to Europe. As a result, a connection between Astrology and religion was inevitable. There was hardly a murmur against Astrology in the pre-Christianity days. But thereafter the church regarded it always with suspicion because of its temple background, although the science itself was structured on mathematics.

The *Rig Veda Samhita* is considered to "be amongst the oldest extant records of the ancient world" by the western oriental scholars. They conjecture the date of the composition of the *Samhita* to be between 12th and 14th century B.C. Mr. Wilson, the translator of the *Rig Samhita* into English thinks its date may be about the 12th or 13th century B.C. Mr. Colebrooke, on astronomical data, conjectures an even higher antiquity but still fixes it at 14th century B.C. But Indian scholars say the *Rig Samhita* is very very ancient being *apourusheya* and not composed by any man. Modern examinations of the astronomical data from the *Rig Samhita* seem to corroborate this view.

Astrology being a Vedanga is of great antiquity. It was practised more than 40 centuries ago simultaneously by Hindus, the Chinese, the Egyptians and the Aztecs - people who lived thousands of miles away separated by mountains, deserts, forests and seas.

Research scholars like Silvian Bouley and Dupius aver that the Hindu zodiac is the earliest known to mankind and the first calendar was made in India in Circa B.C. 12000. These scholars would have been happy if they had known that near Colombo at the ancient Kelaniya Temple, there is a representation of the zodiac similar to the one at Denderah (Egypt), the latter done by the descendants of the Atlantis people who were themselves Hindus according to modern unbiased research (Fr. Heras and Col. Olcott). The Kelaniya one is pre-Christian.

Back in the middle ages, Galileo was tormented, tortured and threatened with death because he taught the world was round. We would like to relegate such acts of ignorance and barbarism to the past and believe such outrages against progress could not happen in our day and age.

But we have parallels of this kind of intolerance even today. The classic example of such intolerance today is of Astrology by certain sections of rationalists and scientists. It is an unwritten law in their code of honour to bar Astrology from the comity of sciences, notwithstanding growing scientific evidence in its favour.

What is Astrology? Astrology is the science that studies the correlation between celestial bodies and terrestrial events. In India by about the time of Varahamihira, laws of Astrology had been tested for generations and codified. Astrological laws discovered by the ancient Rishis of India were initially based on hypotheses made on the basis of various observations.

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hese hypotheses were modified with time as ew data either extended or narrowed down he scope of the hypothesis. Where the hypothesis indicated a high probability, it would o into storage in one of the ancient text books. hen a hypothesis is unproved, the scientist an argue all they want about it; but when the xperimental proof comes in they must cease heir clamour. The significant number of correct predictions indicates probabilities far in xcess of what can be achieved by random hance.

In India, and possibly in most other parts of he world, people tend to accept without question whatever is the scientific or religious ashion of the day. Sunday Supplement writers ave helped to create in the minds of many, a ighly inaccurate and negative picture of Astrology. Some rationalists (which term includes some officially designated scientists) ay "Astrology is not science" with considerable inality. And many newspapers take this and rint it and a lot of people read it and think it ashionable to be critical of Astrology. But what s fashionable is not necessarily scientific.

A segment of the scientific community also hinks that limited knowledge of one subject ualifies them to make pronouncements on very other subject under the sun. That every hing should fit in with known laws of science. But this attitude is far from scientific as Max Plank, founder of the Quantum Theory says Science does not mean an idle resting upon a ody of certain knowledge; it means unresting ndeavour and continually progressing development towards an aim which the poetic intuition may apprehend but which the intellect can ever fully grasp." Astrology gave birth to esearch. Oriental priests observed physical nd astronomical phenomena. They noted correlating influences in human events. And this ed to the ennunciation of astrological laws. sn't today's science the outcome of the occult nd medieval times?

Astrology is an applied science, combining oth observations and the theories of why these observations must necessarily be true. The theories may be in error. But the observations are fact. Man's first attempt at applying mathematics to life is Astrology. The results were good, at least as good as those we obtain using highly sophisticated mathematical models and large digital computers.

The confusion of the critics lies in distinguishing the why of Astrology (theory) from the what of Astrology. As to why planets have a bearing on human affairs, even Newton was puzzled. He wrote in his famous *Philosophiac Naturalis Principia Mathematica* "I have not been able to discover the cause of those properties of gravity from phenomena, and I frame no hypothesis....it is enough that gravity does really exist.... and accounts for the motions of all celestial bodies." He felt a true understanding of the nature of gravity was beyond comprehension. In short, action-at-a-distance could be described, but it could not be explained. And Astrology is precisely action-at-a-distance.

Many great scientists had great respect for Astrology. "Condemnation without investigation is the height of ignorance" said Benjamin Franklin and I am sure, as everyone will agree, he certainly knew what he was saying. He was a scientist, philosopher, diplomat and the most outstanding American of his time. He was also one of the staunchest supporters and believers of Astrology. He believed nothing, absolutely nothing which he could not prove or see for himself. While in college, he drew up the chart of a fellow student Titan Leeds and after studying it carefully came to the painful but startling conclusion he would die at the precise time of the conjunction of the Sun and Mercury. This conjunction occurred on October 7, 1733 at exactly 3.20 p.m. Leeds who was hale and healthy until then, suddenly collapsed precisely at this moment.

Many of the fathers of the American Revolution including Jefferson, Washington and Robert Campbell (author of *Our Flag*) practised Astrology. In fact, according to Campbell, the U.S. flag was designed symbolically to

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express the flag and the nation in terms of the zodiac.

In fact, Evangeline Adams, descendant of John Quincey Adams, the sixth President of the United States firmly believed Astrology and on one occasion defended it in a court of law. The judge at the end of the case said "The defendant raises Astrology to the dignity of an exact science. Every fortune-teller is a violator of the law but every astrologer is not a fortune-teller."

The fortune-teller tells the client only what he wishes to hear. The futurologist tells the people amusing and phantasical forecasts of the next century or the 25th century or of 10 millions years from now. He is like the artist who excels in modern art where no one knows what the artist says, not even the artist himself. In like manner, the futurologist excels in spinning yarn after yarn of fantasy, absurdity, inanity. Luckily we can look forward to a lot of amusement from futurologists, thanks to the Bangalore University's brainwave of starting a Futurology Department.

The astrologer, in strong contrast, is a serious man with respect for truth. Although he lacks the glamour and phantasy of the futurologist, he more than makes up for them by his conscientious work and sincerity. Although the chart shows him many things he will reveal only what is true and aimed at promoting the welfare of the client. Facts which are too harsh to be borne such as sudden deaths and probability of malignant disease are only hinted at in the subtlest of language followed by timely warning and advice.

Those who decry Astrology will not take the trouble to study the facts brought to light by masters of Astrology. Many educated men in India suffer from moral cowardice where Astrology is concerned. This disbelief, like many other fashions current here, is borrowed second hand from the West and their intellectual conduct where Astrology is concerned is nothing short of intellectual dishonesty.

Rationalists who decry Astrology quote the findings of Michel Gaquelin, a French researcher, who made a study of astrological laws over a small number of test-cases in 1982. He did not find evidence conclusively in favour of Astrology. But in 1989, he completed the study of 100,000 cases and found to his astonishment astrological laws working. These findings have been published in a book form. He writes of the bitter experience he had at the hands of these scientists when he sent his findings on 100,000 cases in favour of Astrology to the Belgian Committee, a committee formed precisely for the purpose of examining Astrology and certain other areas of knowledge. Paul Courdec, head of the Committee, who had shown great willingness to examine, without bias, evidence supporting Astrology laws when the Committee was first formed, refused to look into Gaquelin's findings. He is believed to have said "Do you really think that the scientists would stop all their work and amuse themselves for 10 days going over your work with a fine tooth-comb...?" And to think Paul Courdec had complained before that "Unfortunately these scientific commissions do not have enough work"!

Gaquelin was thoroughly disillusioned and writes of Paul Courdec in his book *supra*, "This man was willing to spend time writing a whole book criticising Astrology, but does not have time to look into evidence scientifically obtained and supportive of Astrology."

In a book entitled "Cosmic Perspectives - Essays Dedicated to the Memory of M.K.V. Bappu" edited by S.K. Biswas (IISc, Bangalore), D.C.V. Mallik (Indian Institue of Astrophysics) and C.V. Visweshwara (Raman Research Institute) published by the Cambridge University Press, 1989, there is a paper entitled "Astrology and Science: an examination of the evidence" by Ivan W. Kelly, Roger Culver and Peter J. Lopston. One does not know how those men are qualified to evaluate evidence relating to Astrology but it is quite evident the paper in question is a hastily written one with absolutely no trace of the scientific temper or approach, which these men are supposed to

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News and Views

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eath During Sleep

A READER writes: "What are the combinations for death during sleep without any ailment? In 1986 my icle who was of Taurus Lagna ent to sleep and woke up at o'clock in the night to attend ture's call and again slept and s found dead in the morning. y cousin brother who is also of urus Lagna dies in 1990 in entical manner and both in latives' houses."

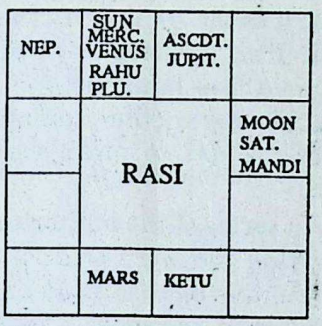
As the full charts were not pplied, I looked for recorded ses in similar circumstances th the complete chart and I ld get one in Alan Leo's *1001 table Nativities* item No. 329. belonged to a foreigner.

Here again, the Sayana chart, e date of death (not birth) and gh age alone were mentioned. d therefore to work out from planetary and Lagna figures actual date and time of birth d succeeded in rescuing the real chart which corresded to the tropical chart en. It is seen alongside.

Amazingly, that chart too had rus Lagna!

This set me thinking.

(Date of Birth: 21-4-1858, 5 a.m. GMT, London, Ascent 30-24; Sun 8-57; Moon



107-07; Mars 219-34; Mercury 28-55; Jupiter 30-05; Venus 21-59; Saturn 90-17; Rahu 323-45; Ketu 143-45; Uranus 35-43; Neptune 331-54; Pluto 13-49; Mandi 110-24. Ayanamsa 21° 52'.

My search in the available literature for a proven formula for this phenomenon also yielded fruit. Mahadeva's *Jataka Tatva* has one:

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शुक्रज्ञौ अष्टमे शय्यायां वान्तराले मृत्युः ।

Venus and Mercury in the 8th cause death in bed (sleep) or in between.

It is noteworthy that in the above chart Venus and Mercury occupy 12th which belongs to the trika group and perhaps 12th is more appropriate as bed, and Mercury there is Maraka lord for Taurus Lagna who could have contributed to the event.

Interestingly *Uttarakalamrita* makes Lagna as the Karaka house for sleep and Moon, the Karaka planet thereof. We can accept *prima facie* Nisakara the Moon, as the Karaka planet.

If that is agreed, Taurus the exaltation house of Moon could well earn the title for representing the highest form of sleep and what is it?

The Sanskrit word for sleep is (निद्रा). It is derived thus:

नियतंद्रान्ति इन्द्रियाणि अत्र इति ।

i.e., in whose union the senses enjoy eternal bliss. In other words, it indicates a stage in which the senses, in Upanishadic terms, abide in the third or Sushupti state of the macrocosm, and known as Isvara.

Don't we speak of death as the long sleep?

It would therefore be appropriate to hold Taurus as the Karaka for long Sushupti state and affliction to it could spell the kind of death under discussion, which is in order.

The native cited above passed away at the end of Maraka lord Mars Dasa.

It is noteworthy that Mandi and Saturn the ace killers

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vitiate the Moon or Karaka by company and occupation of his habitat.

One more point: Taurus is also the Badhakasthana for Cancer which, in the present context, is Karaka planet's house.

Scholars can further investigate the issue.

Some Thoughts on Pushkara

In the *A.M.* July 1990 the subject of Pushkara occurs in more than one place, and their perusal made me pen this note as some parts in them struck a discordant note in my ear.

One of them occurs in the correspondence section and is apparently meant to be a reply to an earlier piece on the subject in which the other writer had made out, and correctly too, that Dwipushkara and Tripushkara are out-and-out evil Yogas.

The thrust of the present reply is that these two Yogas are innocuous; they are but duplicators and triplicators of effects -- good and bad; but, if so, why propitiation at all?

He bases his conclusion on his interpretation of a verse taken from *Muhurta Chintamani* which says:

त्रेपुष्करो भवति मृत्यु विनाश वृद्धौ
त्रैगुण्यदो द्विगुणक्वद्वसुतक्षचान्द्रे ।

This line just says that Tripushkara trebles and Dwipushkara doubles *Mrityu-vinasa-vriddhi*. This correspondent takes this compound as death-loss-and-gain, and absolves these two Yogas of any evil intent on their part.

There are two reasons why his meaning is unacceptable. Firstly, a single Yoga cannot father simultaneously two directly opposite, *i.e.*, benefic and adverse, results at the same time. Secondly these two Yogas are, by long tradition, held so evil, what with their components being Sunday, Tuesday, Krittika, Visakha etc. that one is afraid even of dying, in these Yogas!

And the *panchangas* menacingly mention them on each page, so much so the above compound is worth examining with a microscope.

An unbiased mind will construe it as the 'escalation' of death and loss, caused by these Yogas--three times by one and two times by another, taking the word *vriddhi* to mean escalation.

In terms of the author's own thinking the word *vriddhi* can alternately be construed as, interest paid on money borrowed following usage (चक्रवृद्धि) meaning, interest on interest, or compound interest.

In terms of both the latter constructions, there is no contradiction in the behaviour of the Yogas. In the latter, it could be a warning against borrowing because, interest will be unbearable, and against lending too, because the capital could be lost (*vinasa*).

In fact I have known elders avoid these two Yogas for all constructive purposes.

In sum, it would seem inappropriate to translate *vriddhi* as gain and absolve these two yogas as innocuous characterising them as mere multiplying agents, especially as it is flavoured by propitiation. The second Pushkara occurs in an article in the same issue in its use as Pushkaramsa. Here too I find a sticky wicket. The verse quoted from *Chandra Kala Nadi* (on page 564) runs as follows:

केन्द्रत्रिकोणगे जीवे पुष्करांशे सुभाग्यवान् ।
षष्ठाष्टमव्ययांशस्ते (स्थे?)
दुर्बलो पुत्रशोकवान् ॥

The writer translates it thus: Jupiter in Kendra or Kona makes a native very lucky (wealthy), but if the sign of the Pushkara Navamsa occupied by Jupiter falls in the Rasi chart in the 6th, 8th and 12th houses, the native loses his health and also son.

In this sense, it is inconceivable that the same Jupiter by occupying Kendra/Kona and also Pushkaramsa could make the native very lucky with one hand and by flexing his other hand (occupying 6, 8 & 12) kill his son, besides damaging his health at the same moment.

Which native will look kindly on this Frankenstein of a Jupiter?

In fact they say, that, Jupiter in Kendra or Kona much more so in Pushkaramsa, will remove a lakh of Doshas, don't they? No--Jupiter deserves better treatment.

Suppose we translate the verse in the natural way without bias. Jupiter in Kendra/Kona with Pushkaramsa will make a man extremely fortunate; if (instead of Pushkaramsa) he occupies 6th, 8th and 12th Rasi positions in the Navamsa, he proves despite the above Rasi position evil *i.e.*, (will not only *not* bestow wealth, but also) cause grief over the son and disturb health too, because, he is Karaka for Dhana, and digestion too. This will follow the fundamental rule that Navamsa positions of planets, when they are well or ill-placed in the Rasi, have the final say in the matter of effects. These are my personal views.

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Astrological Miscellany

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(In this feature, unusual and interesting events that occur in day-to-day life will be discussed trologically. They may be about anything - birth, marriage, accident, sport, career, art, farming, ather, animals and the list is endless - so long as it is different from the monotony of life. Readers are vited to send in details of such instances plus relevant astrological charts, dates and the Ayanamsa to ***trological Miscellany,*** *THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Bangalore 560 020.)*

enement Tensions

READER Mrs. Deepa Datta of Calcutta has a very interesting case for discussion. It is of a landlady who has 2 High Court cases nding on appeal for 2 years. The cases, how-er, are not coming up for hearing inspite of all r efforts. The tenants are doing everything in eir power to harass the landlady, emotionally d physically. Our reader wants to know if this se has a solution, the Dasa now being of Saturn d the Bhukti of Mercury.

Born 13-1-1937 at 9.20 p.m. at Calcutta.

Rasi: Leo- Ascendant 26-29; Libra - Mars 11-; Sagittarius - Rahu 1-16 and Jupiter 16-21; pricorn - Moon 11-38, Mercury (R) 5-3 and Sun ; Aquarius - Venus 15-34 and Saturn 25-23; and mini - Ketu 1-16.

The picture from the Ascendant is slightly concerting. The 4th lord Mars is in the 3rd and 4th house is aspected by malefic 6th lord urn whose Dasa is running. But from the on-sign, the 4th house is not too badly placed. rs aspects the 4th house, so does the Moon-sign d Saturn. Therefore, the litigation (Saturn g the 6th lord as also Dasa lord) may go on and Mars in the 3rd (12th from 4th) may tempt one onclude that the lady may lose the house itself e it not for the martian aspect on the 4th as 4th d from Chandra Lagna. This is some kind of ing grace. The afflictions to the Moon at birth ld have prompted the lady to have made sev-l wrong decisions relating to litigation. How-r, summing up, the termination of the court case does not seem to be in sight during Saturn Dasa. But the house will not be lost to the lady, either.

Hoping Against Hope

The chart below is of an ill-fated officer who piloted the helicopter that crashed near Pondicherry coast in the Bay of Bengal on 12-8-1988. The last communication was at 3.20 p.m. The body of the co-pilot and a part of the wreckage were recovered. The whereabouts of the native are not known.

The parents and wife of the native still believe he is alive, says reader Dr. S. S. Nathan, retired Lt. Colonel of Madras.

Born 27-10-1945 at 12-44 p.m. LMT at Palghat.

Rasi: Ascendant - Capricorn 17-22; Sun 190-34; Moon 93-00; Mars 91-57; Mercury 167-08; Jupiter 170-26; Venus 167-38; Saturn 91-50; Rahu 69-59; and Ketu 249-59 with a balance of 0 years, 3 months and 24 days of Jupiter Dasa at birth.

There are only malefics in the quadrants—Mars and Saturn in the 7th and the Sun in the 10th. The benefics in the 9th are good but only to a certain extent. From Chandra Lagna again the malefics occupy Kendras. These factors in addition to the Moon in the 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th or 12th cannot support good longevity.

The Dasa was of Ketu and the Bhukti of Mercury when the accident took place. Ketu is in a fiery sign, the 22nd drekkana is the 2nd of Leo, a Paksi drekkana, and the 8th lord Sun in Swati is in a fiery sign in a Paksi drekkana again. These

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would indicate maraka or danger of death in aerial flights or fire and the Paksi drekkanas only confirm the indications.

Future Prospects Good

Reader Dr. Alakananda Lahiri is very concerned with her husband's future. A Ph.D. scholar in Immunology, he has tried unsuccessfully for openings both within the country and without.

Born 16-7-1959 at 11-27 p.m. at Calcutta. Rasi: Aries - Ascendant; Cancer - Sun and Mercury (R); Leo - Venus and Mars; Virgo - Ketu; Libra - Jupiter (R); Scorpio - Moon; Sagittarius - Saturn; and Pisces - Rahu. Present Dasa is of Venus.

The chart is not too bad considering 9th lord Jupiter's occupation of the 7th house and his aspect on the Ascendant. . Venus, the current Dasa lord, is in the 5th with Lagna lord Mars and becomes favourable. As 7th lord he does not rule out assignments overseas. The Moon in the 8th gives a weak mind, moody and vacillating but here he gets some support from Mar's aspect on him. Once Saturn moves out of Sagittarius which will be at the end of November 1990 and when the Bhukti too is of a helpful planet, Dr. Lahiri can look forward to her husband's future prospects begin to bloom.

Untwinlike Twins

"I am a regular reader of your magazine. I submit before you certain facts which I feel will throw some light on certain principles of Astrology. I was blessed with twins on 17-9-1987 at Coimbatore at 6-44 a.m. and 6-48 a.m. The physical features and mental characteristics are so distinct that it proves certain age old theories wrong; but, of course, there are certain strong clues also. I hope your readers will solve this mystery.

"*Baby A:* During delivery, legs came first. Wheatish complexion, fat, weighs 1 kg. more than the second baby, 2-3 inches taller than the second baby. Not very active as compared to the second child. Has tonsillitis problem. Voice - sweet, very reserved and very attached to mother. Head-line, Life-line joined under Jupiter Mount.

"*Baby B:* During delivery head came first. Very fair lean, very active, cannot keep quiet for a second, no tonsils problem. Voice bit coarse, extravort, very fast in learning and can mix with new faces. Head-line, Life-line are separated under Jupiter Mount.

"Since the timings are as given by the hospital authorities, there can be difference in minutes. But except for the Lagna the position of all the planets will be the same. The theory that the position of the Moon decides the complexion appears to be wrong. Similarly, the combination for tonsillitis, though present in both charts, only one is affected by the disease. The point to be noted is that the kids are running the same Dasa also!

"Another surprising fact is that no astrologer had predicted twins for either of us. So what is that combination that blessed us with twins?

"Husband: Rasi; Libra - Ascendant16, Saturn (R) 23-22, Venus (R) 22-26; Scorpio - Sun 20 and Mercury 8-56; Sagittarius - Rahu 14-35; Aquarius - Mars (R) 8-12; Pisces - Moon 9-22; Gemini -Ketu 14-35; and Cancer - Jupiter (R) 7-09.

"Wife:Rasi: Gemini - Ascendant 11; Virgo - Rahu 1-32; Sagittarius - Jupiter 10-47 and Saturn 25-35; Aquarius - Mars (R) 7-25, Mercury 23-43 and Venus 28-50; Pisces - Sun 20-11 and Ketu 1-32; and Taurus - Moon 27-52" writes reader A. K. Muralidaran, Bangalore.

Where is the Sanyasi?

"*Sloka* 26 of Adhyaya XV of *Jathaka Parijatha* (the *sloka* is also found in *Saravali* and *Jataka Ratna*) of Vaidyanatha Dikshita (translation by Sri V. Subramanya Sastri) states "The combination of Mars, Sun, Mercury, Saturn and Venus makes a person under the said combination in one Bhava, a devotee or Vratasamyutoanarah. *Sloka* 24 of the same Adhyaya XV of Jataka *Parijata* says occupation of an even sign jointly by Venus, Sun, Mars and Saturn produces a *tapasa* - a devout hermit or an ascetic.

" I find such a combination in the enclosed horoscope. The native though aged about 67 has not taken to *sanyasa* so far. Is there a Sanyasa Yoga in the enclosed horoscope or not? If so, when and whether he will take to *sanyasa*? If not, why not?

"Rasi: Virgo - Ascendant, Sun Venus, Saturn, Mercury and Mars; Libra - Jupiter; Aquarius - Ketu; and Leo - Moon and Rahu. *Navamsa:* Leo - Ascendant; Virgo - Venus, Saturn and Rahu; Libra - Moon; Capricorn - Mars; Aquarius - Mercury; Pisces - Ketu; Gemini - Jupiter; and Cancer - Sun" writes a puzzled reader V. Subramaniam of Madras.

Readers can write to us on these 2 cases before 30-12-1990.

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Mind and the Cosmos

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IT IS not easy to estimate the period in which each of the six famous Darsanas became prominent; but the development of thought is fairly simple to trace.

Although the esoteric Veda doctrine gave way to the exoteric systems, culminating in the *Purva-mimamsa* of Jaimini, the Upanishads preserved for all time in tact the teaching of—'liberation'.

Sankara is often charged with having built the theory of Advaita from the subjective Idealism of Vijnanavada, but in truth Advaita is the all-embracing philosophy of the Absolute. Many thinkers have said that it is not possible to have a philosophy of the Absolute, being an undifferentiated "One without a Second" but what such people do not realise is the one great fallacy that they all fall into—namely, that knowledge, the data of experience, has nothing in common with Jnana, the Gnosis. The latter, the supreme knowledge which measures the full realisation of the Self, is the recognition of the Absolute, the inclusion of the All in one Unutterable Thought; there is no relativity here, but to interpret the knowledge of experience, the pre-eminence of relativity must be acknowledged.

It is not within the province of this commentary to evaluate the moral standards of humanity and to examine them with the true standard—Abheda—of the Advaita as a background, as this has already been admirably done by Gaudapada in his Karakas on the *Mandukyopanishad*. The object of this thesis is to examine the modern scientific theory of the Universe in the light of the *Mandukyopanishad* and to attempt to show the unity of Mind and Cosmos, as delineated in the *Aum*.

The Low States of Awareness

"All is Aum" (*i.e.*, the word) is the theme of the opening stanza of the *Mandukyopanishad* and from this, and the ensuing concept of the name and the thing named in non-duality, are expounded the quarters of the *Aum*.

These are:

Vaisvanara, whose sphere is the state of waking, the first syllable A,

Taijasa, whose region is dream, the second syllable U,

Prajna, whose sphere is deep sleep, the third syllable M.

Turia, "Thou art That", the Fourth, the *Aum*.

It will be seen that the "anatomy" of Mind is clearly outlined in this treatise. It is now proposed to show that the "anatomy" of the Universe is not different in essence.

A New Theory of Time

The question of Time has been a vexed problem for philosophers throughout the ages. Many theories have been advanced, one of the most notable being the 'serial' theory of J.W. Dunne. But everyone of these theories suffers from the same defect—the theory appeals only to the logical (or illogical) viewpoint and is incapable of proof by observation.

In a consideration of the states of awareness as detailed in the *Mandukyopanishad* however, a new theory is born. Not only is this a theory with logical appeal but also is it a theory capable of substantiation, as it is valid for *All* states of awareness. There is no need to posit a time dimension that to a hypothetical quadri-dimensional observer is a dimension of space—this is solely a quasi-mathematical-metaphysical abstraction that philosophers have dwelt lovingly upon for the past three decades under the impression that they were

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dealing with a scientific fact.

This new theory of Time leaves the space dimensions as automatic checks one upon the other and shows them to be, in themselves, states of objective perception, or in other words, factor of interpretation of "mind at-a-distance".

Our language and speech symbolises these very factors and provides an analogy between the states of awareness and the dimensions of space:-

e.g.: " a line of Thought" (one dimension—linear)
" the dream-plane" (two dimensions—length and breadth)
" depth of sleep" (three dimensions—length, breadth and height).

All our perceptions are gained within these dimensions. But now the new factor, Time, is to be dealt with. To what should this factor be paralleled?

The True Nature of Time

The sages have taught that awareness is not a smooth-*continuum*—a passage through Time, as it is loosely termed, but a series of discontinuous states somewhat similar to a moving picture on a cinema screen. To carry the analogy a little further—but not too far—the appearance of a smooth continuum is given by a series of discontinuous events following each immediately upon the preceding one. The 'Screen', however, remains unchanged. What is analogous to the screen? The unique transcendental awareness of the Fourth State, Turia, the undifferentiated, may one say? Here the analogy would lead to error, for the Fourth includes and is not different from the other three. Our true analogy—to leave the cinema screen—is Time, and, as the Turia has been misunderstood, so is Time misapprehended, because of the difficulties encountered when one is forced to attempt to express what one is not equipped to perceive.

Here a paradox intrudes, for the only aspect of Time the ordinary being is able to perceive is its Timelessness! Men tell of the passage of Time. Through what? A further dimension of Time, says Dunne, positing his infinite regression. But Time does not move, beings do not move through Time—they—and all—are Time.

Time is beginningless and endless and like the Turia can be only explained by what it is *not*. But by achieving the Fourth state, or being finds the secret of Time laid bare.

Time and the "Expanding Universe" Theory

Physicists believe that the Universe is expanding and they believe that once, or unthinkable time ago, all matter was condensed into a much smaller "volume", and they further believe that it will end in a "heat-death" when the point of maximum entropy is reached. Philosophically-trained students will see so many fallacies in this argument that they will ask if the entire theory cannot be dropped. This is precisely what shall be done in this thesis.

This so-called expansion is only pointed because of a further fallacy—a belief in a time-progression. The "Red-Shift", noticed in distant galaxies' spectra is a case of Relativity being caught in its own net.

They say "space is expanding"; "the metre is no longer a metal"; "the galaxies are receding".

But—(1) There is no such thing as "absolute motion".

(2) Space-dimensions are valid only for the immediate object of perception.

(3) Over great distances, to perceive, the consciousness has to expand and interprets what it sees in terms of objectivity, whereas it is the *vibration of thought itself* which is decelerating!

Some mystics claim to have measured the "Time" between two successive thought-vibrations—known as the Mental Constant (or) and find it, in time, of the same order as the Cosmical Constant (or) in space, which is a measure of the curvature of space.

What does this mean?

It means that the measures of curvature of space and the vibration of Thought are empty abstractions in the state of awareness which includes and transcends the Vaisvanara, the Taijasa and the Prajna, the gross, the subtle and the causal.

In the Fourth state, the Cosmos, in a whole Manvantara, is an infinite point and yet in *evolution from 0 to infinity*.

In other words, the true identity of Time is the *Now*, which the unutterable "perceives", that is, Time is a limitation of the Timeless Self, Brahman.

The reason for the fractional and fetter-bound identity of Time that the earth dweller experiences, is his imperfect cognition of the Ultimate Reality.

The neo-phyte is taught *in the yearly stages* that he must

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Planets and Success in Life

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ACCORDING to great thinkers, success in life can be achieved by any one who follows certain defined codes of life. They believe that life can be moulded as one wants to. In India too, Swami Sivananda and others have outlined certain sure ways of success in life. If this is accepted, then the role of Astrology is definitely dignified. There are several fields in which astrological principles could be applied. This is the point DR. B. V. RAMAN has always stressed in every issue of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

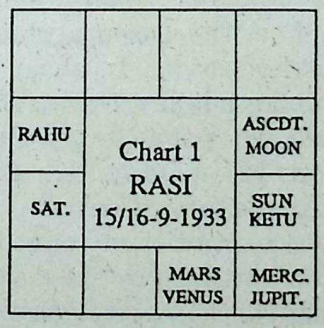
The fatalistic attitude is an outcome of the wrong interpretation of the Law of Karma in India. While it is true that one has to suffer for past misdeeds and enjoy in return for his good deeds from his previous births one is definitely allowed freedom to improve his lot materially and strive towards *Moksha* or final emancipation also.

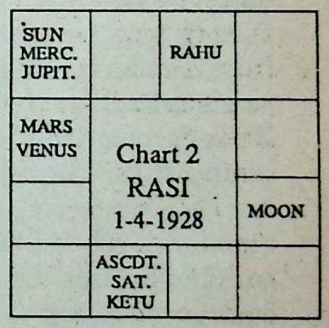
I have examined several horoscopes where potential success was predicted and the natives intensified their efforts and after struggle attained success. While interpreting astrological principles, many contradictory rules have to be properly understood and applied.

For example, Jupiter and the Moon in the 6th and 8th from each other are said to cause Sakata Yoga. But benefics in the 6th, 7th or the 8th from the Ascendant or the Moon will give Adhi Yoga (indicating good results). Thus Jupiter in the 8th from the Moon will perhaps cause some trouble rather than success, as Sakata Yoga may supersede Adhi Yoga. But if the Moon is in Sagittarius and Jupiter in Cancer, causing Parivartana, Sakata Yoga loses its venom and gives place to a Dhana Yoga. It is not easy to interpret a combination and it requires concentration, knowledge and grasp of the principles of prediction. Here comes THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. edited by DR. B. V. RAMAN, where we find different views expressed by several scholars which give us practical training in horoscopic studies.

Success in life (Chart 1) was attained early in life. The Moon rises in the Ascendant in dignity occupying Pushya ruled by Saturn who aspects Lagna from Capricorn, his own house. The balance of Saturn Dasa at birth was 4 years, 9 months and 13 days at birth.

Saturn is aspected by Mars, who is lord of the 5th and the 10th and is a *Yogakaraka*. Thus Mars' beneficial rays are transmitted to Lagna through Saturn. Venus, Mercury and the Sun are also in their own signs, as also, the Moon and Saturn. In Navamsa, Jupiter and Yogakaraka Mars occupy Pisces and Aries respectively. During Saturn and Mercury Dasas the native led a frugal life which he had to share with several brothers and sisters. During Ketu Dasa, he consulted me if he could leave his job in a Central Government department and go in for the private sector. I advised him to venture boldly and assured him that even if he were to be





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thrown into the streets, he would stumble across hidden wealth meaning he would be re-established comfortably. He resigned his job and joined a big private company as an ordinary assistant. He worked hard and gradually rose up to occupy a top managerial post. He was able to conduct his daughter's marriage on a grand scale, not even dreamt of by his kith and kin. Only an astrologer could foresee it. This prediction gave him the necessary fillip and he boldly served in remote corners of India after leaving a comfortable position at Madras.

Mark Venus in Libra, coinciding with a *kendra* (quadrant) and causing Malavya Yoga and joining Mars, causing a good Raja Yoga. The power of these 2 Yogas is transmitted through Saturn to the Ascendant. During Venus Dasa he built up his career and enjoyed several comforts and performed his daughter's marriage. The Sun Dasa is ruling now and the Sun's position in the 2nd in own house will give a consolidation of wealth. Ketu and the Sun are more than 15° apart and therefore the Sun is free from affliction. My point is the success he enjoyed in material life came only after leading an ordinary life upto his 25th year. He had studied only upto S.S.L.C.

Chart 2 relates to an industrialist. The balance of Ketu Dasa at birth was 2 years, 2 months and 20 days. Venus, Mars and Saturn occupy own Navamsa. Venus which gave prosperity to Chart 1 could not benefit this gentleman. He suffered poverty because his father lost his entire wealth in the form of lands and jewels in expensive litigation. The Sun Dasa was ordinary and he got a petty laboratory assistant's post in an educational institution. He was an intermediate and with the advent of the Moon's Dasa, passed Brit IRE examination and got a diploma. He left his job to start a small factory and he relied on the encouragement from a reading of his horoscope. In about 10 years he built up the unit gradually. During Sun Dasa he married a lady who got a Central Government job during his Moon Dasa. Through her he got a house, thanks to the Central Government's scheme for the grant of advances for building houses. On his own, he purchased a big house with a vast vacant area in a posh locality, and acquired a car, all in Mars Dasa.

Mars, as lord of the 1st in the 4th, is aspected by the Moon, lord of the 9th. Thus a good Raja Yoga is formed. For Scorpio, the 9th house is a *badhakasthana*, house of obstruction. The 9th lord, Moon, caused initial obstacles before he could achieve success. He has steadily built a good bank balance said to run into several lakhs though at 30, he could barely eke out his livelihood.

The situation of Saturn and Ketu in the Ascendant and the aspect of Saturn and Mars over the Moon have made him run after wealth than rest a bit to enjoy a comfortable life.

There is another secret in this chart, which has contributed to his becoming a millionaire. Jupiter, lord of the 2nd and the 5th and Mercury, lord of the 8th and 11th, have joined in the 5th with the 10th lord Sun. According to *Bhavartha Ratnakara* translated by Dr. B. V. Raman, a relationship between the 2nd, 5th, 9th and the 11th houses gives wealth. The author has therefore extolled the combination of planets ruling those houses. For example, for Aquarius, a relationship between Jupiter (2, 11), Mercury (5, 8) and Venus (4, 9) gives wealth. Jupiter and Mercury together for Aquarius give some wealth. The *stanzas* in this work deserve careful study and application to practical cases. The native has been benefited by this combination especially because Jupiter aspects the Ascendant.

The third factor is the situation of Saturn in the Ascendant in Scorpio. All standard texts extol this combination and predict command over a village or town. This gentleman is virtually treated as a lord by his coterie of admirers and relatives and friends.

Success in life cannot be measured in terms of wealth and material benefits alone. A famous man may not be a wealthy one. Let us turn to Chart 3 relating to a famous award-winning playwright and director. His dramas after stage-play are adapted for the screen. But this man has suffered a lot and dabbled in two or three disconnected ventures such as politics, insurance and even a private job. He has never suffered for daily needs, as he was supported by his parents, especially mother, for more than a decade. As on date he is more famous than wealthy.

The lord of the Ascendant Venus is in the 9th (*badhakasthana*) with the 4th lord Sun, 2nd and 5th lord Mercury and Rahu. His life started with 16 years, 8 months and 24 days of Rahu Dasa. When almost half of the Dasa was over,

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		ASCDT.	
SAT.	Chart 3 RASI 27-1-1935		KETU
SUN MERC. VENUS RAHU			
		JUPIT. MOON	MARS

	MARS	ASCDT.	MOON
SUN MERC. VENUS	Chart 4 RASI 5-3-1925		RAHU
KETU			
JUPIT.		SAT.	

he started his career in the production of stage-plays. Jupiter, as lord of the 8th and the 11th, is in the 6th with the Moon, lord of the 3rd. This has produced mixed results. He worked very hard and only after the advent of Saturn Dasa in his 36th year, did he get really famous. Saturn is a Yogakaraka for Taurus and his situation in the 10th (ruling fame) gave fame only after much hard work. The mixed set-up in the 9th has deprived him of easy success and accumulation of wealth.

The combination of the Moon and Jupiter is called Guru Chandra Yoga. But in this case, the planets concerned do not own good or auspicious houses. But as lord of the 8th in the 6th, Jupiter causes Sarala Yoga (a Vipareeta Raja Yoga) the results of which are described by DR. B. V. RAMAN in *Three Hundred Important Combinations* as "Long-lived, fearless, learned, a terror to enemies, celebrated and prosperous". The keynote therefore appears to be fame rather than wealth. But if it is Harsha Yoga (lord of the 6th occupying *dustana* or evil house) results include fortune, happiness, wealth and fame. In Vimala Yoga (lord of the 12th occupying *dusthana*), the keynote appears to be frugality, character and independent nature. So, of these, Harsha Yoga seems to be superior from a materialistic point of view. Thus in Chart 3, Guru Chandra Yoga, causing Sarala Yoga has doubtless given fame. The ground for attaining fame was laid in the Dasa of Jupiter, though renown of a high order came only in Saturn Dasa.

Mercury (the 2nd and 5th lord), the Sun (the 4th lord) and Venus (the 1st and 6th lord) combining in the 9th and producing a Raja Yoga may perhaps fully manifest during Mercury Dasa when substantial wealth may be acquired in addition to the consolidation of fame and name. For a Taurus born, Budha Aditya Yoga (conjunction between the Sun and Mercury) produces immense material good as is clearly proved in Chart 4.

The native (Chart 4) was born in Taurus Ascendant, with the Budha Aditya Yoga. As in Chart 3, the three planets *viz.*, the Sun, Mercury and Venus have joined in the 10th instead of in the 9th and are away from the nodes unlike in Chart 3. Mercury has given all that a man can reasonably expect under certain circumstances.

The native of Chart 4 started as an ordinary lineman in the telephone department. He rose to a petty supervisor's post. He served in the army in the beginning. He was brought up by his maternal uncle for a long time. He was not treated by his parents with affection. But he treated his aged parents with love and regard. The father spent his last days with the native, who was magnanimous towards his brothers also. His was an affectionate nature. He had a balance of 15 years, 10 months and 2 days of Jupiter Dasa at birth. The beautiful combination of three planets, Venus, Mercury and the Sun as in Chart 3 has produced good results. Further the Moon occupying Punarvasu, owned by Jupiter, is aspected by Jupiter situated in his own house. Saturn, Yogakaraka, *par excellence* for Taurus, is exalted in the 6th. Before Saturn Dasa ended he had consolidated his position in a material sense. He was able to perform the marriages of five daughters decently and also build his own house.

Let us pass on to Chart 5. The native had to stop his education at S.S.L.C. since if he wanted to study and go in for a job, the family lands would have to be sold and the debts liquidated. But if he had a will to work, he could take over the debt and lands and toil. His father had assured him he would help him. The native decided to work with his father and discharge

	ASCDT.		SUN MERC. VENUS
KETU	Chart 5 RASI 15/16-7-1923		MOON MARS
			RAHU
		JUPIT.	SAT.

RAHU		SAT.	MARS
	Chart 6 RASI 13-9-1913		VENUS
MOON			SUN MERC.
JUPIT.			ASCDT. KETU

the debts. Of course, for a decade and half he toiled, and bettered his position—discharged the debts, acquired more lands and coconut

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groves, purchased a house at Madras and built up reserve funds to meet each family need. He has four sons and a daughter. From education to marriage as well as his own *shastiabdha poorthi*, he created funds to take care of each item. His life is a clear case of hard work, enjoyment and prudent manipulation of funds.

There must be some points in Chart 5. We find that the Moon is in the 4th in his own house with Mars the 1st and 8th lord. Mars gets his debilitation cancelled. This Chandra-Mangala Yoga in the 4th has given success — but the debilitation of Lagna lord gave him a bad start in life. The 10th lord in the 6th gave hard work and initial struggles. The 2nd and 5th lords have combined as pointed out in *Bhavartha Ratnakara*. This combination of Venus and the Sun yielded material prosperity which began in Venus Dasa. Ketu in Saturn's house gave the native debts. As Ketu is aspected by Jupiter, the lord of the 9th, Ketu's evil nature is considerably modified and the native's hard work yielded good results.

The success he has achieved by hard work can be attributed to the Moon and Mars.

Chart 6 is of an agriculturist. He married in 1950, lost his mother earlier and worked with his father, a landlord, with men under their control. His father spent a lot on litigation. Slowly they built up a fortune. During 1962 his father passed away. During 1986, his brother, who was a bachelor and was assisting him ably, passed away. He has 2 daughters and a son. The balance of Dasa at birth was 3 years, 7 months and 26 days of Mars.

The key in this horoscope seems to be the beautiful relationship between the lords of 2, 5, 9, 11 often extolled in *Bhavartha Ratnakara*. Venus, as lord of the 2nd and the 9th, is in the 11th, whose lord, the Moon, is in the 5th, whose lord, Saturn, in turn is in the 9th. Thus the 9th lord is in the 11th, the 11th lord is in the 5th and the 5th lord in the 9th. This uncommon chain has given the native considerable wealth—land, house, jewels and accessories in life. Saturn has given the major part of his wealth during his Dasa. During the Dasa of Mercury, he had some anxieties about the recovery of huge loans he had given and the process of recovery by peaceful means dragged on for some years. With the advent of Saturn's sub-period, he has able to recover completely all the dues. Thus Venus, Saturn and the Moon have built up his financial status.

Mercury as lord of 1 and 10 in 12 with lord of 12 is not a happy position. The strength of the Moon has compensated for the weakness of the lord of Lagna.

Jupiter as lord of the 4th and the 7th in the 4th and aspected by Mars lord of the 3rd and the 8th is rather afflicted. During Jupiter Dasa the native had to struggle in the fields similar to the native of Chart 5, to build up his financial status. Jupiter in the 4th, generally promoting enjoyment and happiness, has given hard work, untimely meals and bachelorhood for major part. Mars' aspect has affected Jupiter in this case. But Mars has absorbed the goodness generated by Jupiter. The Moon occupies Mars' star (Dhanishta). Thus the Moon is indirectly capable of giving the results of Mars. As Mars has taken over Jupiter's portfolio (children, house, pleasure, etc.) the Moon in turn in the 5th has been capable of promoting these, and has transmitted to Saturn, the power to produce several good results. Children are intelligent, good looking, studious and good natured.

In conclusion we have to note that individual effort is necessary to obtain success and fame and one cannot get away with mere good combinations in one's horoscope.—142.86.

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Yoga in Daily Life — V*

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Paschimottanasana

LIE flat on your back on the carpet.

2. Make sure the knees are also flat and pressed to the ground. Let the hands lie alongside the body.

3. Relax the body completely.

4. Now, slowly lift yourself to a sitting position.

5. Bend forward and clasp the big toe of each foot with your index and middle finger Fig (b). There should be absolutely no strain or undue force.

6. Bring down your head so that it touches the knees. Do not raise your knees to achieve this, but let them remain fixed to the ground and straight.(Fig. (a).

7. Remain in this pose for about 5 seconds.

8. Gradually release your grip on the toes and return to the supine position.

Fig. (a) Paschimottanasana

9. Repeat 4 or 5 times.

This asana cannot be done the first time. Each step must be gradually followed and only after some months, practice will you be able to assume the full pose.

Breathing:

(a) Inhale as you lie down.

(b) Exhale completely gradually as you raise yourself and bend to catch hold of the toes and return to the original position.

Benefits: It increases digestive powers and removes loss of appetite. The kidneys, liver, pancreas and abdominal muscles are stimulated. It gives relief from piles and diabetes. The legs are stretched to their fullest toning up the hamstring muscles. The spine is also massaged thoroughly. It is a good antidote for back-ache.

Halasana (Plough pose)

This is for all practical purposes the reverse of Paschimottanasana.

1. Lie flat on the carpet with the hands limp alongside.

2. Press the hands down on the ground as you lift the legs off the carpet.

3. Without bending at the knees, raise the hips high and bring the legs over the head and backwards till the toes touch the ground.

Halasana

4. Keep the knees straight and the legs together in a straight line.

5. Remain in the pose for a few seconds, and return to your original position.

6. Repeat 4 to 5 times.

Breathing:

Breathe slowly through the nose when in the pose. At other times, just breathe normally.

Benefits: In this asana, the muscles of the back are stretched fully and then relaxed. Every part of the vertebral column receives a rich supply of blood. Most ailments are caused by the poor condition of the spine. Halasana is an excellent tonic for maintaining the spine in its best condition. It makes the posterior region elastic. Constipation and sluggish working of the liver are all set right. The spleen, too, is massaged. It tones up the neck and shoulders. It removes excess fat on the hips.

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Sarvangasana

This is one of the best asanas for all-round health and vitality. In fact, ancient sages seem to ascribe eternal youth to its practitioners. As its very name suggests, it tones up all the organs (sarva-anga) of the system.

1. Lie down on a carpet with the hands by your side.

2. Slowly lift your legs off the ground, then the thighs and lastly, the hips.

3. Support the whole body—back, hips, thighs and legs—on your elbows, the hands, pressing against the sides of the back for support.

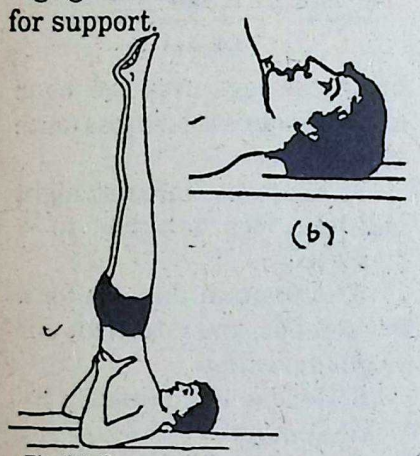

Fig. (a) Sarvangasana

4. Try to keep it as vertical as possible.

5. You will now find the chin pressing against the chest. (Fig. b)

6. The shoulders, the neck and part of the head should touch the ground when the asana is properly done.

7. Keep the body steady without shaking or jerking the legs.

8. Remain in the asana for a few seconds and train to retain the pose for a maximum period of five minutes

9. Gradually bring down the whole body and return to the original supine position.

This asana may be done just once.

Breathing:

Breathe slowly when in the pose.

Benefits: This asana, like the famous Sirshasana, reverses the whole body below the neck. The rich supply of blood to the face and the neck acts as a beauty treatment banishing unweclome signs of age, wrinkles and grey hair. The chinlock exerts pressure on the thyroid gland, toning it up. Ugly lines on the neck disappear. Double chins melt away. The blood from the legs flows down so that varicose veins are also cured. It also cures piles, constipation, poor blood circulation, female disorders and nocturnal emission. It keeps the urinary organs in good shape. It prevents premature hardening of the bones or ossification. It is even believed to cure leprosy.

In fact, this asana is believed to "destroy decay and death". Many beautiful women—models, filmstars and actresses—do this asana regularly to keep away the ravages of time. The enormous supply of blood to the head gives sparking eyes. This asana is a good tonic for overworked brains.

Caution: Do not attempt this asana if you are a heart patient or suffer from blood pressure, sinus trouble and weak eyes.

Matsyasana (Fish pose)

Sarvangasana must always be followed by Matsyasana. The

Matsyasana

former exerts a gentle pressure on the thyroid while the latter stretches the area containing the glands acting in just the opposite way on them.

1. Sit on a carpet and assume Padmasana.

2. Gently bring the body backwards down so that now you lie on the carpet but with the legs in Padmasana.

3. Let the elbows remain on the ground.

4. Lift the back off the ground, so that only the legs and head touch the ground, while the hands are also on the ground.

5. Throw the head well back so that the neck and back arch up and the body rests on the legs (in Padmasana) and the back of the head.

6. Catch hold of the toes with your hands, all the time the elbows touching the ground.

7. Remain in this pose for a few seconds and with practice learn to stay in it for 2 to 3 minutes.

8. Gently let go the toes, bring the back down and unclasp your legs from Padmasana.

You need not repeat this asana either.

Breathing:

When you have assumed the full pose, breathe deeply and slowly until you return to the original position.

Benefits: This cures stiffness and pain in the neck. The shoulders are arched back so that rounded and stooping shoulders get back their natural shape. The stretching of the trunk, waist and neck strengthens them and removes extra fat from these areas. The ribcage and lungs expand so that they are toned up and get fresh air and a bountiful supply of oxygen. Disorders of the pituitary and pineal gland are set right.

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Jupiter's Transit in Predicting Events

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JUPITER is the foremost among natural benefics. In transit, it roughly takes one year to traverse a sign and so twelve years for a complete revolution around the zodiac. During its stay in a sign, it remains retrograde for a period of approximately 4 1/2 months and then assumes direct motion about 4 months before finally leaving the sign for the next one. Sometimes Jupiter sweeps a sign through an extraordinarily rapid pace to reach the next sign. In astrological parlance, the phenomenon is termed as 'Atichara' meaning thereby movement at a pace faster than the normal stipulated rate. The planet sometimes re-enters the previous sign in retrogression. If this happens the temporarily suspended transit effects accrue to and through that sign are revived. These results are completely given by Jupiter before its final exit from that sign.

1.1 When in transit, Jupiter connects a planet in a birth chart either through conjunction or opposition and trinal aspects, the Karaktwa of that planet gets a tremendous boost. Such transit connections very much help natural attributes of that planet to grow. This may be termed as Jupiter's "expansionary growth inducing impact", on a planet in a static chart. Thus when transiting Jupiter conjoins the Sun or aspects the Sun in a birth-chart, its owner may get promotions in service and favour from his superior officer. If in a temporary job, he may attain stability in service through confirmation. He may get a good posting. His father may prosper and the native's own health may improve because the Sun in Astrology is treated as a Tanukaraka. These effects, needless to say, will be felt in varying degrees depending upon the (i) strength and lordship of the Sun, (ii) its relationship with other planets in the chart, (iii) the strength of connecting Jupiter and (iv) lastly, the Dasa backdrop. These points may need clarification. Let us suppose that in a horoscope with Cancer as the Ascendant, the Sun is exalted in the 10th house in Aries. So when Jupiter passes through Aries, it will be able to connect the exalted Sun in the 10th house. Here both the transiting planet and the transited planet are strong and the expected results will obviously be much better than when the transiting Jupiter will contact the radical Sun in Libra. Again let us imagine that the owner of the hypothetical horoscope, in addition to having the Sun in the zenith of the chart, is also blessed with a strong Jupiter in Sagittarius. Under such circumstances, Jupiter while passing through Aries, Leo or Sagittarius will be able to reinforce and strengthen the auspicious trinal linkage already existing in the original chart. In this connection, it may be mentioned that there is a peculiar advantage of having a strong Sun either in the 2nd, 6th or 10th house in a chart because such strategic placement enables the transiting Jupiter to energise the radical Sun once in a cycle of 12 years from the zenith of the horoscope. *The word 'advantage' here has been used in a restricted sense only for obtaining optimum results from Jupiter's transit in the context of service and profession.*

When in a horoscope Mercury is well placed in wealth producing houses like the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 9th and 11th and Jupiter in transit establishes contact with such Mercury, the

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man may earn from diverse sources. He may start a new business depending upon indications in the basic chart. If the horoscope belongs to a scholar, he may earn due recognition for his merit and scholarship. An orator or a writer may gain prominence if his strong Sun and Mercury is in the house of speech.

Similarly transiting Jupiter's connection with the radical Mars increases the scale of activity of a man since Mars is a planet of activity and vigour, strength of arms and dynamism. Readers may recall that Mars is a Yogakaraka planet for the Ascendant signs Cancer and Leo and for four other signs viz., Pisces, Aries, Scorpio and Sagittarius it is favourable. So the relationship between static Mars and dynamic Jupiter under these six Ascendant signs may be utilised for identifying periods when the concerned native may be energised into action for harvesting in future.

I have seen astrologers, keeping Dasa at the background, to arrive at date of marriage through studying the relationship between the radical Venus and transiting Jupiter in a horoscope. When Jupiter aspects Venus and conjoins Venus there is marriage. Eligibles enjoy much romance and pleasures of sex. Since Venus besides representing love, sex and marriage also stands for acquisition of material comforts of life, a man may undertake pleasure trips, acquire a building or own a car. When Venus in his horoscope receives the sobering aspect from moving Jupiter, auspicious events may also be celebrated in the house. Mention may be made of the role of Mars in this connection. Mars stands for landed property and building. When a strong Mars occupies the 4th house in a chart or stands connected with Venus, in a favourable house in a chart, its Dasa Bhukti effects may result in the construction of a house or purchasing a plot of land. These Dasa-Bhukti results get a further boost when Jupiter shifts through Rasis and connects the radical Mars. Mars sextiling Venus and *vice versa* or one trinally placed from the other or their conjunction or mutual opposition in a chart facilitates transiting Jupiter's simultaneous contact with both these planets from specific signs for ensuing quick and optimum results.

1.2 According to classical Astrology Jupiter in transit produces good results when it goes to the 2nd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th from the Moon-sign. When Jupiter in transit conjoins the Moon in a birth chart, the period may prove mentally disturbing for the native but when Jupiter in transit aspects the Moon-sign, it gives the native a buoyant outlook towards life unless this favourable effect gets nullified through adverse transits of Saturn and/or Rahu. In a horoscope, Jupiter strongly placed in an angle or a trine protects the native against sudden reverses. If such Jupiter is aspected by the dynamic Jupiter from a good house, in the absence of other disturbing transits, the owner of the birth chart may get favourable directions in life. If in a horoscope, luminaries are so placed one sextiling others or one having been trinally situated from the other, Jupiter in transit through vital signs can splash both the luminaries with its benign trinal rays which are considered more powerful and productive of good results by astrologers.

1.3 The example above emphasizes the need for identifying sensitive signs in a chart which when reckoned from the Ascendant, luminaries, Mars, Venus and Jupiter yield favourable angular distances from the transiting benefactor. There are horoscopes where planets are so dispersed that Jupiter's transit effects proceed more or less at a uniform pace over time. There are horosocopes where planets are so arranged that Jupiter while passing through a particular sign can brilliantly illuminate the entire horoscope all on a sudden. In V. P. Singh's horoscope transiting Jupiter in Gemini covers his two vital luminaries. In Rajiv Gandhi's horoscope the same sort of effects may be anticipated because of high concentration of planets in his sign Leo. *This in fact is essentially an astrological exercise on optimisation of transit effect which apart from identifying the sensitive signs also takes into account the extent of operation of inhibiting forces for frustrating the ex-ante results.* Readers may kindly recall that astrologers usually resort to Asthakavarga techniques for arriving at precise estimates of results. In fact, Jovian cycles are not repetitive in nature in the sense that Jupiter coming into a particular sign every 12 years will not produce the same kind of effect because when Jupiter comes to that sign, Saturn, Mars and Rahu will not come to those signs occupied by them twelve years ago.

1.4 Contrary to the general spirit of the paper that Jupiter

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transit produces an expan- impact on a native and offers tection against adverse tran- s of other planets, empirical terials at our disposal also eal Jupiter to produce dis- rous results on natives un- specific circumstances. The weight of such adverse tran- s are specially felt by those obvious reasons, born under Ascendant signs Taurus, mini, Virgo and Libra and in ose birth-charts afflicted piter is found placed in an l and *maraka* house *viz.*, the , 8th, 12th, 2nd or 7th houses. ch adverse transit effects ge from illness, or reversals fortune to even death of the tive depending upon place- nt of Jupiter in his chart, the ent of affliction on such piter, type of Dasa the native s been undergoing etc.

Simple examples may clar- this point. Let us assume t in a horoscope with Virgo ing, the 7th lord Jupiter is nd retrograde in the termi- l sign Leo. Venus in the same rt also stands afflicted. These ications therefore do not sent an encouraging picture the marital life of the owner he chart. Now when Jupiter l pass through the 8th sign es of this chart and aspects own position, it will in all bability create disturbances he married life of the native. horoscope with Gemini as rising sign, if Jupiter as the l of the 7th house is power- y placed in the 2nd house cer, transiting Jupiter ough Cancer may prove fa- against an adverse Dasa kdrop. Similarly transiting iter conjoining itself in the house Taurus in a horo- e or aspecting itself from the 2nd house Scorpio may lead to, against adverse Dasa, sudden downfall of the native.

1.5 Demonstrating Jupiter's transit effects on horoscopes in complete abstraction of the influence of other transiting planets and total disregard of the Dasa backdrop invariably runs into the grave risks of error. This is a warning to readers against overuse of this instrument of prediction. However to give my illustrations below a semblance of reality, Saturn's transit has been simultaneously considered and Dasa backgrounds have been referred to as and when possible.

Example-I: Date of birth 23-8-1934 at 3.20 a.m. with a balance of 0 yrs, 4 months and 6 days of Sun Dasa. *Rasi:* Cancer - Ascendant, Mars, Venus and Ketu; Leo - Sun and Mercury; Virgo - Jupiter; Capricorn - Rahu and Moon; and Aquarius - Saturn (R).

In 1964-65 (July to February) when Saturn was in Aquarius, the native's father became critically ill but he did not die because transiting Jupiter at that time trinally aspected the native's radical Sun from the 10th house Aries. During that period, there was tremendous tension in the office and family but out of that chaos, the native suddenly got a promotion in service. The native's running period was Rahu - Venus. Venus, the Badhaka for the Ascendant Cancer, the enemy of the Ascendant lord, the natural benefic having an angular ownership and having been placed in an angle in the company of the 7th house Rahu understandably created troubles and caused ailments in the family. Rahu, the Dasa lord, however is conjunct Moon and Venus is the Bhukti lord tagged with the Yogakaraka Mars. So against this Dasa backdrop, Jupiter's trinal aspect on the native's radical Sun from the zenith yielded tangible results.

In 1963, Jupiter from the 9th house Pisces aspected both the native's 5th lord Mars in the Ascendant and his 5th house Scorpio but transiting Saturn from Capricorn also covered the native's Ascendant where his vital planet Mars is situated. The native's wife conceived but before delivery there was miscarriage. In 1967, Jupiter in transit, through Cancer again established contact with the native's Mars in the Ascendant and also aspected his 5th house, the house of progeny. Saturn was in that year in Pisces. So the native's wife successfully gave birth to a male child.

Example 2: Date of birth - 31.12.1927 at 7 p.m. *Rasi:* Cancer - Ascendant; Scorpio - Mars, Venus, Ketu and Saturn; Sagittarius - Mercury and Sun; Pisces - Moon and Jupiter; and Taurus - Rahu.

The native married in 1959 when transiting Jupiter was on the 5th house where his radical Venus and Saturn, the lord of marriage, are both stationed. Transiting Jupiter in Scorpio represents 5th and 9th houses reckoned from the Lagna and Ascendant respectively. Saturn at that time was in Sagittarius. In 1964, Jupiter *via* its movement through different signs came to Aries which represents the 10th house from the native's Ascendant, the 2nd from the Moon and the 5th from Sagittarius where the Sun is stationed in the chart. Saturn, in transit, occupied Aquarius

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and so 3rd from the natal Sun. The native got a big lift in service. His Dasa was that of Venus conjunct Yogakaraka.

1.6 Important events in late Mrs. Indira Gandhi's life appear closely correlated with Jupiter's movement through different signs and so its transit contact with strategic planets in her chart. She was born on 19.11.1917 with a balance of 1 year, 1 month and 14 days of Sun Dasa to her credit. The overall planetary build-up at the time of her birth was as follows:

Rasi: Cancer - Ascendant and Saturn; Leo - Mars; Scorpio - Sun and Mercury; Sagittarius - Venus and Rahu; Capricorn - Moon; Taurus - Jupiter (R); and Gemini - Ketu.

In 1942 she married when transiting Jupiter from Gemini aspected her radical Venus. Her first son was born on 20-8-1944 when Jupiter was on her radical Mars, the 5th lord, in Leo. She was inducted into the cabinet on 20-6-1964. Transiting Jupiter at that time aspected her Yogakaraka Mars from the zenith. She became the Prime Minister on 24-1-1966. The time was characterised with dynamic Jupiter's re-entry in retrogression into Taurus from Gemini wherefrom it was able to connect both her radical Jupiter and radical Sun conjunct Mercury. Incidentally it may be mentioned that Taurus represents the 11th house from her rising-sign, the 5th from the Moon-sign and the 7th from the Sun-sign. So it was a highly sensitive point in her chart.

Born on 29-2-1896 at 12.58 p.m.

Rasi: Gemini - Ascendant; Cancer - Jupiter (R); Leo - Moon and Ketu; Libra - Saturn; Capricorn - Venus, Mercury and Mars; Aquarius - Sun and Rahu.

In ex-Prime Minister Mr. Morarji Desai's horoscope Jupiter, an enemy to his Ascendant lord and having ownership over the 7th house (a *maraka* house), is precariously posited retrograde in the 2nd house Cancer. This Cancer represents 12th and 6th houses reckoned from the Moon and the Sun respectively in his horoscope. Mr. Morarji Desai resigned from Prime Ministership and retired from active politics in July 1979 when Jupiter in course of its movement through different signs came upon its original position in the static chart.

Born on 14-9-1914 at 6 p.m.

Rasi: Ascendant - Aquarius; Gemini - Saturn and Moon; Leo - Sun and Ketu; Virgo - Mercury and Mars; Libra - Venus; and Capricorn - Jupiter (R).

In another eminent politician's horoscope retrograde Jupiter in debility is posited in the terminal sign which when reckoned from his natal Moon and natal Sun also yields unfavourable angular distances. So in the middle of this year as soon as transiting Jupiter left Gemini for Cancer and started aspecting his radical Jupiter, he faced rough weather in his political career. The last two horoscopes have been used to illustrate Jupiter's treacherous role in transit.

In this way, examples can be multiplied but the basic fact remains unchanged. It is this: Promises imprinted on a static chart are fulfilled through Dasa - Bhukti of different planets. Jupiter's transit helps fructification of many important events in our life. Successful astrologers with thier skill and rich experience can pinpoint these events in our life.—177.90.

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Samanta Chandrasekhara: India's Foremost Astronomer

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MAHAMAHOPADHYAYA Pandit Samanta Chandrasekhara Harichandan Mahapatra who was popularly locally known as 'Pathani Samanta' was the illustrious author of the *Siddhanta Darpana*, an astronomical treatise in elegant Sanskrit verses, developed and improved upon the *Surya Siddhanta* and the *Siddhanta Siromani* of the past. Samanta Chandrasekhara's contribution to the field of Hindu Astronomy is little known and even less assessed mainly due to non-availability of a lucid commentary, explaining the intricacies of astronomical calculations involved in understanding the Sanskrit verses of the *Siddhanta Darpana* composed in elegant pedantic style. The *Siddhanta Darpana* which was begun on 12th April, 1869 was complete in all respects by 12th November, 1892. The author was conferred the title of Mahamahopadhyaya on the 3rd June, 1893 in a special conference by the British Government for his significant contribution to the field of Indian Astronomy.

Indian or Hindu astronomy as such, is mere curiosity to the scholars of the west and they know little about our traditional mathematical astronomy as it does not come under the mainstream of astronomy that originated in Babylonia and evolved through the Greeks and later on, the Europeans. Neither are they fair enough to assess the merits of our system nor are we sincere enough to project ourselves sufficiently in order to establish our wit and wisdom before the so called advanced world.

India is a nation of ancient culture and tradition. It reached the zenith in all spheres at a time when most of the so called advanced nations of today had not even been discovered. Now we lack self-confidence to assert our own distinguished position in all the spheres of scientific and intellectual activities despite our definite attainments. From the 3rd century AD to the 8th, a Hindu mathematicians and astronomers worth the name in the world were from India. Two later astronomers are Munjula, who was aware of elements of differential calculus and the other was Sripati who improved the intricate differential calculus. Amongst the great astronomers of the Siddhanta period mention in chronological order may be made of Aryabhatta-I, Varahamihira, Aryabhatta II, Sripati and Bhaskara II (known popularly as Bhaskaracharya).

After the great astronomer Bhaskara it was only Samanta Chandrasekhara who could excel all others by producing the *Siddhanta Darpana*, the last and foremost *Siddhanta* or treatise on traditional astronomy, that India could ever produce as a mirror of its astronomical wisdom.

Date and Place of Birth

Samanta Chandrasekhara was born in Khandapada, an estate of Orissa in the district of Puri, on the 8th lunar day of the black fortnight of the month of Pausa in the Saka Era 1757. Hindus are very particular about the name of the constellation (Nakshatra) and sign (Rasi) in which they are born for it is useful in many sacramental rites and to foster the astrological beliefs that a Hindu imbibes. It was a pity that the Rasi and Nakshatra of such an orthodox Hindu astronomer Samanta Chandrasekhara were unknown, in as much as his horoscope was said to be lost in a bonfire. This scribe got the clue of ascertaining it from the following lamentation verse in Oriya by his son Gadadhara.

निर्याण दिवसे डाकि मोते पाशे कहिल मो मुख चाहिँ ।
चन्द्र गना तार जगिअच्छि तार मुखरू ऊदार नाहिँ ॥

i.e., 'O' Father, On the day of your final departure you called me nigh and said; 'Look, the Moon

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has approached the constellation that is awaiting to inflict death from which there is no escape".[1]

Here the Moon spoken of is Ashtama Chandra (*i.e.*, the Moon is in the 8th place from one's own birth sign) and the star mentioned is *Nidhanatara* (*i.e.*, the 7th, 16th or 25th star from one's own star, known as death inflicting star). Hence, the day on which Samanta died, the Moon was in the 8th place from the sign where the Moon was posited at birth and the constellation that day was the death-inflicting Nidhanatara *i.e.*, the 7th or the 16th or the 25th one from the birth star.

Horoscope of Chandrasekhara

Samanta Chandrasekhara's date of final departure from this mortal world was the 11th June, 1904. This was a Saturday and the *tithi* was then 13th after due elapse of the 12th *tithi* on the same day of the black fort-night of the lunar month, Jyeshta. The Moon was found to be in Asvini in the sign of Aries on 11th June 1904 and thus to be the 8th Moon and the 7th constellation when counted from the sign and constellation of the Moon at birth.

I have rebuilt the lost horoscope of Samanta Chandrasekhara for the first time from the planetary positions calculated by me for 11th January 1836 with the help of Lahiri's Advance - Ephemeris, as follows.

Born on 11-1-1836 with a balance of 2 years, 10 months and 28 days of Moon Dasa at birth.

		RAHU5°	JUPIT.(R) 18° 42'
ASCDT. VEN.19°34'	RASI		
MERC. 28° 19' SUN 25° 40' MARS 23° 19'		SAT. 13° 06'	MOON 19° 27'

Chandra Sekhara was born in the Ascendant of Capricorn, a movable but earthy sign. Its movements in comparison to other movable signs is a little bit slow but it is steady and goes ahead in one particular direction. The natives mind the business whichever they choose till the last moment. The natives despite all their tolerance do not get peace in life. They may pardon but cannot forget. They suffer from colic. All these were evident in the life of Samanta.

Venus in the Ascendant made the native highly religious and a great scholar. Hence it is said:

तनुनिकेतनगो भृगूनन्दने भवति धर्मरतो वरपण्डितः ।
विपुल शिल्पगुणी हसने रतो युवतीकौतुक चञ्चलचेष्टतः ॥

His poetic talent speaks well of his scholarship endowed with creative genius. His ability in the preparation of Manayantra (the measuring instruments), Golayantra (the spherical instruments) and Suryaghadi (the Sun-dial to measure time) prove him to be a good architect with engineering skill. In addition he had interest in the preparation of fire-works with knowledge how to launch the same to the extent of a particular height. Hence he was a Vipulashilpaguni. His knack for amorous activity is indicated from the position of Venus in the Ascendant. It so happened that prior to his death, Samanta Chandrasekhara had a desire to listen to the *Lavanyavati* (of Kavisamrat Upendra Bhanja) an amorous melody of a high order. But since he was also Dharmaratho *i.e.*, religious, he repented his weakness which he had expressed in the presence of his own sons and daughters-in-law and repeated the Gayatri Mantra for propitiation. Samanta had great depth of knowledge in the *Smriti Shastras*.

Saturn, the lord of Lagna, being well-placed in the 10th and aspected fully by Jupiter proved him to be an exponent of an intuitive science, Astrology.

Mars, the Karaka for brothers, being in the 12th (Vyaya) and Jupiter, the lord of the 3rd, being in the 6th, an enemy's house, he had no brothers. His relations were not good to him. He had ailments of some kind always. This is indicated well in the following verse by *Vriddha Yavana*.

षष्ठगते सहजपतौ बन्धुविरोधी च नयनरोगी च ।
भूलाभी भवति भृशं कदाचिदपि रोगसंकलितः ॥

The 4th lord Mars being in the 12th and the 4th house being aspected by Saturn, he had no peace with regard to his friends and domestic life.

सुखेशे व्ययरन्ध्रस्थे सुखहीनो भवेन्नरः ।

Rahu, a malefic in the 5th, caused the untimely death of his two sons, because it is said that 'राहुः सुतस्थो ... पुत्रस्य हन्ता' . But Rahu's position in Taurus became a saving factor and it saved him three sons Venus, the lord of the 5th being in the Lagna, his children were devoted and attached to him. He himself was well versed in music and scriptural knowledge. Hence *Vriddha Yanana* says,

लग्नगतः पञ्चमपः प्रसिद्धमस्तोकतनुकलितम् ।
शास्त्रविदं गीतविदं सुकर्माण परं नरं कुरुते ॥

Jupiter is retrograde in the 6th and the 6th lord Mercury is in the 12th. Had Jupiter been not retrograde there, he would have not suffered to a

[1] Pt. Chandrasekhara Mishra, Samanta Chandrasekhara (Jivani) Parisista p. 265 Verse No. 76 (1955 Edn.)

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great extent. His constant ailment is due to retrogression of Jupiter and direct aspect of 6th lord and Mars. Mercury, the 6th lord being posited in the 12th, caused Vipareeta Rajayoga and this helped the native to overcome torment from his foes.

The direct aspect of Mars and Saturn on the 7th is never good for a happy conjugal life. Chandrasekhara suffered the irony of being rejected by his mother-in-law at the marriage altar because of his ugly appearance. Chandrasekhara by the favour of Venus had a mellifluous voice and recited verses from the *Naisadha Mahakavya* thus displaying his worth and scholarship despite his ugliness. His father-in-law judged the merit of the then helpless groom and convinced the mother of the bride and saved Chandrasekhara from reaping the fate of Sishupala seeking the hands of Rukmini.

The lord of the 8th is also in the 12th. Hence his constant ailment. It is, said

'अष्टमेशे व्यये षष्टे नित्यं रोगी प्रजायते ।

It also caused Vipreeta Raja Yoga which saved him from the hands of death many a time.

The Moon being in the 9th, the place of religion, his heart and mind were ever in religious thoughts and his wife was also religious. But Mercury the lord of the 9th being in 12th along with the Sun and Mars, the mathematical knowledge of Mercury was applied to the planetary movement of the Sun and Mars and this became a sacred duty for the native for which he lived a life of pure dedication.

Saturn being exalted in the 10th made him quiet and soft in temper. He was conferred the highest honour of Mahamahopadhyaya for his work in his field of activity. But 10th house being Libra which falls in the lower abdomen of Kalapurusha associated with Saturn, the malefic, made the native suffer from severe colic pain. Jupiter's aspect on the house of Karma helped the native to a great extent. Venus, the lord of 10th, being in Lagna made him a poet but diseased throughout life. It is said:

दशमाधिपतौ लग्ने कवितागुणसंयुतः ।
बाल्ये रोगे सुखे पश्चादर्थ वृद्धिर्दिने दिने ॥

Jupiter's placement in the 10th from the Moon also made him religious and a puritan by nature. *Horapradipa says:*

शुभाचारो विशुद्धार्थ समृद्धो धार्मिको भवेत् ।
शशाङ्कात् कर्मणि भूपो मन्त्री वा सुर मन्त्रिणि ॥

Such Jupiter in the house of Mercury made him an outstanding mathematician engaged in the study of mathematical calculations or astronomy. The house of Venus being the 10th from Lagna he was an adept in composing *slokas* in general and mathematics in particular, as the house of Mercury is in the 10th from the Moon. Hence, the *Siddhanta Darpana* in which poetry and mathematics are in tune with each other, stands out as a specimen of the genius of *Samanta Chandrasekhara*, the last and foremost of orthodox Hindu-Siddhanta-writers.

Ketu in the 11th made the native an orator, wise but ugly looking and diseased. Mars, the lord of 11th or income being in the 12th or house of expenditure, he was always in want. Whatever income he got, he would spend it all.

The 8th lord, the Sun, the 6th and 9th lord Mercury and the 4th and 11th lord Mars being in 12th expenditure in the sphere of peace, pleasure, longevity, fortune and income was always heavy. The native did not get the favour of the king (his own nephew) and became a spendthrift because of the Sun's position in the 12th house—

Mars in the 12th, makes the native diseased, crippled and his relations go against him.

The results of Mercury being in the 12th are said to be—

नृपपीडनसंतप्तं परवादेन पीडितंम ।
नृशंसं पुरूषं चान्द्रिः कुरूते व्ययराशिगः ॥

Chandrasekhara was not in the good books of the local ruler Natabar Singh, who was his nephew also. Natabar Singh did not allow Chandrasekhara to go to Cuttack to receive the title of Mahamahopadhyaya. But the good accrued from such position of Mercury is (स्वकार्यदक्षे विजितात्ममक्ष :।) becoming adept in one's own field of activity and winning over the people on one's own. The British Government issued a warrant against the local ruler for preventing Chandrasekhara from receiving the title. But Chandrasekhara saved him from the unpleasant situation by seeking the Government's pardon on his behalf was able to thus win him over. The conjunction of the Sun, Mars and Mercury in the 12th made him extravagant, a spend-thrift and powerless.

Jupiter being in the 10th quadrant from the Moon gave rise to Gajakesari-Yoga as a result of which the native became extraordinarily meritorious and was, therefore, in a position to command respect.

The lord of the 4th Mars and Jupiter being in mutual quadrants and Saturn, the lord of the Ascendant being, powerfully posited caused Kahala Yoga making the native courageous, adventurous, commanding etc.

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Yoga is also present because of the exalted Saturn in the 10th quadrant as Lagna lord under the full aspect of Jupiter. This Yoga made the native greatly respected by rulers and the aristocracy, a good conversationalist, erudite scholar and live for about 70 years.

Parasara Hora says:

लग्नेश्वरे केन्द्रगते स्वनुङ्गे जीवेक्षिते चामरनाम योगः ।
सौम्यद्वये लग्नगृहे कलत्रे नवास्पदे वा यदि चामरः स्यात् ॥
योगे जातश्चामरे राजपूज्यो विद्वान् वाग्मी पण्डितो वा महीपः।
सर्वज्ञः स्याद्वेदशास्त्राधिकारी जीवेल्लोके सप्ततिर्वत्सराणाम् ॥

Since the lord of the 10th and Ascendant occupy movable signs, it partly allows Sankha Yoga making the native learned in sciences and philosophy. The Navamsa occupied by exalted Saturn is Capricorn whose ruler Saturn in a quadrant gave rise to Mridanga Yoga and the drums of his success were heard everywhere.

The mutual exchange of places between the lords of Lagna and the 10th gave rise to Parijata-Yoga and the native's unrivalled interest in mathematics and religion could blossom and crown him with success. For the Ascendant Capricorn, Venus and Mercury are considered benefics, while Mars, Jupiter and the Moon are said to be malefics. Saturn is a Maraka and Venus is Yoga-karaka. Let us analyse the incidents in life according to the Dasas.

During Rahu Dasa (1850) he was attracted towards the study of Astrology. Rahu is well placed in the 5th, the house of intellect. Saturn, the 2nd lord ruling speech, is exalted in the 10th. Rahu and Saturn are both in the house of Venus. Hence his interest in poetry was natural.

In 1858 marriage took place when the sub-period of Venus was current in the Dasa of Rahu. According to Dhruva-Nadi: Marriage occurs when Jupiter passes in a trine from Venus. In 1858 Jupiter was also in Taurus in the 5th from Venus in Capricorn.

A son was born in the sub-period of Mars in the main period (1863) of Rahu as Rahu is in the house of issues.

The 12th April 1869 marked the beginning of his writing the *Siddhanta Darpana* in Jupiter Dasa, Mercury Bhukti and sub-subperiod of Venus. Jupiter rules Sanskrit and scholarship. Mercury rules astronomy. Venus rules art and poetry. The blending of all the three planets is found present in the *Siddhanta Darpana*. Monday was the day of birth for both the *Siddhanta Darpana* and its author. The Moon on this day was in the 8th sign and Vadha-star. Hence both the author and his work faced several ordeals in life.

In 1876, during the sub-period of Mars (in Jupiter Dasa) the almanac computed according to the *Siddhanta Darpana* found recognition in the temple of Sri Jagannath and the religious rites were fixed according to the *Siddhanta* of Samanta Chandrasekhara.

In 1877 in Rahu Bhukti, Jupiter Dasa, the lord of issues or sons, another son Gadadhar was born. In 1879 in the same period of Jupiter-Rahu the youngest son Chakradhar was born. Readers may note the events and realise how efficacious rules of Astrology are.

Siddhanta Darpana was completed on 12-11-1892 in the sub-sub-period of Jupiter in the sub-period of Mars and Dasa of Saturn.

On 3rd June 1893 (in the sub-sub-period of Venus, Mars Bhukti, Saturn Dasa) Chandrasekhara was conferred the title Mahamahopadhyaya. The day was also Saturday. Saturn, the lord of the Lagna and Yogakaraka Venus have mutually exchanged their places. Hence Sukrapratyantara in the Dasa of Saturn gave this unique honour. On that day the Moon was in Capricorn and that too with a friendly ((मित्र)) Nakshatra.

On 17th September, 1903, Thursday (marked for the Goddess of wealth) Mercury Dasa, Venus Bhukti and sub-sub-period of Rahu when the Moon was transitting favourably the place of income, a letter of recommendation granting pension to Samanta Chandrasekhara was signed and issued.

On 20th November 1903, in the sub-sub-period of Jupiter in Mercury Dasa, Venus Bhukti, when the Moon was favourably transitting the 3rd on a Friday *i.e.*, the day of Yogakaraka planet, sanction for a pension of Rupees fifty was issued. On 11th June, 1904, *i.e.*, 1826 S.E., Jyestha Krishna Dvadasi passed Trayodasi, Saturday, when the Moon was transiting the 8th and was with the star for death, Samanta Chandrasekhara shuffled his mortal coils exactly as he had predicted. This was in Sri Jagannath Puri where he had gone specifically to leave the world.

It may be noticed that the birthday of both Chandrasekhara and the *Siddhanta Darpana* was Monday, while the day on which the *Siddhanta Darpana* was completed and planetary calculation for the same came to an end was Saturday on which day also ended the life of Chandrasekhara. This establishes the fact, how one's life work has something to do with one's life and how both are integrally connected.

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ara Lagna nd Tara Dasa

IRANGANTI RANGACHARYA

JAIMINI MAHARSHI ennunciates ten *sutras* at the end of the 4th da of the 2nd Adhyaya conning Tara Lagna and Tara sa. The first relevant *sutra* Tara Lagna is *Tararkamsa andadya dasesah.* Tara gna means Lagna connected th Tara. Tara means a star. e 27 stars are supposed to be e wives of the Moon. The on moves in the zodiacal signs sociating with each star for me period. The period is about to 66 *ghatis.* Hence we real- Tara Lagna is the one that connected with the Moon's r. It means the period dur- which the Moon is associd with the star at the time of ldbirth. The clue to underding the calculation of Tara gna is discernable in *Tarmse* in the above mentioned ra. Tara means a star. *Arka* ans 12 since the Suns are lve in number. *Amsa* means ivision. Thus *Tararkamsa* ts at the 12 divisions of the r period to calculate Tara gna. *Mandadyo* means the mencement of the count n Manda (85/12 = 1) which ans Janma Lagna. *Desesah* ans the Dasa lord connected h the next three *sutras* which speak about the results of Tara Lagna. Now I shall detail below the calculation of Tara Lagna.

Calculation of Tara Lagna

Divide the total duration of Moon's star in *ghatis* by 12. Divide the elapsed duration (Bhukti) of the Moon's star at the time of childbirth, by the quotient obtained above. The quotient now obtained plus 1 will be the number of signs to be counted from Janma Lagna to get Tara Lagna. The count should be direct from Janma Lagna whether it is odd or even to get Tara Lagna. But if Ketu becomes the lord of Moon's star or Vimshottari Dasa lord count reversely from Janma Lagna to get Tara Lagna.

Step 1 : $\frac{TDS}{12} = Q$

Step 2 : $\frac{EDS}{Q} = Q_1$

Step 3 : $N = Q_1 + 1$

TDS - Total Duration of Moon's star (birth star) in *ghatis* etc.

EDS - Elapsed duration of Moon's star

Q, Q1- Quotients

N - Number of signs to be counted from Janma Lagna to get Tara Lagna.

Alternate Method

Find out the elapsed Vimshottari planetary Dasa at the time of birth. Convert this into months. Divide this by its planetary Dasa constant. The Quotient + 1 gives Tara Lagna when counted from Janma Lagna. The count should be direct if Janma Lagna is odd but reverse if Janma Lagna is even. If Ketu is Dasa lord, count reversely from Janma Lagna to get Tara Lagna.

$$\frac{EVDM}{PDC} = Q + 1 = N$$

EVDM = Elapsed Vimshottari Dasa in months

Q = Quotient

N = Number to count

PDC = Planetary Dasa Constant

Sun = 6, Saturn = 19, Mercury = 17, Ketu = 7, Venus = 20, Moon = 10, Mars = 7, Rahu = 18, Jupiter = 16.

Judgement of Tara Lagna

The following are the three classified Yogas as deduced from the *sutras*.

1 *Tasmin uchhe Neeche va sreemantah*

2 *Swa Mitrabhe Kimchit*

3 *Durgatosparadha*

(1) *Sreemanta Yoga*

1. An exalted or a debili-

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tated planet in Tara Lagna. 2. Exaltation or debilitation of the lord of Tara Lagna. 3. Occupancy of the waxing Moon. 4. Exaltation of planetary Dasa lord (Moon Star lord).

(2) Dhana Yoga

1. Tara Lagna occupied by its own lord or by a friendly planet. 2. The lord of Tara Lagna is in his own house or friend's house. 3. The planetary Dasa lord is in own house or friend's house.

(3) Nirdhana Yoga

1. Tara Lagna occupied by an inimical planet.

2. The lord of Tara Lagna is in an inimical sign.

3. The planetary Dasa lord is in an inimical sign.

Results of the Yogas

1. The native born with Sreemanta Yoga becomes opulent and/or placed in high Government service.

2. The native born with Dhana Yoga will have satisfactory financial position and will be happy and contented with his job.

3. The native born with Nirdhana Yoga will not have satisfactory financial position.

Tara Dasa

Tara Dasa means Dasa connected with Tara Lagna. Dasa begins from Tara Lagna. By the *adhikara sutras, Praacheervrittirvishameshu, paravrittyottareshu*, the Dasa signs run direct if Tara Lagna is an odd sign, but, reversely if Tara Lagna is an even sign. Each Dasa sign gets 9 years. This may be justified by the 9 Moonstar lords.

Order of Sub-periods

Sutras: Swa Vaishamye yadha swam dramavyutkramau, samye vipareetam, sanau che tyeke. From the above *sutras*, it may be strange for the readers to know that the succession of the sub-periods is linked with Atma Karaka, the most potential planet and/or, according to some, with Saturn, the weakest planet. The logic behind this need not be discussed here, but enough if I say that it is justified by its practicality.

a. The sub-periods of Tara Dasa run directly if Atma Karaka or Saturn is placed in the odd sign of *Oja pada* group, but reversely if Atma Karaka or Saturn is placed in an even sign of *Oja pada* group.

b. The sub-periods run directly if Atma Karaka or Saturn is placed in an even sign of *Sama pada* group, but reversely if Atma Karaka or Saturn is placed in an odd sign of *Sama pada* group.

Oja pada group = Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Libra, Scorpio, Sagirttarius.

Sama pada group = Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces

Odd signs = Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius and Aquarius.

Even signs = Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Pisces.

Judgement of Tara Dasa

According to Vriddhakarika, as quoted by Neelakanta, Tara Dasa, connected with Tara Lagna, may be judged for financial position and government service. But by practical verification, Tara Dasa is found connected also with female nativities in timing of marriage. For judging results of Tara Dasa, two more *sutras* are ennunciated by the sage. They are *subha dasa subha yute, Dhamni ucche va* and *Anyadanyadha*" which means

1. Benefic Dasas *viz.*, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Virgo, Libra, Sagittarius and Pisces give benefic results.

2. The Dasa sign occupied by an exalted planet is benefic.

3. The Dasa sign whose lord is exalted is benefic.

4. The Dasa signs occupied by the benefic planets (Moon, Jupiter, Mercury, Venus) are benefic.

5. Other than the above Dasa signs give evil results.

Illustrations:

Chart 1: Born 3-10-1966 at 4-54 a.m. Birth Ascendant Simha; Atmakaraka - Moon. Elapsed Venus Dasa at the time of birth = 13 years - 1 month - 2 days.

SAT. T.L.	RAHU MOON		
	Chart 1		JUPIT.
			ASCDT. MARS
		MERC. KETU	SUN VENUS

EVDM = 157 months 24 days, PDC = 20

$$Q = \frac{157m - 24d}{20} = 7$$

N = Q + 1
= 7 + 1 = 8

The 8th sign from Janma Lagna is Pisces which becomes Tara Lagna. Sreemantha Yoga is formed since Jupiter, the lord of Tara Lagna is exalted. The native is an M.A. and is the daughter of a big landlord and married on 4th February, 1990. Tara Dasa begins from Pisces which is Tara Lagna. The Dasa signs run reversely from Pisces since Pisces is an even sign

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ear — IV*

MEENAKSHI RAUT

Reverse Case

JUST reverse all the principles I have given in the previous part. In this case Mr. Rao made no prediction, only he told privately it is a very critical case. "This ng man is lovable, so spiritual...well". Two es some *Vishnu-sahasranamam* recitations re arranged for him and both times he some- v could not even attend it! Was that an ication of something sinister? Mr. Rao in- s that these are ill-omens. When something pecially arranged for someone and both times fails to turn up! You have not to give any rological prediction. Destiny is indicating nething, perhaps.

In this horoscope other than planets there e two fatal points which were not taught to . "There is no hope," told Mr. Rao to me per- ally, "but I am under instructions from my itual *guru*, Swami Paramananda Saraswati er to make such predictions."

Here is the horoscope:

T. MOON MARS VEN.23° 37 MERC.		
RASI		ASCDT.
		KETU
		SAT.(R)

He was running the Dasa of Mars. When he developed some ailment in the stomach it was not surprising. In the Dasa of the 5th lord one can develop "shoola roga" which can mean stomach ailment or even cancer.

Was Mars, a Yogakaraka, a Maraka also? was the answer. "How?" I asked him. "Mars is the best Yogakaraka for Cancer Ascendant and how has he become a Maraka?" There are some special considerations. From Lagna the Sun and Saturn are the 2nd and the 7th lords. From the Moon it is Venus. For Cancer Lagna, Venus can be bad. Rahu and Saturn can be bad—unconditional Marakas for anyone.

There is some more research in determination of Marakas, says Mr. Rao. He would explain it to me some day.

But he wished his astrological reading to go wrong. He wanted to give up Astrology many times but some saints persuaded him not to.

The prediction did not fail.

Notable Features

(a) Two planets Venus and the Sun were in M.B. and their sub-periods coming one after another in 1987 and 1988 till almost the end of December.

(b) Mars the Dasa lord was the Maraka here. How, it was not clear to me.

(c) Some lessons taught to me on use of planets in M.B. are:

(i) Planets in M.B. give maximum trouble in the sub-periods of Marakas. Interesting the planet in M.B. does not behave so malevolently in its own Dasa. It acts so only in its Bhukti.

(ii) If the Dasas of the 6th, 8th or 12th are on, the sub-periods of planets in M.B. are troublesome.

(iii) If benefics are aspecting planets in M.B. there is almost no trouble and very little.

(d) Now in this horoscope Venus is in M.B. and has the company of weak Moon and malefic Mars. The Sun though with Jupiter is aspected by Saturn.

Now on January 10th, 1989 the planetary positions would be as below:-

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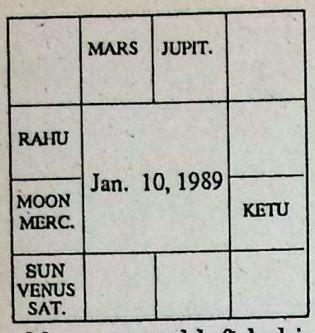


Here Mars having transited over the Sun (in M.B.) is now over Venus (also in M.B.) At the end of Mars Dasa this young man died in January 1989. It made everyone of us unhappy. He was a lovable man and left behind a sweet memory.

Now these contrasting instances prove that when benefics are transiting over or aspecting planets in M.B. there is hope.

But no alarmist view of planets in M.B. should be taken unless there are other malefic combinations in a horoscope. Planets in M.B. can be bad only during their sub-periods or even sub-sub-periods. We have seen no instance of a whole Dasa of a planet in M.B. becoming bad.

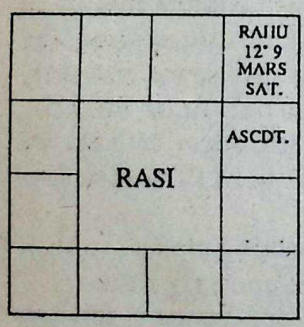
Mr. K. N. Rao's warning, also lessons, to me are: Try to maintain 60% average of correct predictions out of which 20% should be brilliant; then have 20% near accurate predictions; in the remaining 20% you must go wrong. Only God is perfect. Astrology is a science of foresight as no other science is but astrologers must have their limitations, being human.

Post-mortem

When an event has taken place and a consultor tells about it seek a valid explanation for it after he has left. Why has what has happened, happened?

Two such instances given from Mr. Rao's notes are being given and post-morten explanation being hazarded.

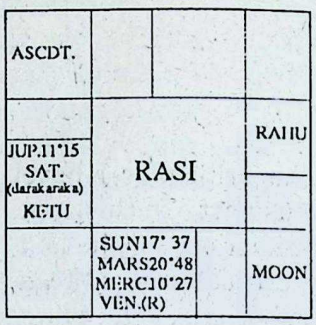
This is the horoscope of an Indian who ran into difficulties in a foreign country in June 1989. Now see that it happened in the period of Sun-Rahu which started in March 1989. Rahu is with the 10th lord Mars and with Saturn. There is no benefic aspect on it.

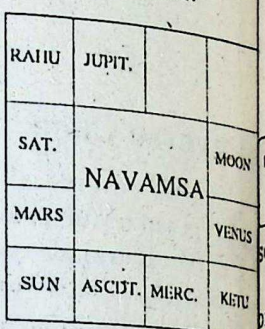


In transit, Saturn was in Sagittarius in June 1989 and Mars in Gemini transiting over Rahu. The event is well-explained both with the help of the Dasa and transits.

Rahu and the 10th lord Mars are in the 12th house, a foreign place with Saturn. The event gets explained very well.

Here is another tragic case in the register of Mr. K. N. Rao. This is the horoscope of a lady born in 1961. Her father is very prosperous. She married in 1984 a very well-placed young man. She is herself very well educated. She had a daughter after marriage. But in June 1989 her husband died in an accident and she became a widow. Could this have been predicted?





"I could not have predicted it" says Mr. Rao. "But apply the astrological techniques known to you."

I proceeded to do so one by one thus:

(a) It is said that 5th lord in the 7th or the 7th lord in the 5th is bad for marriage. To what extent, no one has established conclusively. But it is so in this case.

(b) It is said that the 7th lord in the 9th or *vice versa* is bad for marriage. To what extent it is so has to be established conclusively. But it is so in this case.

(c) One very satisfactory explanation is that the 7th lord Mercury is with the 6th lord Sun (the lord of accidents) with Mars.

(d) A supporting explanation is Venus (the signficator for worldly enjoyments including marriage) is heavily afflicted in the 9th house.

(e) The best explanation is that the 7th lord is with the 6th and 8th lords.

But since we are talking of planets in M.B. here as many as four planets—Sun, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter are in M.B. The 7th lord in M.B. with two other planets, Sun and Mars in M.B. all conjoined may be a rare instance. But here the 7th lord himself spoiled is with two other planets in M.B.

The event took place as soon as Jupiter Dasa started and in Jupiter-Jupiter-Saturn the tragic event took place.

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s Kumbha Lagna Jinxed?

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"IS KUMBHA Lagna alone of all the Lagnas inauspicious; and are persons born in such a Lagna, ever unhappy and full of sorrow?"

Quoting Satyacharya an ancient authority on Astrology, Varahamihira remarks in the following manner in his famous *Brihat Jataka:*

न कुम्भलग्नं शुभमाह सत्यो ।
न भाग भेदाद्यवना वदन्ति ।
कस्यांश भेदो न तथास्ति राशे ।
रति प्रसङ्गास्त्विति विष्णुगुप्रः ।

Mr. Subramanya Sastry writes in his translation as follows: "These remarks are not therefore warranted." In his notes under the *sloka*, he writes: "Satyacharya has been mentioned prominently here unlike elsewhere, because Varaha Mihira does not agree with his views. Nor does he appear to agree with Vishnugupta in thinking that the above views of Yavana are incorrect and that it is only the Kumbha Lagna in a birth that is bad, not the Kumbha Dwadasamsas". The learned writer continues: "For Aquarius Ascendant is one among several Ascendants for Raja Yogas and leaders of men according to Varahamihira."

In the above *sloka* the learned author has put a question which calls forth an intelligent and a correct answer from the readers.

Varahamihira's Raja Yogas are described from *slokas* 13 to 20 in Chapter XI of *Brihat Jataka*. In most of these he has given a chance for all the Lagnas, unless in cases where a particular Lagna is specified.

Chart No.1[1] is as per the fifteenth *sloka* which is possible for only two Lagnas - Kumbha (Aquarius) and Karkataka (Cancer). Mark Venus placed in his own house Taurus in the 4th, the Moon in the 9th and the other planets in 1st, 3rd and 11th houses.

*"This shows that planets in trine and sextile aspect, Lagna strong, and the two luminaries, the Sun and the Moon also strong are much favoured by Varahamihira" irrespective of Lagnas being in any Rasi from Mesha to Meena! The same principle is emphasised by Western Astrologers. *Sloka* 13 runs as follows:

"If three or more planets occupy their exaltation, or their own signs, and are at the same time trine to one another the person born becomes a king. Here clearly the trine position of planets is praised. The exalted planet or planets in their own houses must be in trine to one another in order to be Yogakarakas.

Chart No.2[2] illustrates the latter half of *sloka* 17. Here Jupiter is in the 4th, the Sun and Moon in the 10th, Saturn in the 1st, and the other planets in the 11th. A person who has such a combination will be a king. mark the conjunction of the Sun and the Moon (which shows the birth to be on Amavasya day) in opposition to Jupiter. Mark also an array of planets nearing mid-heaven and in mid-heaven — the visible portion of the hemisphere. All these are good features in any horoscope for all Lagnas alike.

***Brihat Jataka* P. 240 (Notes) English translation by V. S. Sastry.**

***1. Chart No. 1: Lagna Aquarius with Jupiter; Sun and Mercury in Aries; Venus in Taurus; Moon in Libra; and Mars and Saturn in Sagittarius.**

***2. Chart No. 2: Lagna Aquarius with Saturn; Jupiter in Taurus; Sun and Moon in Scorpio and Mars, Mercury and Venus in Sagittarius.**

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Chart No.3[3] refers to the 2nd half of *sloka* 18. Mark the lord of Lagna Saturn placed in Lagna with Mars; exalted Moon in the 4th; and Jupiter occupying the 7th. Venus in his own house in the 9th. The Sun occupying the 10th and Mercury in the 11th.

Chart No. 4[4] is illustrative of the first half of *sloka* 18. Here Jupiter is occupying the Lagna, Mars and Mercury are in the 2nd; Venus and the Sun in the 4th; the Moon is in the 10th; and Saturn is occupying the 11th house, and aspecting the Lagna.

In this case, the Sun and the Moon are in opposition and Mercury is placed in the third of the Sun backwards which is possible in higher latitudes.

Chart No.5[5] is of a great Englishman born in England. He commanded the British Army in the Great War with much success (1914-1918). He was offered an Earldom in 1921. Mark Mercury placed in the 3rd of the Sun, and an array of four planets aspecting the Moon.

Sloka 3 of *Brihat Jataka* which Varahamihira has taken from ancient authorities runs as follows:

"When the Lagna or the Moon occupies a Vargottamamsa and is aspected by four or more planets, a powerful Raja Yoga arises."

The above chart may be taken as a typical example of the above, and applies to all Lagnas alike.

Similarly *sloka* 4 of the same book under the same chapter deals specifically with Kumbha Lagna.

Chart No.6[6] is an example of the same. Mark Kumbha as Lagna with Saturn conjoining it. The Sun is in Aries in the 3rd house exalted. The Moon is in Taurus in the 4th house, Mercury in the 3rd from the Sun; Jupiter in Leo; and Mars in Scorpio.

Here again we see Mercury occupying the third from the Sun which happens in higher latitudes.

Thus we see that Varahamihira himself as well as the ancient authorities whom he has quoted in his *slokas* (from one to twelve), all of them include Kumbha Lagna as one of the several Ascendants for Raja Yogas and leaders of men.

Satyacharya himself has not said a word about Kumbha Lagna as being *asubha* while describing the characteristics of Aquarius as Lagna.

The following characteristics of Kumbha Lagna by Satyacharya are taken from Prof. B. S. Rao's notes on *Brihat Jataka*.

"A person, born when Aquarius is on the Ascendant, will be idle, cruel, chief in family, of a windy and bilious disposition, good nose (may mean well-shaped nose and fond of fragrant substances), spending earnings (this may account for the lord of Lagna being also the lord of 12th), many servants, becoming poor through various expenditure, inimical to parents, clan and race, people, friends and relations, sinful, acquiring profits to his desires, looking generous and charitable, and religious, quarrelsome wife, phlegmatic or lung complaints — death by stomach diseases or feminine schemes."

Mark there is nothing of being sorrowful or unhappy — on the contrary it portrays a devil-may-care sort of person and caring for money earned and spending it more for others than for his own personal self. (See chart of Karl Marx, the great socialist leader and of others in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Vol.37.)

Mr. V. S. Sastri observes thus in his *Uttarakaamrita*: "It is a general conclusion that people born under Aquarius will have that renunciative spirit for the following two reasons: (a) The Ascendant is a philosophical Rasi; (b) the lord (Saturn) being a philosophical planet owns the 12th house also."

It should be noted in this connection that when the lord of the 12th is also a lord of a better house, in this particular case the Lagna, and is also strong and well-placed, the person is possessed of wealth and he also spends it like a lord.

A question may be asked as to why did Satyacharya condemn this Lagna and call it *asubha*. Ancient authorities like Satyacharya

*3. *Chart No.3:* Lagna Aquarius with Mars and Saturn; Moon in Taurus; Jupiter in Leo; Venus in Libra; Sun in Scorpio; and Mercury in Sagittarius.

*4. *Chart No. 4:* Lagna Aquarius with Jupiter; Mars and Mercury in 2nd; Sun and Venus in 4th; Moon in 10th; and Saturn in 11th

*5. *Chart No. 5:* Born 28th September 1852 - 52-3N and 0-30 E. Lagna Aquarius; Moon in 2nd; Saturn in 3rd; Venus, Mars and the Sun in 8th; Jupiter and Mercury in 10th. (B. V. RAMAN's *Hindu Predictive Astrology*).

*6. *Chart No. 6:* Lagna Aquarius with Saturn; Sun in 3rd; Moon in 4th; Mercury in 5th; Jupiter in 7th; and Mars in 10th.

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Select Readings from Nadis—II*

GEMINI

I WILL now take up an example where certain Yogas and lines in the palm are referred to. This native is born in Leo Ascendant (Chart 3). It is stated that the native will be long lived and whatever disease afflicts him will vanish as the snow melts in sunshine. The reason given is that Moon and Venus are in the Lagna. The stanza is as follows:

Mathiyugar Janmam Thanga, Mainderku Vayadu Deergam
Eduvidha Noi Nernthalum Ravimun Panipol Neengum

The Moon and Venus are respectively the owners of the 12th and 3rd (also 10th) houses. But how the combination of these two contribute to this result cannot be explained by conventional Astrology as Venus is a malefic for Leo Lagna (According to *Jataka Parijatha*, the combination of the Moon and Venus in any house makes the native proficient in making arments). Further, the Nadi states that the native's father will die before he attains his 17th year during Sun Dasa and the mother will die in his 40th year during Rahu Dasa and Rahu Bhukti, the native having been born in the star Poorvaphalguni. By conventional Astrology we can say that the Sun in the 12th will cause Arishta to the father in his Dasa since he is the lord of the Lagna also. But the mother's death cannot be so accurately predicted. In passing, it is worthwhile mentioning that the death of the father of Rajiv Gandhi occured on 26th October 1960 when he had just completed 16 years and 2 months and his mother died on 31-10-1984 when he was passing through Rahu Dasa though not Rahu Bhukti but exactly his 40th year. The reason may be that in Rajiv's horoscope in addition to the Moon and Venus in Lagna*viz.*, Leo, the Sun and Mercury are also posited therein. Does this confirm that Rajiv's Lagna is Leo?

Another prediction is that there is Dosha for the co-born of the native.

Moonrinukkudaiyon Velli Mathiyuden Koodi Janmam
Moonrukku Moonril Kaari Meignani Koodi Nirka Eenrador Thunaiyum Dosham

Since the owner of the 3rd house Venus is conjunct Lagna and Saturn is conjunct Ketu in the 3rd house from the 3rd, there is Dosha for co-born. This shows that the principle of Bhavath Bhavam was also considered in Nadis. During the discussion about issues one Rishi who says he will have a son is questioned by another Rishi as to how he predicts a son when Saturn and Ketu are in Putra Bhava (a dictum assiduously followed in conventional Astrology). The reply is as follows:

Karumathon Janmam Thanga Kalai Mathi Koodi, Nirka
Guruvume Anjai Paarka Koovinom Puthra Vriddhi
Urumangal Adhanal nerum Uraithathu Tappaathagum

Chart 3

			JUPIT. RAHU
			SUN MERC.
			ASCDT. MOON VENUS
SAT. KETU			MARS

Chart 4

	ASCDT.	KETU	
			MARS VENUS JUPIT.
			SUN MERC.
	RAHU	SAT.	MOON

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This means that since Karmasthanadhipati (owner of the 10th house) is conjunct Lagna with the Moon and Jupiter also aspects the Putra Bhava he will certainly have a son who will do the funeral rites of the native.

This native will acquire a lot of property and wealth after his 32nd year and he would own and cultivate useful gardens and lead a happy life. The reason given is there is (1) Suniya Yoga *i.e.*, 2 benefics on either side of the Moon and (2) Kamala Yoga since Jupiter is in the 7th house from Saturn (apparently Saturn-Jupiter nexus has not given any bad effects in this case). Suniya Yoga is perhaps what we call Durdura Yoga. For Durdura (Anapha and Sunapaha Yoga also) the Sun is excluded and only Mercury, Venus and Jupiter are considered as benefics. According to *Jataka Parijatha* which defines results for different combinations for Durdura Yoga, the results given for the Moon being flanked by Mercury and Mars are not very complimentary to the native as it states that he will be dull-headed and speak untruths, will be greedy and have a tendency to find fault with others. So apparently the Sun and Mars are taken into consideration in this case as benefics since the Sun is the lord of the Lagna and Mars is Yogakaraka. Apparently the Kamala Yoga mentioned in the Nadi is not the same as mentioned in *Brihat Jataka* under Nabasa Yogas as for this Yoga all the planets except Rahu and Ketu should be in four Kendras which does not obtain in this case.

From Suniya Yoga it is also clear that in Nadis the functional benefic and malefic nature of planets is considered and not necessarily the natural benefic and malefic nature.

Another interesting thing about these Nadis is that they directly arrive at results which are arrived at in conventional Astrology by laborious methods. An instance in point is a recent reading for a friend from Saptharshi Nadi. I had predicted some marital problems (Chart 4) since his 7th house has Saturn which is aspected by malefic Mars. Moreover 10th lord is in 7th which presages Kalatra Dosha. The Nadi straightaway has stated that since the owner of the 8th house is Neecha, there will be constant problems in his married life. This prediction has proved 100% correct. The Nadi also stated that since 10th lord is *Ucha* he will deal with superior metals (*uyar ulagam*). Actually he is in jewellery business. No doubt Jupiter who is also owner of the 9th house is exalted and aspects the 10th house. No mention of this point is made in the reading. Perhaps Saturn being exalted and in a Kendra and also Jupiter being exalted and in a Kendra are responsible for his being in the gold business but I doubt if we could have predicted his profession as specifically by conventional dicta. It is quite possible that the prediction in the Nadi might have been made after taking into account the concerned Shodasa Vargas etc.

Perhaps I may come back to this reading later on in the series. It is worthwhile mentioning here that only the right hand thumb impression of the person concerned was taken to trace the relevant palm-leaf and then the reading given. Nothing else was mentioned to the Nadi reader.

We will now discuss a reading which exhaustively deals with the married life of a native of Virgo Lagna (Chart 5) It is stated that this native will have 2 wives since (a) Rahu is in 7th Bhava and moreover Jupiter is in a Chara Rasi (as per the stipulations in *Jathakalankaram* for 2 wives) and (b) Mercury, Mars and Sun are aspecting the 7th house.

RAHU	JUPIT.		
	Chart 5		VENUS SAT.
			MARS
		MOON	ASCDT. SUN MERC. KETU

Additional information given is that his second wife will be inimical to the husband, though she will have a male child who will live long. But she will live away from the first wife. The discussion on Putra Bhava is not only lengthy but interesting.

While one Rishi opines that this native has got Putradosha since Jupiter is in the 8th Bhava and aspected by Saturn another emphatically states that the native does not have Putra Dosha but this Dosha pertains only to his first wife since the owner of the 5th house, namely Saturn, is conjunct the 11th with Venus. He then lists the sins in the previous birth on account of which the first wife will not have children since even if a child is born it will be short-lived. He also adds that these sins are of such a nature that no remedial measures will help. At this juncture sage Vasishta intervenes and states as follows:

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MIND AND THE COSMOS

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evolve, toward the transcendental state but later he learns of the "lightning-flash" in which the Mind solves its own identity and so is freed from Time. These are the marks of difference—the one, Time-bound in an infinite progression, the other the Timeless *Now*.

A short exercise in logic will explain why, without the illimitable viewpoint, the true nature of Time is disguised:

The fly crawling up the wall of a house can travel—to it—an infinite distance, never realising the limits within which it is enclosed. The owner of the house outside can see it as a whole and transcends its limits. Yet the very fact that the "present moment" cannot be captured before it is past should set any thinking person wondering about the reality of the *Now*.

Final Consideration of the Aum and the Cosmos

The *Aum* can therefore be considered as the final analysis of the objective universe as well as of the Mind, two aspects of an indivisible unity. In the micro-cosmic and the macro-cosmic world of Physics, the *Aum* is all comprehensive and likewise the individual and universal aspect of Mind—*Aum* is the all.

This parallel of Mind and the Cosmos is readily intelligible if reference is again made to the *Mandukyopanishad* and Gaudapada's Karakas and Sankara's glossary thereon. The theory of Absolute Idealism, or "Mentalism" as it is contemporarly called, gives the final clue to the identity of the two phases of the One.

The objective universe is seen as the vehicle of Karma and the so-called "evolution" is the manifestation of the outworking of the Karmic Plan. It will be seen, therefore, that the power Karma is limited to the framework of Time; and one who has escaped the fetters of Time (*i.e.*, has achieved the Fourth state) is no longer Karmic-bound.

The analogy of Karma and Time would seem to point to very close relationship between these. The *Nadavinda Upanishad* (Rig-Veda) considers *Kala-Hansa*, the Great Bird as a symbol of *Aum*, first as Bird in Time and later as the Bird out of Time. The injunction is made that one who wishes to escape the Karmic influence should bestride the Bird, *i.e.*, should escape from the temporal letters. From this, it is simple to proceed to the final stage of this analogy; that one who escapes from Time, escapes from rebirth and merges with the One.

The foregoing can be summed up in the following maximx:-

Duration is the measure of Karmic Unfoldment and Time itself is an abstraction.

The Universe is beginningless, endless and Timeless in essence.

Mind and the Comos are one.

The One is AUM.

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ANCIENT CLASSICAL WRITERS OF JYOTISHA

Purushothama

K. R. KRISHNAMURTHI

General

PRASNA in the field of Astrology would mean an inquiry or a question put to an astrologer by a person on a personal problem at a particular time, seeking a solution. It is thus a challenging situation to an astrologer, as it is a poser put to him without any notice and without any horoscope!

This science of Prasna is developed in Kerala as a fine art and practised as such even today. Prasna or Horary Astrology, as it is referred to, is a branch of Astrology, as one of the six *angas*, as the following *sloka* points out.

Jataka Gola Nimitha Prasna Muhurthaahya
Ganitha Naamani
Abidadheeha Shadangaan Acharyah Jyotisha
Mahaasaastre

A full-fledged astrologer should master the three *skandas* namely *Ganitha, Hora* and *Samhita*, besides the above six *angas*.

Personal

Prasnaayana is a useful contribution by Purushothama to the existing works on Prasna by Kerala authors. It is in Sanskrit. The author has not mentioned anything about himself except his name and the title *Prasnaayana*, perhaps due to humility. The work was written about a century ago.

In *sloka* 88 of the 8th *ayanam* the author says that the Guru of his Guru was the author of *Jatakadesaratnam*. It is known that Maccat Narayanan Ilayatu (1765-1842 A.D.) wrote *Jatakadesaratnam*. Further Purushothama says that he happened to write the work as per the wishes of a disciple of Narayanan Ilayatu.

From the last folio of the manuscript we learn the full name of the author as Kuttaledattu Purushothaman Muttatu, who was a resident of Saapraadesa in Kerala, known as Triprayar.

From *sloka* 41 of *ayanam* 15, we learn that the disciple of the disciple of the author of *Prasnamarga* composed the work *Jatakadesaratnam*. *Prasnamarga*, as we know, is a famous work on Prasna, written in the year 825 Malayalam Era, which corresponds to 1650 A.D. by a Brahman, who belonged to Panakkat Illom in Madhyaranya, identified with Edakkadu.

His Work

Prasnaayana (the path of Prasna) by Purushothama was published under the Trivandrum Sanskrit Series in the year 1968 A.D. The work is covered by 1018 *slokas* under 15 *ayanams*. The order of the contents, more or less, is the same as in *Prasnamarga*. As the commentary is sketchy, and the *slokas* at several places are in *sutra* form, it would be difficult to follow the original without a proper commentary.

The work commences with a benedictory *sloka* as follows:

Bhaskaram Sankaram Vanhim Narayana
Maham Guroon
Nathva Prasnayanam Vakshe Samkshipya
Swena Chodithaha

After bowing to Bhaskara, Sankara, Agni, Narayana and his Guru, the author starts to write in a brief manner, after careful revision.

The second *ayanam* speaks about Ashtamangala Prasna, Trisputa (Lagna, Moon with Mandi) etc. The fifth *ayanam* deals with different types of afflictions caused by Daivakopa,

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Does Matching Really Help — III*

MRIDULA TRIVEDI

Bhava Melapak (Matching of Houses)

IN CERTAIN cases it has been observed that there is good compatibility but Bhava Melapak is absent resulting in unhappiness in marital life. On the contrary there are cases when the horoscopes are weak in compatability but marital life is quite happy if Bhava Melapak is present.

First of all, the Lagnas and the Moon-signs should be taken into account. If both husband and wife have the same Lagna or the 7th from each other many expected miseries will be automatically cancelled. In Cases 3 and 4 there are only 13 Kuta points but both are born in the same Lagna Gemini. They are leading a very happy married life. The Navamsa lord of both husband and wife is Venus. The Moon-sign of the wife is Cancer while that of the husband is Capricorn. Both are in the 7th from each other. Good Bhava Melapak is present in both of these horoscopes and many evils have been countered. Yoni Dosha is also present.

Take Cases 5 and 6. The husband is born in Libra Ascendant while the wife is born in Aries Ascendant both having the Sun in their Ascendants *i.e.*, the Lagnas and the Suns are in the 7th from each other. Mars, Venus and Mercury are in the 12th house in both these horoscopes. In one horoscope they are in Virgo while in the horoscope of the wife they are in Pisces, cancelling the evil effects. However, the wife is born in Vargottama Navamsa Aries with Vargottama Sun. In her horoscope Jupiter's presence in Scorpio cancels the evils of the husband's horoscope caused by Saturn in the 8th house. Similarly Jupiter of the husband is exalted in the 10th and cancels the evils of Saturn of the wife's horoscope in Cancer. The Lagna and the 7th lord in both these horoscopes are conjoined and aspecting Venus and Mars of each other. The couple is leading a happy married life in spite of Kuta matching of only 14 1/2 points. In Cases 1 and 2, the Kuta matching is 32 1/2 points but there is absence of Bhava Melapak. There was divorce yet. In Cases 23 and 24 Kuta matching came to 32 1/2 points, but also went through a divorce after 4 months. In the horoscope of the husband (24), the Moon and Venus are placed in the Lagna and the 7th house. This is also a malefic combination and curtails marital happiness.

Bhava Melapak should be judged in the following way:

(a) The Lagna of husband should be same as that of the wife or in the 7th from it. In case the lords of the Lagna and the 7th house are friends or have a quality of mutual attraction life will be very happy. For *e.g.*, persons born in Taurus, Libra, Aries Ascendants.

(b) If the Moon-sign of the boy and girl are the same there will be very good understanding between them though there may be controversy as regards Nakshatra Melapak of the same Moon-signs. I have found that persons of the same Moon-sign have good understanding between themselves not only in the case of wife and husband but even as friends. There will be good harmony if the Moon-signs of both are in the 7th from each other.

(c) If the Navamsa of the husband becomes

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the Lagna of the wife and the Lagna of wife becomes the Lagna of the husband there will generally be happiness throughout life.

(d) In case there are severe afflictions of the 2nd and 7th house in one horoscope and the same kinds of afflictions are there in the horoscope of the partner either in the 7th house or in the 7th sign from there, the evils will be counterbalanced and they will live happily. We have discussed above Cases 15-16 and 17-18 having similar evils in the 7th house which are duly balanced.

(e) If the Moon-sign of the husband becomes the Lagna of the wife and the wife's Moon-sign becomes the Lagna of the husband or such parities are there in the Navamsa chart the marital life will be happy.

Proper Agreement of Horoscopes

We have discussed above mainly three kinds. For a happy and long lasting married life there must be at least 50% marks in each of the categories. A horoscope may be having lesser number of points in Nakshatra Melapak but may be strong in Graha and Bhava Melapak when there will be lasting happiness. I will now illustrate a few cases to show the proper way of matching horoscopes.

Example 1

(i) Nakshatra Melapak: 33 1/2 points match out of 36 which is very good. The wife has Adi Nadi while husband has Antya Nadi, therefore no Nadi Dosha.

(ii) Graha Melapak:

	Case No.	
	23	24
Mars in 4 in Aquarius (Enemy)	45	
Saturn In 1 in Scorpio (Enemy)	60	
Rahu in 1 in Scorpio	60	
Ketu in 7 in Taurus	52.50	
Rahu in 8 in Sagittarius		60
Ketu in 2 in Gemini		30
Total	217.5	90.0

Here we find that 90 points of Kuja Dosha are there in the husband's horoscope while 217.50 points are there in the horoscope of the wife. We have referred above that more than 75% variation should not be allowed for marriage *i.e.*, after 10 points are there in the horoscope of one partner maximum and minimum points to other partner may be 125-175. Here there is a variation of 241.66%. Therefore this marriage should have not been suggested. There is no matching of planets in these horoscopes.

(iii) Bhava Melapak: To some extent Bhava Melapak will get same points as the Lagnas of both are in the 7th from each other. There is no counterbalancing of the presence of evil planets in the 2 charts. In Case 23 Mars and the Moon are present in the 4th, Saturn and Rahu in the Lagna, Jupiter and Venus in the 10th and Ketu in the 7th. Venus and the 7th house and the 7th lord (Venus) receive the aspect of both Saturn and Mars. Thus lord of the 7th house and *karaka* of marriage Venus are adverse. Combination or opposition of Mars and Jupiter, Mars and Venus, Moon and Venus and association of Mars and Moon, Saturn and Rahu have not been balanced in the chart of the husband. Therefore this marriage ended in permanent separation within 3-4 months of marriage though there was good harmony and understanding between husband and wife due to good Nakshatra Melapak, Grahamaitree and Lagna being Scorpio, Taurus and Taurus-Scorpio respectively.

Example 2

The Kuta agreement is only 17 points and the wife is a strong Mangli as Mars occupies the 8th house. Nadi Dosha is also present as both have the Adi Nadi. The Yoni of the male is dog (female) whereas the Yoni of the girl is horse (male). The horoscopes do not match as per general rules. The couple got married on 8-2-1983. The wife is very beautiful but a certain kind of stubbornness and rigidity in her took her husband away from her. There was almost no physical union between them for a few years. Except this, they have been living happily in a joint family.

	Case No.	
	27	28
Mars in 8th in Taurus (Neutral)	70	
Saturn in 4th in Capricorn (Own)	22.50	
Ketu in 4th in Capricorn (Neutral)	30	
Saturn in 4th in Libra (Exalted)		18.75
Ketu in 1st in Cancer (friend)		52.5
Rahu in 7th in Capricorn (friend)		52.5
Total	112.5	123.75

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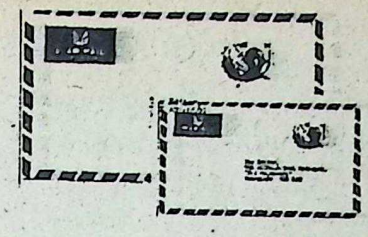

itical Forecasts

ir, - I have been an avid reader of THE ROLOGICAL MAGAZINE for more than 20 s and I have always admired the standard of llence brought to bear on the published mat- especially in respect of editorials where all d events of importance have been covered and ictions given with remarkable precision. Again, valuable contributions made in the science of ology through your Annual Number have gained d-wide recognition.

Vell, true to its reputation the 1990 Annual ber has also maintained the usual standard it must be conceded that many forecasts aining to the current year have already come

lowever, it is astonishing to note that such a ted journal has not foreseen a few recent ts, such as the tragic death of a large number aj pilgrims in a stampede, annexation of ait by Iraq, deployment of U.S. armed forces udi Arabia and other disastrous consequences ting in enormous hardships to expatriate n nationals.

shedpur. *R. Rajagopalan.*

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ir, - While the nation apprehensively waits e dawn of 30th October, proposals are being orward to arrive at a consensus on Rama a Bhoomi. If the configuration of stars is any ation, it smacks of chaos and uncertainty.

the New Moon chart of 18.10.1990, the 8th e is under the malefic influence of Uranus, une and Saturn. And the aspect of Mars from a renders it more potent to do evil. Saturn, f 9 and 10, in 8 does not augur well either for Government or communal harmony. The ng away of an elderly prominent personality ly.

n 30th October, the Sun rises at 6.31 a.m. in accompanied by Mercury lord of 9, the functional representative of religion and Venus, the Lagna and 8th lord, representing the people and calamity, to be followed by the rising Pluto, the *karmic* planet. In fact, the Sun and Venus are in conjunction with the Lagna cusp. Besides, being lord of 8th, Venus is also combust. As Lagna lord, Venus is not powerful enough to deliver the goods. On the other hand, the Sun, Karaka for the Government, and the functional representative of parliament, and Mercury are afflicted by the association with Venus. Further, the 9th house is aspected by Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Mars in 8 is ominous. It is a matter of conjecture whether Jupiter in M.C. in association with Ketu, could be an alleviating influence. Considerable ingenuity is required on the part of the Government to maintain peace. Mars-Jupiter conjunction on 14.6.1991 takes place in the M.C. opposed by Saturn resulting in communal strife and riots.

Around 92° W longitude the conjunction takes place near the 4th cusp in tropical Leo, a fixed sign. Saturn is in the meridian and Pluto in 7 in fixed signs. It is likely that around this longitude seismic disturbances may occur. Guatemala, El Salvador, Yucatan, Jackson, New Orleans are some of the places covered by this longitude.

Trivandrum. *T. Venkataraman.*

Pushkara Yoga

Sir, - The Sanskrit *sloka* supplied by Mr. Krishnamurthy Sastry to Prof. P. S. Sastry contains mistakes, may be printing errors (*A. M.* October 1990, Page 806). Besides, the 4th *pada* is faulty. I am sorry to note that neither Mr. Krishnamurthy Sastry nor Prof. P. S. Sastri has realised the primary Sandhi in the 4th Pada, in which case, there will be 13 letters instead of 14 letters in Vasanta Tilaka. We would have welcomed it had they given the correct *pada* completely with 14 letters in Vasanta Tilaka. I feel the information given by Mr. Krishnamurthy Sastry is not authoritative.

Hanamakonda. *Iranganti Rangacharya.*

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FROM OUR OLD READERS: February 1956

The Tertiary Directions and the Laws of Manu

Sir, - In the year 1952 I published in Germany a text-book of the Teritiary Directions, supplementary to the Secondary Directions known in Europe since centuries. The rule for the Teritiary Directions was published also several times in THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE. Now I found the rule of the Tertiary Directions given in the Laws of Manu, Chapter I, verse 66 (*vide* Maxmuller's translation). The verse of Manu is given thus:

"A month is a day and a night of the manes, but the division is according to fortnights. The dark is their day for active exertion, the bright their night for sleep."

The following verse 67 gives the rule of the Secondary Directions:

"A year is a day and a night of the gods; their division is as follows: the half year during which the Sun progresses to the north will be the day, that during which it goes southwards the night."

The rule for the Secondary Directions (1 day equals one year) is also given in the Holy Scripture, while the rule for the Tertiary Directions (1 day equals one month) is not given there. The Laws of Manu give both of them, the rule of the Secondary Directions and the rule of the Tertiary Directions! Manu means obviously the lunar month and not the civil month, and from the lunar months he means the synodical month. The synodical month was before 3000 years the sole month which was known. The tropical month, the sidereal month, and the other lunar months were unknown. I have tested the synodical month and the tropical month together with the sidereal month, and I have found the tropical month to be the bes and the most useful. So I should b very happy to learn the original vers and the original meaning of Manu, 66. I beg a Sanskritist to give me th original verse and the original meanin of Manu, I.66, and to publish th correct Sanskrit translation in TH ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

Be that as it may — synodical o tropical month — the Manu verse I, 6 is a confirmation and a sanction of m work in the last years. I am very happ to come to know that Manu befor millenniums has given the rule no published in Europe for the whol world and for the practice of th astrologers.

Berlin. *B. N. Troinsk*

Sir, - I admire the resourcefulness of Mr. Rangacharya. He seems to care more for the metre of the printed text, not for its meaning, nor for the printing errors. Bhartrihari says

ज्ञानलव दुर्द्विग्धं बह्मापि नरं न रंजयति ।

The 4th *Pada* reads

दुष्ट स्त्रिपुष्कर मंय मरणे गृहादौ ।

It is not *ayam* but *mayam*. It is not *grihadau* but *grihaadau*. By implication Mr. Rangacharya admits that his letter (*A.M.*, July 1990 pgs. 576 and 597) is not correct. Socrates became great because he claimed to be ignorant and then turned out to be the wisest.

Tenali. *Prof. P. S. Sastri.*

[Correspondence on the subject is closed — Ed.]

Nipuna Yoga

Sir, - A combust planet loses its strength to give any benefic or malefic results, affirm astrological classics. But, *Jataka Parijata* of Vaidyanatha, Dikshitar, Chapter 7, *sloka* 40 reads

Ravi Luptakara Soumiya
Swarsha Moolatrikonabhe
Sarva Vidhiyadhiko Raja
Netharakeshamkha charinam

meaning, if combust Mercury is in his own or Moolatrikona sign the native will become a learned king. This Raja Yoga is formed only in the case if combust Mercury in his own or Moolatrikona Rasi and not in the case of any other planet which combust and in its own or Moolatrikona Rasi.

When combust Mercury stands in Virgo *i.e.*, i own or Moolatrikona Rasi, it stands in conjun tion with the Sun in the same Rasi. This gives ri to Budha Aditya Yoga or Nipuna Yoga. In such case beginners are apt to dismiss the Yoga worthless, because Mercury is combust. But Vaidy natha says in the above *sloka*, it will make th native a learned king or one equivalent to that.

Mercury has such characteristics of its ow besides this; it is strong both during daytime an night; it is the only planet which has its ow Moolatrikona and exaltation in the same Rasi; does good in the 8th Bhava also.

Cochin. *V. R. Parameswaran Nai*

Dhanishta Panchaka

Sir, - The Panchangas in the south give certai Nakshatras in which, if death occurs, the hous should be kept closed for some period. The Naksh tras are Dhanishta, Satabhisha, Poorvabhadr Punarvasu, Chitta, Visakha, Uttarashadha.

Though there was some reference on this poi in your magazine some time back, one would lik to know the nature of the ill-effects if death ha pens in these Nakshatras. It is said that the hous should be closed for a certain period as *parihar* for the ill-effects. These are days when housin problems are great whether it is a village or tow Under the circumstances, how can one afford

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e the house for long periods?

Please clear these doubts in your esteemed mns as it may be useful to many.

Delhi . *K. S. Raghavan.*

Turn

Sir, - I was delighted to go through the view pressed by Mr. T. Ramaswamy Aiyangar of durai (*A.M.*, April 1989) clearing the doubts taining to the 10th house — whether it stands Upachya or Dusthana in accordance with the evant dispositions of the concerned planets. In dition he has also brought to our notice that in presence of Rahu, the Sun loses its power of bustion.

nbay . *M. D. Patil.*

ukti Reckoning Aspects of Rahu

Sir, - Under the caption "Bhukti Reckoning" *M.*, March 1987) I had sought clarification why Bhuktis of Rahu and Ketu are not reckoned in same order of movement as these two nodes ays travel retrograde and their movements are ays anti-clockwise, whilst other planets travel ckwise. So far my query remains unsolved and eplied.

In the October 1989 issue of your esteemed gazine (pages 777 and 778) in the article ming Events" by B. Surya Prakash from *A.M.*, 9 there is mention of Rahu under sub-title pects of Rahu". For easy reference, I reproduce matter as follows. "Rahu, the ascending Node he Moon, according to Indian Astrology, as- ts 5th, 9th and 12th houses. The motion of u always being retrograde, the aspects should ays be referred to in the reverse or anti-clock- e direction. This does not materially affect 5th 9th house aspects, but the 12th house aspect ally becomes the 2nd house aspect".

Although the aspect of the 5th and the 9th ses is not affected, yet the effects of the Bhavas change as the 5th becomes the 9th house and becomes 5th house. Thus if Rahu is stationed ancer, its 5th house aspect will be on Pisces the 9th house aspect will be on Scorpio and the h house aspect will fall on Leo.

This partly answers my queries and confirms doubt is not baseless.

When aspects are to be counted in the reverse ction I stress that the sub-periods of Udu Dasa em should also be counted in the order of the vement of the nodes into the stars they step in. sh to be enlightened further on the subject.

I request you to kindly publish more articles on the subject by B. Surya Prakash.

Bombay. *S. Venkatesan.*

The Astrological Magazine

Sir, - Though I am 86 years old, the information contained in The Astrological Magazine monthly issues and particularly the Annual Number is so great that whatever happens to my physique, I am unable to resist gathering additional knowledge and passing on the same to my friends —of course *gratis.*

Selangor, Malaysia. *V. Velayuthan.*

Sri Surya Prakash Memorial Number

Sir, - The editorial "Is Matching Charts for Marriage Necessary?" in the Sri Surya Prakash Memorial Number (*A.M.*, September 1990) by Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev is superb. I offer my congratulations. The principles elucidated by her are worth pondering over and very clear for professionals to apply.

I wish to offer my respect and congratulations to you for your strenuous efforts in keeping alive this Divine Subject.

Kakinada. *M. Subrahmanyam.*

Sir, - It is a pleasure to read articles with some new ideas like the article by Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev (*A.M.*, of September 1990). What our classical texts have said about this are known but experiments and their subsequent results or some new formula arising out of such experiments are the treasury for our future generations.

The writer has nicely narrated her experiences while implementing our classical Sutras, which have otherwise produced new *sutras* for experiments. "Kuja dosha" or second marriage are common *sutras*, but when the writer explains that Mars in 2, 4, 12 does not generally indicate loss of spouse unless there are some other disintegrating factors or a strong *Mangalyasthana* or a sound 7th can rule out second marriage — they become new *sutras*. Or when she explains that with similar Dosha (loss of spouse) in both charts, it has resulted even after 20 or 25 years in the loss of spouse, it provides food for further thought.

These experiences are the real footpaths on which the progress of Astrology is dependent. It would always be nice to see more such articles in *A.M.*

P.O: Bally, Dist: Howrah. *K. K. Chakraborty.*

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Sir, - Prof. Sastri has already stated his views (*A.M.*, September 1990) that he does not admit of exceptions to Kuja Dosha. As he has stated with reference to the 8th chart on page 755, in the last sentence of the first column, that "The girl's chart shows Mars in the 4th from the Moon and this is not as strong as the boy's Kuja Dosha", am I correct in assuming that he does not admit of Kuja Dosha being calculated from Bhava to Bhava, instead of from sign to sign? The Moon in the girl's chart falls in the 9th Bhava and Mars is in the 5th from the Bhava occupied by the Moon. I am making this enquiry, because on page 63 of *How to Judge a Horoscope* - Volume Two Dr. B. V. Raman has stated: "*In assessing the quantum of Dosha, Bhavas and not Rasis must be taken into account.*

On the subject of the 8th case, may I add that in the husband's chart Venus is less than 2° behind the Sun and hence combust. Such a Venus (Kalatrakaraka) and the Moon are in Argala. In his wife's chart, the Moon and Venus are in Argala in Navamsa. It is a fundamental principle of Astro-logy that when Venus and the Moon are in Argala either in the Rasi or in the Navamsa, the native, if a female, will suffer due to deprivation of personal and sexual happiness or she will be *punarbhoo.* In a male chart, it indicates that he will not enjoy marital felicity at all or he will be given to unhealthy habits.

Coming to Mrs. Trivedi's article in the same issue: Regarding the same Janma Rasi, same Janma Nakshatra and Pada, the matter has been clearly dealt with in Dr. Raman's book *Muhurtha* from which I quote:

The couple should not have the same Janma Rasi, same Janma Nakshatra and Pada. However, in regard to Satabhisha, Hasta, Swati, Aswini, Krittika, Poorvashadha, Mrigasira and Makha, the evil given rise to by virtue of common Janma Rasi, Nakshatra and Pada gets cancelled if the couple are born in the first quarter.

On the basis of the above, the evil is present in the matching of cases 15 and 16, also cases 17 and 18, as Swati Nakshatra is not in the first quarter in both couples.

She also states "In fact Kuja Dosha gets appreciably enhanced on account of association or mutual aspect of Mars and Jupiter or Moon and even Venus". This is contrary to what Dr. B. V. Raman has stated in his book (*supra*) which reads: *The Dosha is counteracted by the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter or Mars and the Moon or the presence of Jupiter or Venus in the Ascendant.*

Secunderabad. *S. Doraisamy.*

Sir, - Kindly refer to page 692 of *A.M.*, Septe[illegible]ber 1990 regarding "Compatibility Test of a Su[illegible]cessful Marriage" by Mr. Buell D. Huggins. T[illegible] example worked out by the learned writer is co[illegible]trary to the formula given by him regarding Di[illegible] Kuta. Instead of counting from girl to boy M[illegible] Huggins has counted from boy to girl and arriv[illegible] at 6 with good results as against 5 with b[illegible] results. The 5th Nakshatra from girl for matchi[illegible] is not approved by the seers. Kindly reconcile.

Painkulam. *P. R. Sanathanan Na[illegible]*

Matrimonial Adventures

Sir, - I would like an addition to be made in t[illegible] analysis of Rahu's association with Venus, 7[illegible] house or its lord in my article (*A.M.*, Septemb[illegible] 1990).

Instead of causing Sapatni Yoga, Rahu's ass[illegible]ciation may also denote partnership with a wi[illegible]ower/widow, or at least some one with a broke[illegible] engagement, or past love affairs.

Bangalore. *Solitair[illegible]*

Mrityu Bhaga Yoga

Sir, - If the intention of Ms. Meenakshi Raut[illegible] "There Lurks Fear" (*A.M.*, March 1990) was [illegible] give an easy approach to the readers for delinea[illegible]ing charts by preparing Mrityu Bhaga, division[illegible] charts, etc., she could have used some complicat[illegible] charts. In the present case, the Rasi chart shou[illegible] suffice. The whole incident occurred during Ju[illegible]ter-Moon. This is explained by the Rasi cha[illegible] alone.

The 5th from Putrakaraka Jupiter happens [illegible] be the seat of mind whereas the 12th from *manak[illegible]karaka* Moon constitutes the Putrabhava fro[illegible] Lagna. Mars is the 5th lord from Lagna and t[illegible] 7th lord from the Moon while Mercury is the 5t[illegible] lord from the Moon and the 7th lord from Lagn[illegible] Mars is the 12th lord from Lagna as well as t[illegible] Moon. Mars and Mercury are bitter enemies. T[illegible] 12th denotes suffering. The Sun is the 9th (5th [illegible] 5th) lord from Lagna and the 4th from the Moo[illegible] The 4th denotes family and comforts. The Sun [illegible] also the Karaka for profession. The 5th also rule[illegible] the mind. Mercury is the 10th lord from Lagn[illegible] and Saturn is the 10th lord from the Moon. Me[illegible]cury is a *badhaka* for Sagittarius whereas Satur[illegible] is a *badhaka* for Taurus.

The pathetic sufferings like strained relation[illegible] between the native and his wife due to their on[illegible] ailing daughter, increased mental agony etc[illegible] ultimately culminating in the illness of the nativ[illegible] and the steep fall in the output of his painting[illegible] and income centre round the affliction caused b[illegible]

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MEAN ATTACKS ON ASTROLOGY

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ossess going by their so-called affiliations to restigious science bodies.

Most of the content is the commonly reeated criticism against Astrology but in conluding, the writers come up with a brilliant rain-wave, if ever there was one. A part of rgument No.8 against Astrology is reproduced below.

8 Scientists and other scholars are not amiliar with astrological theory and ractice and therefore are not qualified to valuate astrology.

According to this argument only astrologers re qualified to discuss and evaluate astrologial practice. However, the argument that one as to have experience or have an internal miliarity with a phenomenon or theory or ractice in order to be able to write or think telligently about it is absurd. It would follow hat so someone who has never murdered anyne is not qualified to evaluate or examine the se of someone who has.

Their argument simply boils down to this: ne need not be familiar with an area of knowlge in order to be qualified to evaluate it.

Nothing could be more sickening and revoltg than such bias. Extending the same arguent to other areas of knowledge, say, physics, ould these scientists be willing to have their eories and work in astrophysics, nuclear hysics etc., be examined and evaluated by one ho has no knowledge of even the basics of hysics? If a social scientist is given their theoes and being unable to make head or tail of its etails, if he dismisses it as nonsense are they ady to accept his rejection as valid. Sauce for e goose is sauce for the gander. These critics Astrology display a strong vein of hypocrisy, Jackyl and Hyde personality. What kind of ientists are these? And is their approach, monstrative of even a trace of scientifi temper?

In conclusion, these critics say *"It would be preferable if the scholars who do the replication are either neutral or skeptical of astrological claims."* What kind of scientific temper is that that advocates bias as a starting point. These same men also quote Gauquelin's findings of 1982 and close their minds to his findings of 1989 which prove beyond all doubt, the relationship between planets and man.

Rationalists and critics of Astrology are obscurantists, refusing to believe in anything that is beyond their comprehension. They believe that science has to be structured to fit into the corridors of their puny intellects. Their bias against Astrology proceeds more from a misconception of what is science than a proper understanding of Astrology.

Mounting criticism against Astrology has been a boon in one sense. **Many people who took Astrology for granted have now begun to study it seriously and have grown appreciative of its scientific foundations.**

The fundamental postulate of Astrology is an equation between *graha* (loosely translated as planet) and life on earth. Several scientists in the U.S.A. and Europe have been rediscovering the truths of Astrology.

Frank A. Brown Jr., Professor of Biology, North Western University, Evanston, Illinois took some oysters from near New Haven, Connecticut and placed them in a tank of salt water at Evanston, Illinois. All factors were regulated. The temperature remained constant, the water stayed on an even level and the room was lit with a dim steady light. For 2 weeks, the oysters closed and opened their shells in time with the tides in New Haven. This seemed to indicate the rhythm was inherited. But, after 14 days, the rhythm ceased. For many hours the oysters remained quiet and then began a new rhythm of opening and closing their shells. On careful observation, it was found the oysters opened their shells when the Full Moon stood at its zenith over Evanston, so it was the Moon's position that influenced the

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rhythm of the oysters' opening and closing.

The Soviet scientist V. Desytov has related suicides and automobile accidents to solar flares. He has found that on the second day after major solar flares, suicides are up by a factor of four. Other investigations have shown a significant relationship between the solar cycle and air temperature, precipitation, crop yields, fish catches, morbidity in man as well as diseases such as malaria, plague, whooping cough and influenza.

Y. N. Yagodinskiy relates mortality from whooping cough to the magnetic pertubations of the earth's field. Magnetic pertubations are themselves related to sunspot activity.

All these correlations simply establish astrological principles. The sunspot activity occurs in regular 11-year cycles. which ,n their turn correspond almost exactly to the geocentric period of planet Jupiter. Planetary cycles are related to solar activity which, in turn, are related to mundane events. Hence planetary cycles are related to mundane events.

Astrology is condemned because sometimes predictions go wrong. But Astrology has never claimed infallibility. The whole edifice of science is built on the ability to prophesy; natural laws are, after all, formulae for predicting. Some disciplines permit relatively exact predictions; others predict with less precision.

The mere fact a prediction is not fulfilled is no argument against it. Do you condemn jurisprudence because a third-class lawyer in a magistrate's court professes law about which he knows nothing? Do you call medicine a fraud because hundreds of patients die all over the country inspite of life-saving drugs? Do you denounce engineering because bridges and buildings not only collapse but also kill thousands of people?

Every profession has its quota of cheats and quacks and incompetents but you do not denounce the science they profess to practice. **The unpalatable truth is Astrology is the only science which is judged by its failures while all other sciences are assessed by their successes.** Bias and partiality have no place in science. Yet some men of science display both traits in ample measure when decrying Astrology.

Gayatri Devi Vasudev

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It has become necessary for us to reluctantly increase the price of THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, effective from January 1991 issue, because of the abnormal rise in the cost of production - newsprint, printing charges, postage, etc.

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DOES MATCHING REALLY HELP — III*

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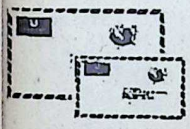
Apart from the Nakshatra Melapak let us see Graha Melapak.

That is, the female has 112.50 malefic points and the male has 123.75 malefic points. The malefic variation is only 11% whereas the marriage is permissible upto 50% variation. Thus the evils of Mars Dosha etc., have been completely neutralised and should not have any malefic effect. The couple is living happily with beautiful children.

Conclusion

The present practice of matching of horoscopes is faulty and misleading. It is better not to match the horoscopes merely on the basis of matching units (but more than 18) and Mars being or not being in the 1st, the 2nd, the 4th, the 7th, the 8th or the 12th houses and their not being of same Nadi. Even very high degree of above 30 Kuta points has led to havoc, disaster, divorce, death, suicide, murder etc. This was found so even in those charts (shown above) where the parity of so-called Kuja Dosha was also present *i.e.*, either both were Mangli or either was Mangli.

Those who understand Astrology can easily understand that my approach will make the process of searching a suitable match much easier if followed and understood properly and most of all, the couple will be able to lead a very happy, successful and long married life.—145.90.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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return to the concerned planets posited in the 5th house.

The event unfolded during Jupiter-Moon since Jupiter is the 8th and 11th lord from the Moon treating these planets as Putrakaraka. The Moon is the 8th lord from Lagna and both Moon and Jupiter are in 6/8.

I don't understand the concept of Mrityu Bhaga. I wish to be enlightened on this.

Malayolaparambu. *Venugopal, N. K.*

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Sarpakopa, Pithrukopa, etc. and the suitable remedial measures, besides afflictions caused by Abhichara (Black Magic) etc. and the proper remedial measures such as Kapalahoma, Chakrahoma, Aghorabali and Pratikarabali, etc. to be performed with the help of really competent persons.

Other *ayanam* cover various other kinds of *Prasnas*. The 14th *ayanam* speaks about Nashta Jataka and how to prepare it from the planetary positions at the time of the query and also from the omens observed at that time.

The whole of the last *ayanam* deals with Ashtakavarga and the future and longevity of a person, based on Ashtakavarga. Different versions regarding the prediction of Lagna in the birth chart are also discussed.

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"The Astrological Magazine" Ephemeris for December 1990

*NIRAYANA POSITIONS OF PLANETS AT 5.30 A.M. I.S.T.

DATE	Day of the Wk	Sid. Time*	☉ Sun *Ravi*	☽ Moon *Chandra*	♂ Mars *Kuja*	☿ Merc. *Budha*	♃ Jupiter *Guru*	♀ Venus *Sukra*	♄ Saturn *Sani*	☊ Rahu	♅ Uranus	♆ Nept.	♇ Pluto
		h.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.s.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
1.	Sat.	16 39 29	226 14 25	27 18 32	41 53	246 27	111 19	233 31	270 02	278 29	255 39	260 43	206 15
2.	Sun.	16 43 26	227 15 13	42 34 55	41 32	247 42	111 18	234 47	270 08	278 26	255 42	260 45	206 17
3.	Mon.	16 47 22	228 16 01	57 54 26	41 10	248 56	111 18	236 02	270 14	278 23	255 45	260 47	206 19
4.	Tues.	16 51 19	229 16 51	73 05 55	40 49	250 06	111 17	237 17	270 20	278 20	255 49	260 49	206 21
5.	Wed.	16 55 15	230 17 41	87 59 56	40 29	251 14	111 16	238 33	270 26	278 17	255 52	260 51	206 24
6.	Thurs.	16 59 12	231 18 34	102 30 03	40 09	252 19	111 15	239 48	270 32	278 13	255 55	260 53	206 26
7.	Fri.	17 03 08	232 19 27	116 33 07	39 49	253 20	111 14	241 03	270 38	278 10	255 59	260 55	206 29
8.	Sat.	17 07 05	233 20 22	130 08 58	39 30	254 16	111 13	242 19	270 44	278 07	256 02	260 57	206 30
9.	Sun.	17 11 01	234 21 18	143 19 34	39 11	255 07	111 11	243 34	270 50	278 04	256 05	260 59	206 33
10.	Mon.	17 14 58	235 22 15	156 08 11	38 53	255 52	111 09	244 49	270 56	278 01	256 09	261 01	206 35
11.	Tues.	17 18 55	236 23 13	168 38 39	38 36	256 31	111 07	246 05	271 03	277 58	256 12	261 04	206 37
12.	Wed.	17 22 51	237 24 13	180 54 52	38 19	257 02	111 05	247 20	271 09	277 54	256 16	261 06	206 39
13.	Thurs.	17 26 48	238 25 14	193 00 26	38 03	257 25	111 03	248 35	271 15	277 51	256 19	261 08	206 41
14.	Fri.	17 30 44	239 26 15	204 58 28	37 48	257 39	111 00	249 51	271 22	277 48	256 23	261 10	206 43
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17.	Mon.	17 42 34	242 29 25	240 31 32	37 06	257 18	110 51	253 37	271 41	277 39	256 33	261 16	206 50
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19.	Wed.	17 50 27	244 31 35	264 15 09	36 42	256 08	110 44	256 07	271 54	277 32	256 40	261 21	206 54
20.	Thurs.	17 54 24	245 32 41	276 12 08	36 32	255 15	110 40	257 23	272 01	277 29	256 44	261 23	206 56
21.	Fri.	17 58 20	246 33 48	288 18 26	36 22	254 13	110 36	258 38	272 08	277 26	256 47	261 25	206 58
22.	Sat.	18 02 17	247 34 54	300 34 03	36 13	253 02	110 32	259 53	272 14	277 23	256 51	261 27	207 00
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24.	Mon.	18 10 10	249 37 09	325 50 02	35 57	250 23	110 23	262 24	272 28	277 16	256 58	261 32	207 04
25.	Tues.	18 14 06	250 38 16	338 57 41	35 51	249 00	110 19	263 39	272 34	277 13	257 01	261 34	207 06
26.	Wed.	18 18 03	251 39 23	352 29 17	35 45	247 39	110 14	264 55	271 10	277 10	257 05	261 36	207 07
27.	Thurs.	18 21 59	252 40 30	6 26 37	35 40	246 23	110 09	266 10	272 48	277 07	257 09	261 39	207 09
28.	Fri.	18 25 56	253 41 38	20 48 54	35 36	245 12	110 04	267 25	272 55	277 04	257 12	261 41	207 11
29.	Sat.	18 29 53	254 42 45	35 34 45	35 33	244 10	109 59	268 40	273 02	277 00	257 16	261 43	207 13
30.	Sun.	18 33 49	255 43 53	50 36 53	35 31	243 17	109 53	269 56	273 09	276 57	257 19	261 45	207 15
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*For local Mean Noon of Bangalore. This can be taken to be sidereal time of local mean noon of any place in India. (The error will not exceed 7 seconds). Ayanamsa on 1-12-1990 is 22°17' 06".

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Astronomical Notes for December 1990

AGASTYA

*Sayana positions of planets at 5.30 a.m. I.S.T. on 1-12-1990.

Planets (Grahas)	Sphuta (Long.)	Dhruva (R.A.)	Vikshepa (Lat.)	Kranti (Decl.)
	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.	d.m.
Ravi	248 32	246 48	0 0	21 S 44
Chandra	49 35	45 44	4 N 48	22 N 15
Kuja	64 11	61 52	1 N 36	22 N 33
Budha	268 44	268 36	2 S 26	25 S 52
Guru	133 36	136 14	0 N 34	17 N 18
Sukra	255 49	254 34	0 S 14	22 S 55
Sani	292 20	294 08	0 S 07	21 S 42
Rahu	300 47			

THE SUN

During this month the Sun moves forward from 16° Scorpio to 18° Sagittarius entering it on 14th. The south declination of the Sun increases till it becomes a maximum at 23° 26' on 22nd; then the south declination decreases to 23° 04' at the end.

THE MOON

The Moon starts from 27° Aries makes one complete circuit of the zodiac and ends at 21° Gemini. The north declination of the Moon increases from 22° 15' till it reaches a maximum of 26° 18' on 3rd; then the north declination decreases until the Moon crosses the equator to the south on 9th; afterwards the south declination increases attaining a maximum of 26° 17' on 16th; thereafter the south declination decreases till the Moon crosses the equator to the north on 24th; thereafter the north declination increases reaching a maximum of 26° 18' on 30th; then the north declination decreases to 20° 31' at the end.

The description of planetary movements is given on Nirayana basis. The Ayanamsa on 1-12-1990 is 22° 17' 06".

MARS

Mars continues its retrograde motion in Taurus from 12° to 5° at the end. The north declination of Mars decreases from 22° 33' till it becomes a minimum at 21° 56' on 29th. Then the north declination increases to the same 21° 56' at the end.

MERCURY

Mercury moves forward from 6° Sagittarius till it becomes retrograde at 18° there on 16th. Then Mercury moves backward in the same Sagittarius to 2° there. The south declination of Mercury decreases from 25° 52' to 20° 11' at the end.

JUPITER

Jupiter moves with retrograde motion in Cancer from 21° to 20° at the end. The north declination of Jupiter increases from 17° 18' to 17° 51' at the end.

VENUS

Venus moves forward from 24° Scorpio to 2° Capricorn entering Sagittarius on 6th and Capricorn on 30th. The south declination of Venus increases from 22° 55' till it reaches a maximum of 24° 10 on 15th; then the south declination decreases to 22° 27 at the end.

SATURN

Saturn moves ahead in Capricorn from 0° to 3° at the end. The south declination of Saturn decreases from 21° 42 to 21° 09' at the end.

RAHU AND OTHER PLANETS

Rahu retrogrades from 278° 29' to 276° 51' at the end.

Uranus moves forward from 255° 39' to 257° 27' at the end.

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Neptune moves ahead from 260° 43' to 261° 50' at the end.

Pluto moves forward from 206° 15' to 207° 18' at the end.

LUNAR CONJUNCTIONS

The Moon forms the following conjunctions with the planets at the timings (I.S.T.) given below:

Mars at 27h.53m. on 1st; Jupiter 20h.20m. on 6th; Pluto at 9h.04m. on 14th; Venus at 11h.09m. on 18th; Mercury at 14h.02m. on 18th; Uranus at 14h.07m. on 18th; Neptune at 23h.38m. on 18th; Saturn at 21h.01m. on 19th; Mars at 29h.27m. on 28th.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

The Sun: Opposition the Moon 2nd, 31st; parallel Neptune 2nd; Trine Jupiter 5th; Trine the Moon 6th, 27th; Square the Moon 9th, 25th; parallel the Moon 14th, 19th; parallel Mercury 16th, conjunction the Moon 17th; conjunction Mercury 24th, parallel Venus 26th; conjunction Uranus 31st.

Mars: Parallel the Moon 1st; conjunction the Moon 1st, 28th; square the Moon 7th, 22nd; trine the Moon 10th, 20th; opposition the Moon 15th.

Mercury: Opposition the Moon 3rd, 30th; trine the Moon 8th, 26th; conjunction Uranus 10th; square the Moon 10th, 25th; parallel Venus 13th; parallel Uranus 15th; conjunction Uranus 18th; conjunction the Moon 18th; conjunction Venus 19th; parallel Neptune 21st.

Jupiter: Trine the Sun 5th; conjunction the Moon 6th; square the Moon 13th; trine the Moon 16th, 25th; opposition the Moon 21st.

Venus: Opposition the Moon 2nd; parallel Uranus 4th; trine the Moon 7th, 28th; square the Moon 9th, 26th; parallel Mercury 13th; conjunction the Moon 18th; conjunction Mercury 19th; conjunction Uranus 19th; conjunction Neptune 23rd; parallel Uranus 26th; parallel the Sun 26th.

Saturn: Trine the Moon 1st, 9th, 28th; opposition the Moon 5th; square the Moon 12th, 26th; conjunction the Moon 19th.

Uranus: Opposition the Moon 4th, 31st; parallel Venus 4th; trine the Moon 8th, 27th; conjunction Mercury 10th; square the Moon 11th, 25th; parallel Mercury 15th; conjunction Mercury 18th; conjunction the Moon 18th; conjunction Venus 19th; parallel Venus 26th; conjunction the Sun 31st.

Neptune: Opposition the Moon 4th; trine the Moon 8th, 28th; square the Moon 11th, 25th; conjunction the Moon 18th; parallel Mercury 21st; conjunction Venus 23rd.

Pluto: Trine the Moon 4th, 24th; square the Moon 6th, 21st; conjunction the Moon 14th; opposition the Moon 28th.

I. Full Moon: Dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 13h.20m. on 2nd for all places on earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 227° 36'; the Moon 47° 36'; Mars 41° 25'; Mercury 248° 08'; Jupiter 111° 18'; Venus 235° 13'; Saturn 270° 14'; Rahu 278° 25'; Uranus 255° 43'; Neptune 260° 46'; Pluto 206° 16'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 331° 21'; the 2nd 3° 06'; the 3rd 34° 51'; the 4th 66° 36'; the 5th 94° 51'; the 6th 123° 06'; the 7th 151° 21'; the 8th 183° 06'; the 9th 214° 51'; the 10th 246° 36'; the 11th 274° 51'; the 12th 303° 06'.

II. New Moon: Bright Fortnight (Sukla Paksha) commences at 9h.52m. on 17th for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 242° 40'; the Moon 242° 40'; Mars 37° 04'; Mercury 257° 13'; Jupiter 110° 50'; Venus 253° 51'; Saturn 271° 42'; Rahu 277° 38'; Uranus 256° 34'; Neptune 261° 17'; Pluto 206° 51'.

Cusps (Mid-points of Houses) for New Delhi: The 1st 282° 46'; the 2nd 317° 57'; the 3rd 353° 08'; the 4th 28° 19'; the 5th 53° 08'; the 6th 77° 57'; the 7th 102° 46'; the 8th 137° 57'; the 9th 173° 08'; the 10th 208° 19'; the 11th 233° 08'; the 12th 257° 57'.

III. Full Moon: Dark Fortnight (Krishna Paksha) begins at 24h.05m. on 31st for all places on the earth.

Nirayana Longitudes of Planets: The Sun 257° 32'; the Moon 77° 32'; Mars 35° 28'; Mercury 242° 09'; Jupiter 109° 43'; Venus 272° 09'; Saturn 273° 20'; Rahu 276° 52'; Uranus 257° 26'; Neptune 261° 50'; Pluto 207° 18'.

Cusps (Mid-points) of Houses for New Delhi: The 1st 162° 54'; the 2nd 192° 57'; the 3rd 223° 01'; the 4th 253° 05'; the 5th 283° 01'; the 6th 312° 57'; the 7th 342° 54'; the 8th 12° 57'; the 9th 43° 01'; the 10th 73° 05'; the 11th 103° 05'; the 12th 132° 57'.

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Daily Guide for December 1990

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[The ending moments of tithis and Nakshatras are accurately given. The timings are according to railway time (IST) with the difference that after midnight and before next sunrise 24 hours are added to avoid ambiguity.—Ed., A.M.]

1. *Sat.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 17h.12m., then Poornima (Full Moon). Krittika and Siddha Yoga till 25h.28m., then Rohini and Amrita Yoga. Upto 17h.12m. good for repaying debts. After 17h.12m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

2. *Sun.*- Poornima (Full Moon) upto 13h.20m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Rohini till 22h.20m., then Mrigasira. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 13h.20m. good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for storing food-stuffs.

3. *Mon.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 9h.28m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) till 29h.49m., afterwards Triteeya (3rd tithi). Mrigasira upto 19h.18m., then Aridra. Siddha Yoga whole day. Between 9h.28m. to 19h.18m. good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

4. *Tues.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 26h.31m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Aridra and Marana Yoga till 16h.33m., then Punarvasu and Amrita Yoga. After 16h.33m. good for testing instruments.

5. *Wed.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 23h.45m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Punarvasu till 14h.16m., then Pushya. Siddha Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

6. *Thurs.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 21h.38m., then Shashti (6th tithi). Pushya till 12h.34m., then Aslesha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 12h.34m. good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for appointing staff, for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for purchasing food-stuffs, for erecting sheds.

7. *Fri.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 20h.14m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Aslesha till 11h.32m., then Makha. Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

8. *Sat.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 19h.36m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Makha and Amrita Yoga till 11h.15m., then Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga. Upto 11h.15m. good for testing instruments, for storing foodstuffs.

9. *Sun.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 19h.43m., then Navami (9th tithi). Poorvaphalguni and Siddha Yoga till 11h.43m., then Uttaraphalguni and Amrita Yoga. After 19h.43m. good for testing instruments.

10. *Mon.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 20h.33m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Uttaraphalguni till 12h.52m., then Hasta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for testing instruments.

11. *Tues.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 21h.58m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Hasta till 14h.39m., then Chitta. Siddha Yoga whole day. After 14h.39m. good for testing instruments, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for borrowing.

12. *Wed.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 23h.52m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Chitta till 16h.54m., then Swati. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 16h.54m. good for driving new vehicles, for buying cows or dogs, for testing instruments, for taking medicines, for borrowing, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

1.	Sat.	Datta Jayanti (Maharashtra), Dattatreya Jayanti, Krittika Deepam
2.	Sun.	Margi Pournami, Huttari - 3 days (Coorg), Advent Sunday - 1
9.	Sun.	Ashtaka (Pushpashtaka), Vaikattashtami (Kerala)
11.	Tues.	Parshwanatha Jayanti
12.	Wed.	Saphala Ekadasi, Hanukaah
16.	Sun.	Vakula Amavasyai (Orissa)
24.	Mon.	Guru Govinda Jayanti, Christmas Eve
25.	Tues.	Christmas Day
26.	Wed.	Jormela - 3 days (Punjab)
27.	Thurs.	Sumbha Dasami (Orissa)
28.	Fri.	Vaikunta Ekadasi, Putrada Ekadasi
31.	Mon.	Pausi Pournami, Pushyabhisekha yatra, New Year's Eve

13. *Thurs.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 26h.07m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Swati and Amrita Yoga till 19h.32m., then Visakha and Siddha Yoga. Good for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for buying cows or dogs, for appointing staff, for fixing pumpsets, for wearing new garments.

14. *Fri.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 28h.36m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi). Visakha till 22h.23m., then Anuradha. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for borrowing, for wearing new garments.

15. *Sat.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) whole day. Anuradha till 25h.23m., then Jyeshta. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for repaying debts.

16. *Sun.*- Chaturdasi (14th tithi) upto 7h.13m., then Amavasya (New Moon). Jyeshta and Marana Yoga till 28h.27m., then Moola and Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

17. *Mon.*- Amavasya (New Moon) upto 9h.52m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Moola and Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for borrowing.

18. *Tues.*- Prathama (1st tithi) upto 12h.27m., then Dwiteeya (2nd tithi). Moola and Amrita Yoga till 7h.29m., then Poorvashada and Siddha Yoga. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

19. *Wed.*- Dwiteeya (2nd tithi) upto 14h.54m., then Triteeya (3rd tithi). Poorvashada till 10h.23m., then Uttarashada. Amrita Yoga whole day. Upto 10h.23m. good for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for buying cows or dogs, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

20. *Thurs.*- Triteeya (3rd tithi) upto 17h.05m., then Chaturthi (4th tithi). Uttarashada till 13h.04m., then Sravana. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 13h.04m. good for testing instruments, for driving new vehicles, for wearing new garments, for storing foodstuffs, for deepening wells.

21. *Fri.*- Chaturthi (4th tithi) upto 18h.55m., then Panchami (5th tithi). Sravana and Marana Yoga till 15h.24m., then Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

22. *Sat.*- Panchami (5th tithi) upto 20h.15m., then Shashti. Dhanishta and Siddha Yoga till 17h.18m., then Satabhisha and Amrita Yoga. Routine work only.

23. *Sun.*- Shashti (6th tithi) upto 20h.58m., then Saptami (7th tithi). Satabhisha till 18h.38m., then Poorvabhadrapada. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for taking medicines, for patients to take first bath after recovery from illness, for purchasing foodstuffs, for erecting sheds.

24. *Mon.*- Saptami (7th tithi) upto 21h.01m., then Ashtami (8th tithi). Poorvabhadrapada and Marana Yoga till 19h.19m., then Uttarabhadrapada and Siddha Yoga. Routine work only.

25. *Tues.*- Ashtami (8th tithi) upto 20h.19m., then Navami (9th tithi). Uttarabhadrapada till 19h.17m., then Revati. Amrita Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

26. *Wed.*- Navami (9th tithi) upto 18h.54m., then Dasami (10th tithi). Revati till 18h.32m., then Aswini, Marana Yoga whole day. Routine work only.

27. *Thurs.*- Dasami (10th tithi) upto 16h.47m., then Ekadasi (11th tithi). Aswini and Amrita Yoga till 17h.06m., then Bharani and Siddha Yoga. Good for driving new vehicles, for travel, for wearing new garments or ornaments, for taking medicines, for storing food stuffs, for fixing pumpsets.

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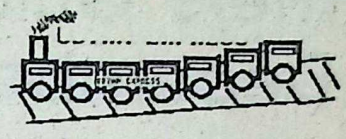

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(The periods against each date are suitable for those born under different Nakshatras as given below. The respective Chandrashtama periods should be avoided for travel).

Aswini, Makha, Moola

5th after 23h.45m.; 6th upto 12h.34m.; 10th after 20h.33m.; 11th till 14h.39m.; 14th between 22h.23m. and 28h.36m.; 20th between 13h.04m. and 17h.05m.; 22nd after 17h.18m.; 24th between 19h.19m. to 21h.01m.

Bharani, Poorvaphalguni, Poorvashada

3rd 9h.28m. to 19h.18m.; 4th 16h.33m. to 26h.31m.; 19th after 10h.23m.; 20th upto 13h.04m.; 21st after 18h.55m.; 22nd upto 17h.18m.; 27th till 17h.06m.

Krittika, Uttaraphalguni, Uttarashada

5th after 23h.45m.; 6th upto 12h.34m.; 10th after 20h.33m.; 11th till 14h.39m.; 14th 22h.23m. to 28h.36m.; 20th 13h.04m. to 17h.05m.; 21st after 18h.05m.; 22nd after 17h.18m.; 24th 19h.19m. to 21h.01m.; 27th upto 17h.06m.

Rohini, Hasta, Sravana

3rd 9h.28m. to 19h.18m.; 4th 16h.33m. to 26h.31m.; 19th after 10h.23m.; 20th upto 13h.04m.; 21st after 18h.55m.; 22nd till 17h.18m.

Mrigasira, Chitta, Dhanishta

5th after 23h.45m.; 6th upto 12h.34m.; 10th after 20h.33m.; 11th upto 14h.39m.; 14th 22h.23m. to 28h.36m.; 19th after 10h.23m.; 20th 13h.04m. to 17h.05m.; 22nd after 17h.18m.; 24th 19h.19m. to 21h.01m.; 27th upto 17h.06m.

Aridra, Swati, Satabisha

3rd 9h.28m. to 19h.19m.; 4th 16h.33m. to 26h.31m.; 10th after 20h.33m.; 11th upto 14h.39m.; 20th 13h.04m. to 17h.05m.; 21st after 18h.55m.; 22nd till 17h.18m.

Punarvasu, Visakha, Poorvabhadrapada

3rd 9h.28m. to 19h.19m.; 5th after 23h.45m.; 6th upto 12h.34m.; 14th 22h.23m. to 28h.36m.; 19th after 10h.23m.; 20th upto 13h.04m.; 21st after 18h.55m.; 22nd whole day; 24th 19h.19m. to 21h.01m.; 27th upto 17h.06m.

Pushya, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada

4th 16h.33m. to 26h.31m.; 10th after 20h.33m.; 11th upto 14h.39m.; 20th 13h.04m. to 17h.05m.; 22nd after 17h.18m.

Aslesha, Jyeshta, Revati

3rd 9h.28m. to 19h.28m.; 4th 16h.33m. to 26h.31m.; 5th after 23h.45m.; 6th upto 12h.34m.; 14th 22h.23m. to 28h.36m.; 19th after 10h.23m.; 20th upto 13h.04m.; 21st after 18h.55m.; 22nd till 17h.18m.; 24th 19h.19m. to 21h.01m.; 27th upto 17h.06m.

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Farmers' Guide for December 1990

MIHIRA

(In this feature guidelines based on astrological factors are given for the benefit of farmers and agriculturists. It is hoped that the following information will be found to be of practical use to all cultivators.—Ed.,A.M.)

1. Upto 17h.12m. good for repaying debts. After 17h.12m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

2. Upto 13h.20m. good for testing instruments, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for harvesting, for sowing.

3. Between 9h.28m. to 19h.18m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells.

4. After 16h.33m. good for manuring, for testing instruments.

5. Routine work only.

6. Upto 12h.34m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for erecting sheds, for disposing off agricultural products.

7. Only routine work.

8. Upto 11h.15m. good for testing instruments, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc., for disposing off agricultural products.

9. After 19h.43m. good for testing instruments.

10. Good for testing instruments.

11. After 14h.39m. good for borrowing, for testing instruments, for manuring.

12. Till 16h.54m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for testing instruments, for borrowing, for fixing pumpsets, for deepening wells, for disposing off agricultural products, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

13. Good for buying oxen or sheep, for fixing pumpsets, for disposing off agricultural products, for sowing.

14. Good for borrowing.

15. Good for repaying debts.

16. Routine work only.

17. Good for borrowing.

18. Good for borrowing, for testing instruments.

19. Upto 10h.23m. good for buying oxen or sheep, for borrowing, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

20. Till 13h.04m. good for testing instruments, for deepening wells, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

21. Only routine work.

22. Good for disposing off agricultural products.

23. Good for erecting sheds, for purchasing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

24. Routine work only.

25. Only routine work.

26. This day also only routine work.

27. Good for sowing, for fixing pumpsets, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

28. Good for borrowing, for writing accounts.

29. Good for testing instruments.

30. Till 7h.24m. good for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

31. Upto 6h.54m. good for testing instruments, for disposing off agricultural products, for storing wheat, paddy, corn, dhall etc.

Due to Mihira's illness we have not been able to carry "Your Technical Difficulties Solved" feature this month.

—EDITOR

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How Is This Month (December 1990) For You?

UTPALA

(The following forecasts based on Janma Rasi are general and as such those having favourable aspects according to present Dasa and Bhukti in their horoscopes will have favourable results from the indications made below while those having adverse aspects according to current directions will experience these predictions to a lesser proportion. The predictions given below are based upon a clear interpretation of movements of transits of planets. If you do not know your Janma Rasi write to Utpala C/o THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE *giving your birth details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Ed. A.M.)*

MAJOR TRANSITS

The Sun transits Scorpio till 14th and then enters Sagittarius. Mars continues his retrograde movement in Taurus. Mercury in Sagittarius gets retrograde on 16th and continues his retrograde motion in the same sign. Jupiter in retrograde motion and Saturn continue their progress in Cancer and Capricorn respectively. Venus in Scorpio transits to Sagittarius on 6th and then moves into Capricorn on 30th. Rahu and Ketu continue their counter-clockwise movements in Capricorn and Cancer respectively.

1. MESHA (Aries)

General: Evil influences are in predominance during the month. All the planets except Venus are in unfavourable transits. The Sun in the 8th and the 9th, Mars in the 2nd, Mercury in the 9th, Jupiter in the 4th and Saturn in the 10th are all unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check except between 6th and 14th, Saturn throughout and Mercury from 6th till the end. Venus in the favourable 8th and 9th till 30th transits on the last two days the unfavourable 10th with check. You should not feel upset as for one thing your natal chart may offer counter-checks to the unfavourable influences and another the effects of unfavourable destiny could be warded off by your own efforts. After all destiny was your own making and hence you can alter it. Dharma Sastras proclaim this. Bharani is better than Aswini and Krittika.

Health and Domestic: Bilious and windy complaints are indicated by the adverse transits of planets. As an aggravation of the present complaints are indicated, chronic sufferers should resort to prophylactic measures. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: While there is likely to be a cut in your regular income, the expenses will increase considerably. You may also incur losses in the enterprises recently started by you, through deceitful friends. This is not a month for speculative activities.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Damage to property and crops is likely through unforeseen causes. There may also be difficulties in dealing with the tenants, Government authorities, workers and adjacent property owners. Conditions of work and remuneration are not likely to be encouraging for the services. Professions and businesses will have a lean month.

Women: The emphasis is on expenditure which, if not controlled, will land you in a financial mess. As functional health is likely to be affected you should be extremely careful in this regard. Employed girls should steer clear of politics in their places of work.

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Students: The month cannot be said to be favourable for students. Monetary difficulties may worry you. The extra-curricular activities should be cut down as much as possible. You should carefully watch your manners, speech and conduct.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-11-19	1-14-26
Money dealings and enterprises	4-12-20	3-10-16
Journeys	6-19-22	3-10-17
Real property matters and educational activities	8-20-24	5-13-18
Children and speculation	11-22-27	7-15-21
Services	12-24-31	9-16-23
Partnership	11-24-31	9-18-25
Insurance	8-20-27	13-21-26
Profession and business	6-19-31	16-23-30

Chandrashtama occurs from afternoon of 14th to early hours of 17th.

2. VRISHABHA (Taurus)

General: The Sun in the 7th and the 8th, Mars in the 1st, Jupiter in the 3rd and Saturn in the 9th are all adverse; Saturn is under check. Mercury in the 8th is fully favourable. Venus in the unfavourable 7th till 6th with check transits afterwards the favourable 8th and 9th. The evil influences will be predominant during the month. You will be engaged in fruitless travels. You are likely to suffer humiliation and bodily injury. Avoid quarrels particularly during the first half. Rohini is better than Krittika and Mrigasira.

Health and Domestic: Persistent and violent headache indicative of the presence of tumour is likely and should be attended to promptly. Chronic patients should be extremely careful. Your son's health is likely to cause mild concern. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: There are no indications for a satisfactory financial position. The expenditure will increases sharply while the income will shrink. You should scrutinise every item of expenditure if you are keen on not being swept off your feet in the field of finance. Surprisingly, the speculative transactions are likely to yield good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The planetary transits do not indicate a favourable position for real estate matters. All transactions on property matters should be postponed. Yield and rentals will be irregular. Those in service are likely to be victimised on false charges. This is not an encouraging month for businesses and professions.

Women: Social contacts are not likely to be of much assistance to you. You are advised to go slow on love affairs. Employed girls are likely to find the month trying.

Students: You should avoid sports, games and athletics in view of your proneness to physical injuries. As you are likely to incur the displeasure of your relations you will do well to be careful in dealing with them.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-8-14	1-10-17
Money dealings and enterprises	2-11-20	1-9-19
Journeys	2-12-22	1-15-25
Real property matters and educational activities	6-12-24	5-16-26
Children and speculation	6-14-27	5-18-28
Services	6-20-31	5-21-29
Partnership	8-14-22	5-23-30
Insurance	8-20-27	9-18-26
Profession and business	8-20-31	7-23-30

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 17th to evening of 19th.

3. MITHUNA (Gemini)

General: Mars in the 12th, Mercury in the 7th and Saturn in the 8th are all unsatisfactory; Mercury is under check till 14th, Sun in the favourable 6th till 14th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 7th with check. Jupiter in the favourable 2nd yields to Vedha. Venus is unfavourable when transitting the 6th and the 7th till the last day but he is under check. He transits the favourable 8th on the last two days. In a month of mixed results the bad side will be more in evidence. As criminal proceedings are likely to be launched against you, you should follow the laws of the land both in letter and spirit. If, however, any such situation arises, Jupiter will come to your relief. Aridra is better than Mrigasira and Punarvasu.

Health and Domestic: Stomach and rectal complaints are denoted by the adverse transits of planets. Chronic patients suffering from stomach troubles should be extra careful. Relatives are likely to prove troublesome. You may have to keep your fingers crossed in so far as peace and harmony in the domestic field are concerned.

Finance and Speculation: In an otherwise unsatisfactory month, you will not have financial problems. You will be able to meet your financial obligations on your own without assistance from

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friends and well-wishers. The speculative transactions should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: The conditions pertaining to real properties are not likely to be satisfactory. Labour problems may worry agriculturists considerably. Setbacks are unavoidable for services. Businesses and professions may have to face numerous obstacles.

Women: It is in respect of functional health that the women should be careful. Social climbers should reduce the tempo of their activities. Employed girls are likely to be given memos by their superiors to explain their performance in official work.

Students: Those pursuing medical courses are particularly favoured. You will be successful in tests and interviews. You will have opportunities of meeting scholars of fame and reputation.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	12-14-24	10-19-30
Money dealings and enterprises	11-17-31	10-20-30
Journeys	8-14-27	10-22-30
Real property matters and educational activities	6-12-24	9-18-29
Children and speculation	4-11-27	7-16-28
Services	4-11-24	5-15-26
Partnership	2-8-24	3-13-23
Insurance	2-8-27	1-10-21
Profession and business	2-8-31	7-18-30

Chandrashtama occurs from evening of 19th to early hours of 22nd.

4. KATAKA (Cancer)

General: The Sun in the adverse 5th till 14th with check transits afterwards the favourable 6th. Mars in the 11th and Mercury in the 6th are both favourable making some allowance for the yielding to Vedha by Mars till 14th. Jupiter in Janma and Saturn in the 7th are both adverse but both of them are under check. Venus in the favourable 5th till 6th transits afterwards the unfavourable 6th and 7th. The general results are of a mixed nature with good effects having an edge over the evil ones. The latter half of the month will be more satisfactory than the first half. You should guard against aimless roaming about. Of the three stars Pushyami fares the best. Punarvasu comes next and Aslesha last.

Health and Domestic: Weakness and general debility may annoy you practically throughout. The period may yield some small relief to chronic patients. You may have to face a number of problems in the domestic sphere practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: Financial matters require careful handling. There will be pressure for ready cash. Friends will, however, assist you to meet your financial obligations. Luckily the speculative activities are likely to yield moderate profits during the first half and good dividends later.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is quite a satisfactory month for all real estate matters. Yield and rentals will be good. All labour problems will be resolved to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The period will be, more or less, satisfactory for the services, professions and businesses.

Women: The month will not be unsatisfactory. New contacts will enliven your life. Social workers may be invited to shoulder greater responsibilities in recognition of their good performance in the past. Employed girls should be careful in dealing with their superiors.

Students: You will make rapid progress in studies. Those ambitious of a career in the army will be offered admission into the Officer Training Schools as cadets by the Defence Department. You could reduce contacts with opposite sex to your advantage.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	6-12-19	7-15-22
Money dealings and enterprises	12-20-27	10-18-24
Journeys	2-14-19	1-13-23
Real property matters and educational activities	11-20-27	7-18-29
Children and speculation	8-19-31	7-18-30
Services	2-17-27	5-16-25
Partnership	4-20-27	5-13-26
Insurance	4-20-31	9-18-28
Profession and business	8-17-31	9-18-29

Chandrashtama occurs from early hours of 22nd to midday of 24th.

5. SIMHA (Leo)

General: The Sun in the 4th and the 5th, Mercury in the 5th and Jupiter in the 12th are all unsatisfactory; the Sun is under check from the 14th, Mars in the 10th and Saturn in the 6th are fully favourable. Venus in the favourable 4th and 5th till the 30th with Vedha till 6th transits the adverse 6th during the last two days with check. The favourable influences have an upper hand during the month. You will acquire considerable power and influence through contacts with very important persons. Your enemies will be de-

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feated. Poorvaphalguni is better than Makha and Uttaraphalguni.

Health and Domestic: Minor ailments are likely to upset you a little during the first half. Chronic sufferers can look forward to having some relief. Children's health may cause mild concern. Domestic bliss of a high order is vouchsafed to you from the 6th till the end.

Finance and Speculation: You may have to face problems in the financial field. Your friends will, however, assist you to meet your financial obligations fully and satisfactorily. The speculative transactions should be avoided completely.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: All real property transactions will be quite satisfactory. Yield and rentals will be well above average. Labour problems may, however, worry you. Services, businesses and professions will find the month helpful and fruitful.

Women: Female film artistes are likely to be offered lucrative contacts which can take them to the top of the celluloid world. You will be the most sought-after person in the social gathering. Long awaited luxury articles will be enjoyed by you. The period will be satisfactory for the working girls.

Students: This is a good month for students particularly those pursuing engineering courses. Those who have appeared before the Services Selection Boards are likely to be selected as officer cadets. You will excel in sports, games and athletics and you are likely to be included in the national or state level teams.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-18-17	1-10-18
Money dealings and enterprises	4-11-19	3-13-21
Journeys	6-12-20	5-15-23
Real property matters and educational activities	8-14-22	7-10-24
Children and speculation	11-17-27	9-18-25
Services	12-19-31	10-21-26
Partnership	8-17-31	7-18-28
Insurance	6-14-27	5-16-29
Profession and business	4-11-20	9-23-30

Chandrashtama occurs from midday of 24th to evening of 26th.

6. KANYA (Virgo)

General: Mercury in the 4th, Jupiter in the 11th, Venus in the 3rd, the 4th and the 5th are all favourable; Mercury yields to Vedha till the 14th and Venus only during the last two days. The Sun in the favourable 3rd till 14th with Vedha transits afterwards the adverse 4th. Saturn in the unfavourable 5th is under check. The favourable influences have an upper hand during the month. Business and professional advancement, good speech, auspicious celebrations and accrual of money are all likely. Hasta is better than Uttaraphalguni and Chitta.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy good health throughout. Chronic sufferers should take advantage of the favourable vibrations of planets and endeavour to obtain a permanent cure for their ailments. You will derive much happiness through your children. Domestic bliss of a high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: The financial affairs will be extremely satisfactory. The period is quite favourable for money dealings. Amounts due may be realised and loans repaid. You are advised to go slow on speculative transactions.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Notwithstanding the adverse posture of the Karaka for properties, you are likely to acquire new properties. Yield and rentals will be good. Labour problems will be resolved. Services may be promoted out-of-turn. This is a good period for businesses and professions.

Women: This is an excellent month for the fair sex. Love affairs will blossom into happy wedding with the blessings of elders in the family. Working girls will be promoted and transferred to places of their choice.

Students: You will come out successful in the Superior Services Competitive examinations held by the Central Government. You may be offered scholarships by foreign universities with travel grant. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex during the month.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-11-19	1-10-18
Money dealings and enterprises	2-12-20	1-13-21
Journeys	2-14-22	1-15-23
Real property matters and educational activities	2-17-24	3-13-26
Children and speculation	8-17-31	3-13-27
Services	6-14-20	3-16-29
Partnership	6-14-22	5-18-29
Insurance	4-11-19	5-18-30
Profession and business	4-17-31	7-23-30

Chandrashtama occurs from beginning to morning of 1st and again from evening of 26th to evening of 28th.

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7. THULA (Libra)

General: Mars in the 8th, Mercury in the 3rd, Jupiter in the 10th and Saturn in the 4th are all unsatisfactory; Mercury and Saturn are under check. The Sun in the adverse 2nd till 14th with check till 6th transits afterwards the favourable 3rd. Venus in the favourable 2nd, 3rd and 4th yields to Vedha only during the last two days. The planets are mostly unfavourable during the month. There is likely to be a setback in your undertakings. As you are prone to accidents during this month, you should be careful in your movements. Visakha is better than Chitta and Swati.

Health and Domestic: Liver and kidney troubles of a somewhat serious nature are denoted by the adverse planetary transits. The month is likely to prove extremely trying for chronic sufferers. Domestic bliss of a high order will, however, be vouchsafed to you practically throughout.

Finance and Speculation: Losses are likely in your enterprises through your misplaced confidence in persons posing as friends and well-wishers. Redemption from financial worries is hardly likely during this month. Speculative activities are likely to harm you.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Damage to crops is likely during this month. You may have to incur considerable expenditure on litigation. If compromise is possible you are advised to resort to it. Services are likely to incur the displeasure of their superiors. Professions and businesses are not likely to find the month satisfactory.

Women: The month will not be too bad for the fair sex. Actually social climbers will find the month even fruitful. You should be careful about your health. Employed girls will not find the month unsatisfactory.

Students: Listlessness and general depression of mind are denoted by the adverse transits of planets. Light reading may assist you to get over depression. Extra-curricular activities should be curtailed and you should make concentrated effort on studies.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	12-22-31	10-21-30
Money dealings and enterprises	11-20-27	9-18-29
Journeys	8-19-24	7-16-28
Real property matters and educational activities	6-17-22	5-15-26
Children and speculation	4-14-20	3-13-25
Services	4-14-19	2-10-23
Partnership	6-17-27	5-15-23
Insurance	6-19-31	1-9-21
Profession and business	4-19-27	3-15-26

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 1st to morning of 3rd and again from evening of 28th to evening of 30th.

8. VRISCHIKA (Scorpio)

General: Mercury in the 2nd, Jupiter in the 9th, Venus in the 1st, the 2nd and the 3rd and Saturn in the 3rd are all good making an allowance for the yielding to Vedha by Venus from 6th to 30th. The Sun in the 1st and the 2nd and Mars in the 7th are both unfavourable; the Sun is under check except between the 6th and 14th. The month has an accumulation of favourable influences. Gains and rewards are indicated. Legislators of this sign are likely to be invited to join the Council of Ministers. Accrual of wealth is indicated. Anuradha is better than Visakha and Jyeshta.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor complaints lasting for a day or two, you will enjoy good health throughout. Chronic patients could look forward to having a trouble-free month. Your son will land an excellent job in a reputed business house. Domestic life will be, on the whole, peaceful and harmonious.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs will be entirely satisfactory. You will start new enterprises which will yield good dividends in due course. A financial legacy is likely to be made in your favour unexpectedly. Speculative transactions will yield excellent profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: You are advised to postpone decisions on major property deals to later periods. Unexpected promotions are most likely for the services and transfers to places of their choice are also indicated. This is quite a profitable month for businesses and professions.

Women: Romance will blossom into very happy wedding. Social workers will receive due recognition and encouragement. Employed girls will find the month very satisfactory.

Students: This is an excellent month for students, from many points of view. You will make excellent progress in studies. Your progress in sports will be recognised with chances of inclusion in the national team.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	8-14-19	4-16-25
Money dealings and enterprises	8-14-20	9-18-31

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Journeys	14-20-27	7-15-26
Real property matters and educational activities	14-20-27	7-15-28
Children and speculation	2-12-22	7-15-29
Services	2-12-24	10-21-30
Partnership	11-19-24	10-21-31
Insurance	11-19-27	5-18-28
Profession and business	8-19-27	1-16-29

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 3rd to morning of 5th and again from evening of 30th to the end.

9. DHANUS (Sagittarius)

General: The Sun in the 12th and the 1st, Mercury in the 1st, Jupiter in the 8th and Saturn in the 2nd are all unfavourable; Mercury and Saturn are under check. Mars in the 6th is fully favourable. Venus in the favourable 12th, 1st and 2nd yields to Vedha throughout except during the last two days. The bad side will be more in evidence during the month. As criminal proceedings are likely to be launched against you, you should be extremely careful in your action. In the event of such an unfortunate mishap, Mars will retrieve you from such a situation. Poorvashadha is better than Moola and Uttarashada.

Health and Domestic: Urino-genital organ troubles are likely during the month. Chronic sufferers should take extra care of their health. Affairs of spouse may cause annoyance. With some effort you could save peace and harmony in the domestic field.

Finance and Speculation: This is an outright unsatisfactory month for finance. Expenditure will increase considerably. Pressure from creditors will be severe. You may incur losses in certain transactions. Speculative deals will give you good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: Income from lands and buildings will be quite satisfactory, but certain difficulties may have to be overcome in their realisation. For services, businesses and professions the obstacles will be numerous and nothing is to be anticipated by way of improvement.

Women: It is mainly in respect of their health that the women should be careful. In club and social activities you are likely to find the conditions disappointing. Romance should be curtailed as far as possible. Employed girls should avoid unnecessary talk in the office.

Students: Engineering students are particularly favoured. You are likely to come out successful in competitive tests and interviews. Games and sports involving violent activities are not recommended.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-12-19	1-10-18
Money dealings and enterprises	4-14-20	2-13-21
Journeys	8-17-22	5-15-23
Real property matters and educational activities	11-19-24	6-16-25
Children and speculation	12-20-27	7-18-26
Services	14-22-31	9-21-28
Partnership	11-20-31	10-23-29
Insurance	4-17-27	10-23-30
Profession and business	2-14-24	5-16-26

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 5th to morning of 7th.

10. MAKARA (Capricorn)

General: Jupiter in the 7th and Venus in the 11th, 12th and the 1st are fully favourable. Mars in the 5th and Saturn in Janma are both unsatisfactory. Mercury in the unfavourable 12th comes under check till 14th. The Sun in the favourable 11th till 14th with Vedha transits afterwards the unfavourable 12th. The month has more favourable influences. Accrual of wealth and auspicious celebrations in the family are likely. You will be successful in your undertakings. Sravana is better than Dhanishta and Satabhisha.

Health and Domestic: Barring minor health complaints you will be generally free from health problems during the month. Chronic patients having kidney troubles should be careful. You will derive much happiness through your children. Domestic bliss of a very high order will be vouchsafed to you.

Finance and Speculation: Financial affairs will be quite satisfactory. You are likely to get very substantial income from an unexpected source. Speculative transactions will yield fabulous profits throughout.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: You will do well to postpone decisions on major property matters. You will make considerable improvements on your buildings. Services are likely to be promoted out-of-turn. This is a good month for professions and businesses.

Women: Love affairs will blossom into extremely happy wedding and you will also have the blessings of the elders in the family. Outside activities will bring happiness and success. Employed girls will overcome their rivals to achieve promotions.

Students: You will get opportunities of cultivating the friendship of eminent scholars and this

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will be a great help to you in your career later on. You will be successful in interviews. You will have an enjoyable and memorable picnic in the company of the opposite sex.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	2-11-17	1-10-18
Money dealings and enterprises	2-12-19	1-13-21
Journeys	2-14-20	8-21-30
Real property matters and educational activities	4-14-22	5-10-16
Children and speculation	4-17-24	5-15-25
Services	8-18-27	5-15-26
Partnership	8-19-31	7-18-28
Insurance	4-17-27	7-18-29
Profession and business	2-12-31	7-18-30

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 7th to evening of 9th.

11. KUMBHA (Aquarius)

General: Mars in the 4th, Jupiter in the 6th and Saturn in the 12th are all unsatisfactory. Mercury in the favourable 11th yields to Vedha. Venus in the adverse 10th with check till 6th transits afterwards the favourable 11th and 12th yielding to Vedha on the last two days. The Sun in the favourable 10th and 11th yields to Vedha till 14th. The evil influences will be more in evidence during the month. The general trend emphasises the presence of evil influences. You will do well to be guarded in your activities. You are likely to be involved in fruitless long travels during the month. You should conserve all your resources. Satabhisha is better than Dhanishta and Poorvabhadra.

Health and Domestic: Glaucoma is likely to worry you throughout. The infection will be on the left eye. You should consult an opthalmic expert immediately as otherwise the infection may lead to blindness. This is a trying period for chronic patients. You will have peace and harmony in the domestic field throughout.

Finance and Speculation: The income will shrink and the expenditure will rise sharply. Creditors will press you for repayment of loans. Financial redemption is hardly likely during this month. Speculative transactions will harm you.

Real Property, Services, Professions, etc.: This is not a satisfactory month for real property transactions. You will experience difficulties in the realisation of rents from tenants. Penal transfers are likely for the services. This is a good period, however, for businesses and professions.

Women: The period will be reflected by broken social engagements, unpopularity in life and restlessness. No romance is possible during the month. The period will be trying for employed girls.

Students: With some effort you could make good progress in studies. You should avoid unnecessary talks and travels. Health too may cause mild concern. Social contacts with the opposite sex could be reduced to your advantage.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	8-22-31	12-23-30
Money dealings and enterprises	6-20-27	11-21-29
Journeys	4-19-24	10-18-28
Real property matters and educational activities	2-17-22	9-16-26
Children and speculation	2-17-27	7-15-25
Services	2-17-31	5-13-23
Partnership	6-19-27	3-10-21
Insurance	4-22-31	1-9-18
Profession and business	8-17-27	9-18-29

Chandrashtama occurs from evening of 9th to early morning of 12th.

12. MEENA (Pisces)

General: Mars in the 3rd, Mercury in the 10th, Jupiter in the 5th and Saturn in the 11th are all favourable making allowances for the yielding to Vedha by Mercury and Saturn. The Sun in the adverse 9th till 14th transits afterwards the favourable 10th. Venus in the favourable 9th till 6th with Vedha transits thereafter the adverse 10th till 30th when he moves into the favourable 11th with Vedha. The favourable influences are in predominance during the month. Success over enemies, accrual of power, wealth and influence and general prosperity are all likely. This is an excellent period for you. Revati is better than Purvabhadra and Uttarabhadra.

Health and Domestic: You will enjoy excellent health. Chronic patients will have practically total relief. Your eldest son will be successful in business activities. But you may have to keep your fingers crossed in so far as peace and harmony in the domestic field are concerned.

Finance and Speculation: This is an excellent month for finances. You will settle your past commitments on the due dates. New financial ventures are likely to be started by you. Speculative transactions will yield good profits.

Real Property, Services, Professions etc.: Acquisition of new properties is likely. Labour problems will be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. Unexpected promotions are most likely for the services. This is a most profitable month for

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MY TURN

RAMAVARMAN ERADY, PALGHAT

THE CATCH IN MATCHING CHARTS

IN SPITE of the several articles in the September issue relating to marriage matching, serious doubts about which none of the articles made mention of, remain:

(1) It is said that the same placements of malefics in the dustanas (1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 12) in both the horoscopes will cancel the Dosha. But is it not a fact that the Doshas in the 7th house of the male can be cancelled only by the 8th house Doshas of the female? To take an example, if there is Mars in the 8th house of both the male and female horoscopes, is it not a sure indication of the death of the husband?

(2) Is there any parihara for the Papakartari Yoga of Venus?

(3) Does the association of Saturn or Rahu or both with Mars mitigate the evils of Mars? It may arrest the excessive sexual propensities of Mars. But as regards death of the partner, does it not increase the possibility, indicated by Mars?

Will Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev be kind enough to throw some light on the above aspects?

businesses and professions.

Women: You will derive immense benefit through social contacts. Those engaged in social work will be invited to shoulder greater responsibilities which they will discharge to the satisfaction of all concerned. Employed girls will be promoted out-of-turn.

Students: This is an excellent period for studies, sports and other activities. You should consolidate your position by hard work. National selectors for sports will invite you to participate in trials. Work hard, a great future awaits you.

	Fortunate Dates	*Inauspicious Dates*
Personal and domestic	8-17-24	12-23-30
Money dealings and enterprises	8-17-27	7-14-26
Journeys	8-17-31	1-10-18
Real property matters and educational activities	2-11-19	1-10-21
Children and speculation	2-8-20	5-18-29
Services	2-17-27	5-18-30
Partnership	6-11-22	3-13-21
Insurance	6-11-24	3-13-23
Profession and business	6-11-31	10-21-30

Chandrashtama occurs from morning of 12th to afternoon of 14th.

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28. *Fri.*- Ekadasi (11th tithi) upto 14h.05m., then Dwadasi (12th tithi). Bharani till 15h.05m., then Krittika. Siddha Yoga whole day. Good for borrowing, for dealing with members of the opposite sex, for writing accounts.

29. *Sat.*- Dwadasi (12th tithi) upto 10h.54m., then Trayodasi (13th tithi). Krittika till 12h.36m., then Rohini. Amrita Yoga whole day. Good for testing instruments.

30. *Sun.*- Trayodasi (13th tithi) upto 7h.24m., then Chaturdasi (14th tithi) till 27h.44m., afterwards Poornima (Full Moon). Rohini till 9h.49m., then Mrigasira. Siddha Yoga whole day. Upto 7h.24m. good for driving new vehicles, for taking medicines, for testing instruments, for deepening wells.

31. *Mon.*- Poornima (Full Moon) upto 24h.05m., then Prathama (1st tithi). Mrigasira till 6h.54m., then Aridra upto 28h.00m., afterwards Punarvasu. Siddha Yoga till 28h.00m., then Amrita Yoga. Upto 6h.54m. good for wearing new garments or ornaments, for driving new vehicles, for testing instruments, for storing foodstuffs.

Correction:—*A.M.* November 1990, page 885 under Mesha (Aries) read 'Aswini is better than Bharani and Krittika' and not as printed. The error is regretted. —*Editor*

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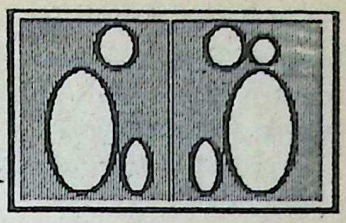

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Q. My daughter aged nine is very irritable and cranky at home, especially when she is alone. Will it improve if she has a sibling?

Born 13-1-1981 at 7.35 p.m.

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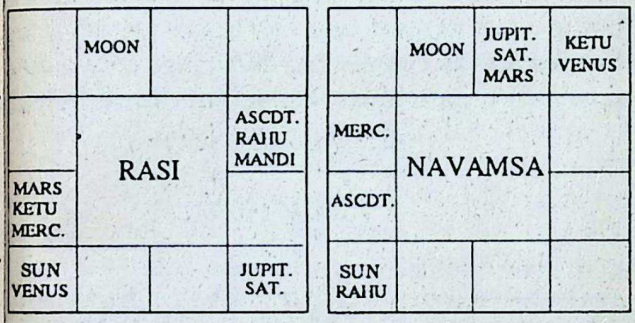

Ans: The girl lost her mother in the year of her birth in Ketu Dasa. The nodal axis across the 4th house from the Moon deprived her of mother. Venus, the present Dasa lord, aspects the 3rd house from Chandra Lagna while Jupiter occupies the 3rd from Lagna aspecting the 3rd lord Mercury. So, a sibling is not ruled out.

The 4th house from the Chandra Lagna has serious afflictions. Only malefics influence it and can indicate a hostile atmosphere at home. Perhaps this is why the girl is reacting the way she is. May be, treating her with gentleness and patience will help her change, once she begins to feel emotionally secure with you. What she needs is warmth, a feeling of being wanted and not so much a sibling.

Q. My wife is working in a nationalised bank in Bijapur since 5 years. We were married in September 1988 and got a boy in January 1990. I am also in a nationalised bank but in Bangalore. My wife has not been able to get a transfer to Bangalore and we have not been able to set up a family even 2 years after marriage. The kid is with me and has been denied of his mother's affection. When will we be able to live together.?Husband: Born 28-10-1954 at 3.51 a.m.

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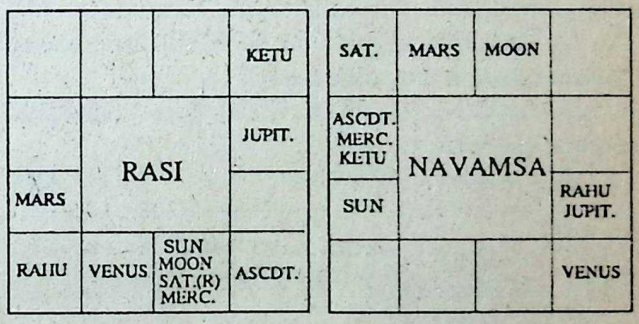

Ans: You are running Saturn Dasa and Saturn as 5th lord is in the 2nd house combust in the 12th lord. This has affected family life adversely. Jupiter Bhukti of Saturn Dasa may see favourable changes relating to family life. Jupiter as the 7th lord is placed in the 11th aspecting the 7th house and in a Kendra from Dasa lord Saturn. This may lead to physical proximity with family.

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Q. My daughter who is a final year B.E. student is in love with a Brahmin boy since some years. Will she marry him or one whom we approve?

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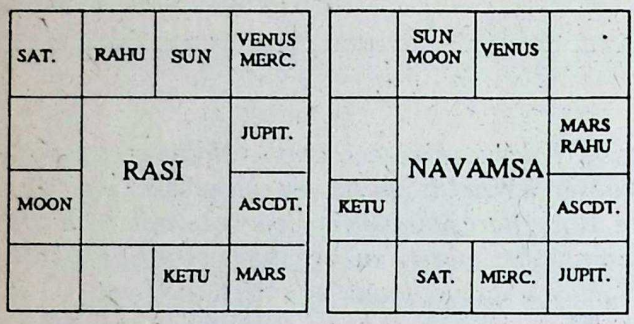

Ans: The 7th lord Saturn is in the 8th in a Jupiterean sign and Jupiter aspects him from his exaltation sign. With reference to Chandra Lagna too, there is a predominance of Jupiter's influence on the 7th house factors. This would suggest a happy marriage. The Dasa is of Rahu who in the 9th is aspected by Mars. This indicates involvement with and marriage with one outside one's caste. Here, Jupiter's strong influence seems to confirm her present choice. Since Dasa lord is in Aries aspected by Mars, the best course would be to see if the boy of her choice is eligible and approve the match. Opposing it may only prompt the girl to do something impulsive and create a furore which is what Rahu can do if not handled with tact and foresight.

Q. I am doing my I LLB. Will I be able to practise law successfully?

Born 29-11-1968 at 7.20 p.m. (IST) at Secunderabad.

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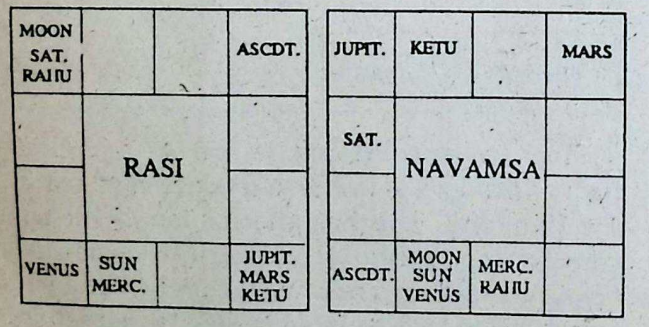
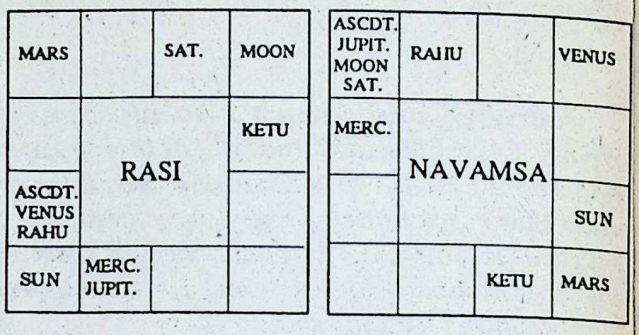


Ans: The 10th lord Jupiter is in Virgo with Mars aspected by Saturn. From Chandra Lagna, Venus in the 10th is aspected by Saturn who also aspects 10th lord Jupiter. These suggest a legal career. After Venus Dasa begins, very good results careerwise can be expected.

Q. My daughter is in III B.Sc. and doing well. But some of my family members want her to get married and others think she should study further? What would you advise?

S. No. 17303



Ans: The Lagna and 5th lords are in mutual exchange of signs which promotes academic interests. Further your daughter is having her Saturn Dasa with Saturn in the 5th house. However the natal Moon will be under affliction from transit Saturn for the next two and a half years when she may face some setbacks in her career. However, she can opt for a course that is not too taxing and hope for good results once Saturn leaves Capricorn. Marriage contracted now may create much tension in the girl's life.

Astrologically yours,

Arundhati

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V. P. Singh and India

MRS. MRIDULA TRIVEDI

THE reservation policy and the issue of Rama Janma Bhoomi have assumed significant importance today.

Let us first review the horoscope[a] of Mr. V. P. Singh. He was born in 8° 35' Cancer in Punarvasu 4th Pada ruled by Jupiter. The Lagna has exalted Jupiter and obtains Vargottama Navamsa. Three planets Jupiter, Mars and Saturn are also Vargottama. Saturn is retrograde in Sagittarius in the 6th house. Various powerful Rajayogas are found in the horoscope.

From 21-10-1990 to 27-8-1991 he will be passing through Sun Bhukti in Mercury Dasa. According to *Bhavartha Ratnakara* (Ch. I Sl. 14, 15), the Sun Dasa is the worst for Cancer natives. This view is based on the lordship of the Sun over the 2nd house. Slokas 23, 24 and 25 of *Brihat Parasara Hora Sara* say that the Sun Bhukti in Mercury is very adverse and may even cause untimely end if the Sun owns the 2nd or the 7th from Lagna. It says the 2nd lord in the 12th gives adverse results. The Sun's Bhukti will be most adverse for Mr. V. P. Singh. He will have to face unbearable mental tensions. There will be adversities of various kinds resulting in different kinds of reversals. The Sun gets 7.80 *rupas graha bala* while Dasa lord Mercury gets 8.07 *rupas graha bala*. The Sun is the strongest planet in this chart, while the 9th house is the weakest Bhava.

The Sun owns the 2nd and is in the 12th house. The Dasa lord Mercury receives the adverse aspect of the 7th and 8th lord Saturn. In Navamsa the Sun obtains Jupiter's amsa in the 6th house and joins Rahu and Saturn. In Navamsa Mars and Saturn are both influencing the Sun. This is all adverse. Mr. Singh will become very rigid and would face the opposition and criticism boldly. The Bhukti of the Sun may see various kinds of humiliation, loss of power or position, alround failures and problems in most of the undertakings.

Mars is in the 2nd house in Vargottama Navamsa and aspects adversely the 8th house. Saturn, owner of 7th and 8th has a full aspect over the 8th house and the 2nd lord Sun. In Navamsa, both the Vargottama planets, Saturn and Mars, are aspecting the 8th house. The Sun's association with Saturn in Navamsa indicates agitation by the masses or conflicts between power and labour, disputes between authority and subordinates. This presents a dismal picture of the events to come and will create disasters between the countrymen and the rulers.

In the Trimsamsa chart, considered for miseries and diseases, the Sun and the Moon occupy the 10th house. Mars falls in the 8th house in Sagittarius and Saturn falls in the 6th house in Libra having an aspect over the 8th house. The 6th house is the strongest as it gets 11.21 Shadbala strength whereas the Lagna obtains only 6.99 rupas. The 6th house or its lord should never be stronger than the Lagna or the lord of the Lagna. The 6th lord Jupiter obtains 9.78 *rupas* whereas Lagna lord Moon is the weakest planet having 6.61 *rupas*. There-

[a] *V. P. Singh:* Born 25-6-1931 at 7-04 hrs (IST). *Rasi:* Cancer - Ascendant 3° 11' and Jupiter 2° 14'; Leo - Mars 14° 59'; Virgo - Ketu 17° 22'; Libra - Moon 6° 29'; Sagittarius - Saturn (R) 28° 21'; Pisces - Rahu 17° 22'; Taurus - Venus 19° 21'; and Gemini - Mercury 3° 56' and Sun 9° 36' with a balance of Vimshottari Dasa of Mars: 0 years, 1 month and 2 days.

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fore there will be no peace of mind due to strong enemies who will overpower him. The current Dasa-Bhukti is the worst for his position, power and existence.

Let us now consider the S.R. chart[b] of Mr. V. P. Singh Leo was rising on 25-6-1990 at 10.03.54 when his 60th year commenced. The 4th and 9th lord Yogakaraka Mars is in the 8th. Muntha falls in the 11th in Gemini which receives the aspect of both Mars and Saturn. The 8th lord Jupiter conjoins Muntha *i.e.*, the progressed Ascendant. Muntha in 11th gives political success and certain bold actions which Mr. Singh has certainly taken *e.g.* the dismissal of Mr. Devilal, Reservation Policy and stand regarding Rama Janma Bhoomi etc. But the affliction of Muntha by the aspect of Saturn and Mars will create an unexpected development in the life of the prime-minister.

Soon after the entry of Saturn into Capricorn, the fate of the country will see a landmark change. There will be violence which may be very harmful for the head of the government.

S. R. Chart and Independent India

In the S. R. Chart[c] of Independent India (cast for 15-8-1990 at 0.33.30 Hrs. at Delhi) Taurus Ascendant rises and progressed Ascendant *i.e.*, Muntha falls in the 8th house. The lord of the 10th house, Saturn, too falls in the 8th in association with the Muntha. The 7th lord Mars aspects the 6th and the 7th house. The 8th and 6th lords are conjoined in the 3rd house over the axis of nodes and are aspected by Mars. In Navamsa Vargottama Lagna is rising. Mars occupies the 8th. This is a poor position of the S.R. Chart of the 44th year of Independent India.

Venus Dasa is running in the Independence chart of the country since 8-9-1989. Venus owns the Lagna and the 6th house but is heavily afflicted in the 3rd house due to conjunction with luminaries, who are bitter enemies of Venus. According to *Parasara Hora* (Ch. 60 Sl. 9 and 10) the Venus-Venus period (8-9-1989 to 8-1-1993) shows danger from thieves, antagonistic relations with government or government official (here it should be understood as people of the country), destruction of friends and kinsmen, distress to wife and children (closest relations and well-wishers of the country). So Dasa Bhukti is adverse and will be harmful for the nation.

To conclude it may be said that the radical and S.R. charts of 1990-91 of Independent India do not present a pleasant picture of the coming events.

There will be war-like conditions, innumerable incidents of fire accidents, unaccountable loss of life and property and brutal murders, suicide by self-immolation, riots etc., after 15-8-1990. The freedom of the people of India may be curtailed and this may result in bloodshed all over the country. There are chances of Emergency being imposed. The economic condition will be very bad. The prices will soar to terrible heights. The sphere of education will also get polluted, students losing interest in studies may jump into agitations.

A change at the topmost levels of power in the country is likely.

Astrology is not fatalistic. It only shows the trends.

Rama Janma Bhoomi Temple

The courts ordered the opening of the lock of Rama Janma Bhoomi on 1-2-1986 at 4.40 p.m. The lock was opened at 5.19 p.m. on the same day when Cancer was rising and Jupiter was in Capricorn in the 7th house aspecting the Lagna with a balance of 13 years and 28 days of Venus Dasa.

Here the remarkable point is that Cancer Lagna which is the same Lagna as Sri Rama's rises. Saturn aspects the Lagna lord Moon, and the 9th lord and Karaka of temple, Jupiter. So it obstructed the construction of the Mandir to a large extent. Venus-Rahu period was running till 29-4-1989. Jupiter's sub-period will last till 29-12-1991 which is quite favourable for the successful completion of the temple. Jupiter is transitting Lagna from 21-7-1990 to 16-8-1991. The Bhukti lord Jupiter joins the 10th house in Leo in Navamsa. The Rama Janma Bhoomi temple will decidedly be constructed before 29-12-1991.

Let us pray and hope that communal harmony and amity of our country will be preserved.—221.90 *(Received: 16-10-1990)*

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[b] *S. R. Chart of V. P. Singh:* Begins 25-6-1990 at 10-3-54 hrs. *Rasi:* Leo - Ascendant; Sagittarius - Saturn; Capricorn - Rahu; Pisces - Mars; Taurus - Venus; Gemini - Sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Muntha.

[c] *S. R. Chart for 44th year of Independent India:* Begins 15-8-1990 at 0-33-20 hrs. *Rasi:* Taurus - Ascendant and the Moon; Cancer - Sun, Venus, Jupiter and Ketu; Leo - Mercury; Sagittarius - Saturn and Muntha; Capricorn - Rahu; and Aries - Mars.

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SAMANTA CHANDRASEKHARA: INDIA'S FOREMOST ASTRONOMER

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ne Siddhanta Darpana

This magnum opus of Mahamahopadhyaya manta Chandrasekhara is the last and the best ok that really is a mirror of India's astronomical owledge. 24 chapters called Prakasas or illumitions reflect the whole gamut of Siddhanta culations for computing exactly an almanac for blic use. Samanta Chandrasekhara has exessed his gratitude to all his predecessors in neral and Bhaskaracharya in particular and s improved upon their calculations after careful servation of the planetary positions.

Samanta Chandrasekhara in his work gives ur equations of the Moon as follows: (1) the uation of apis; (2) the Tungantara equation or e complement of the equation of apis in combinan with evection (3) the fortnightly (Pakshika) uation or variation, (4) the Digamsa equation or e annual equation (*i.e.*, 1/10 of the Sun's equans).

(1) The first equation is of the form:

$$\frac{(31^\circ\ 30' - 30' \cos (nt-a)\ 3438 \times \sin (nt-a)}{360}$$

$$300'\ 49''.5 \sin (nt-a) + 4'\ 46''.5 \sin (nt-a) \cos (nt-a)$$

$$300'\ 49''.5 \sin (nt-a) + 2'\ 23''.25 \sin 2(nt-a)$$

It is seen that Samanta Chandrasekhara worked correct the equation of apis to the second order small quantities. Chandrasekhara's form is rrect though his constant appears to be wrong.

(2) His second equation is of the form:

$$\frac{160' \times 3438 \sin (\alpha - (\theta + 90^\circ)}{3438} \times \frac{3438 \sin (D - \theta)}{3438}$$

$$\times \frac{\text{Moon's appt. daily motion}}{\text{Moon's mean motion}}$$

$$= -160' \cos (\theta - \alpha) \sin (D - \theta)$$

$$\times \frac{\text{Moon's appt. daily motion}}{\text{Moon's mean motion}}$$

Here the constant is the same as that of Sriti. It may be seen that the constant of the first rm of the equation of apis is increased by 80' and at the constant of evection is taken at 60'. In th the cases the error is about +4',

(3) Chandrasekhara's third equation or variion:

$$\frac{3438' \sin 2 (D' - \theta)}{90} = 38'\ 12'' \sin 2 (D' - \theta)$$

Where D' means the Moon as corrected by the 1st and 2nd equations.

Here the constant is wrong by -1' 18".

(4) His fourth equation or the annual equation

$= \pm 1/10$ of the Sun's equation of apis

$$= \pm \frac{1/10 \times 12 \times 3438 \sin (\text{Sun's distance from the apogee})}{360}$$

$= 11'\ 27''.6 \sin$ (Sun's distance from the apogee)

The modern value of the constant is 11' 10". Tycho found it to be 4' 30". Horrock's (1639) co-efficient was 11' 51".

In addition to the above corrections, Chandrasekhara's speciality is well brought out by Prof. Jogesh Chandra Ray in his *Introduction to the Siddhanta Darpana*, as he was closely connected with Samanta Chandrasekhara and helped a lot in bringing the merit of the *Siddhanta Darpana* and its author to light.

Samanta Chandrasekhara was an orthodox traditionalist by nature. With his traditional background he studied the subject of astronomy and observed the movement of planets with his naked eyes and was able to reach the approximate reality of correct figure as found by scientists with the aid of modern equipment. His theory of (*Bhustiravada*) or fixty of the Earth as a centre of the universe is nothing but a theory of relativity and speaks of the mystery of creation to be ever hidden unless there is special grace of the Almighty Creator. Whether the Sun moves round the earth or the earth rotates around the Sun is not the matter to be considered but the fact that occurs in Nature *i.e.*, the day, the night, the eclipses etc., can be calculated with our own methods, since it is relatively true and we must learn to respect our own tradition.

Siddhanta Darpana is a work unparallelled in the history of traditional astronomy in India. It is a matter of great regret that its Sanskrit commentary and English translation have not come out till today, due to lack of interest in general and paucity of funds in particular. The Government of India during British rule honoured Samanta Chandrasekhara, but now our own people in independent India fail to appreciate Samanta Chandrasekhara. The best tribute we can pay a writer is by making his work available to the public in different recensions, for the writer lives by his own work or deed.—87.90.

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SELECT READINGS FROM NADIS — II

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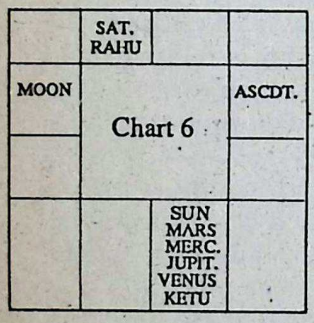
1. Since owner of the 10th house *viz.*, Mercury is exalted and since Saturn owner of the 5th house is aspecting it from the 11th house, the funeral rites of the first wife will be performed by her own son. Another Rishi confirms this with the statement that since Jupiter is in the 8th which is the 2nd from the 7th house the final rites of the first wife will be performed by a son born to her. But this son will be born only in her 48th year after wearing a kavacha with Sakthi Beejam, which she should recite for one year.

From the reading for this chart as well as chart 4 it follows that the 10th house called Karmasthana has also to be considered not only for profession but also issues, namely, sons who are entitled to the final rites. The dicta used in the discussion will be quite useful for similar delineation in case of delay in the birth of children. It also follows that the remedial measures will mitigate the results of previous sins if not completely wipe them out.

The Nadis refer to certain Yogas not mentioned in astrological works in normal use.



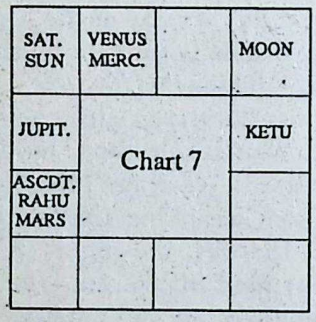


Chart 6 has all the planets posited in just 3 houses. The Nadi refers to several Yogas which the native possesses. These are atleast five.

Jadagam thanakku Yogam cheppina karanam soll
Madhavan seyum Nalil Maruvina Yogam Ondru
Aadhavan Pugaram Pundhi Anuhina Yogam Ondru
Seethala Madhikku Moondril Saniume irruppathaale
Dharma Karmaathipathi Yogam Thadavarai Yogam Ondru
Ganamulla Sanda Yogam Kazharvvam Balarukku

The Yogas enlisted are:- 1. Dharmakarmaathipathi Yoga due to combination of Jupiter and Mars, owners of the 9th and the 10th houses.

2. Yoga caused by conjunction of the Sun, Venus and the Moon.

3. Yoga caused by Saturn being in the 3rd from the Moon.

4. A Yoga called "Thadavarai"

5. Sanda Yoga which is supposed to be very powerful.

It is stated that on account of these Yogas the native will have fame and prosperity, be absolutely fearless and will hold a very high post in the Government.

The following comments are offered:

(a) Of the planets stated to cause Yoga (2) Sun is debilitated though there is Neecha Bhanga. Venus is a Bhadakadhipati.

(b) Saturn who is one of the planets causing Yoga (3) is aspected by another debilitated planet *viz.*, 'Sun', and Saturn himself is Neecha.

(c) It is also to be mentioned that part of the stipulations given for Parvatha Yoga, Lakshmi Yoga and Kamala Yoga obtain in this case. Also if all planets are contained in three houses Sula Yoga is present. This is not referred to in the Nadi. There are references for other Yogas like Alagesa and Puranthanan Yogas in the Nadi readings.

Before concluding I would like to give a reading where reference to dots in Ashtakavarga is made to bolster previous arguments which decide that the native will have only one wife. The reading is for a Makara (Capricorn) Lagna native (Chart 7).

Actually the 7th house is a Chara Rasi with Ketu and aspected by Rahu and Mars. So Kalathra Dosha and possibility of two wives will be normally predicted. The same argument put forward by one Rishi is refuted by another Rishi who asserts that the native will have only one wife due to placement of certain planets. The following reference to Ashtakavarga is made to bolster this conclusion of only one wife.

Idarku Neridyaha Jataka Sruthiyil Ezam Phavathil paru
Aduvandri vargil paralume Ondru
Anikiye Edupadathirukke sathiyila Thaaram Onrena Mozivom

This means "See the 7th Bhava. Moreover since in Ashtakavarga, the dots of one planet are not outstanding, this native will have only one wife". The full discussion on this aspect which refers to an interesting incident to happen in future will be given in the next part.—126.90.

(to be continued).

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IS KUMBHA LAGNA JINXED

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have always laid great stress on natural benefics being the owners of, or occupiers of the Bhavas — for their enhancement.

In this case, Kumbha as Lagna is owned by Saturn, a natural malefic who is lord of the 12th house also. Prof. Rao writes thus in his notes on *Brihat Jataka:* "Throughout the whole astrological literature no reasons are advanced for Kumbha being the worst among the twelve signs."

Thus we see it is a remark, a hint merely based on the malefic nature of the planet, and his ownership of a bad house.

There can hardly be a Lagna without malefic planets associating or otherwise casting their influence in the chart.

But if malefic planets cause sorrow and unhappiness - these factors are greatly minimised by the strength of the Lagna, the Sun and Moon, in the chart. The benefics also play their part. All persons born in this world have got to suffer sorrows and miseries according to the *phalam* of their previous birth, and those born when Aquarius is on the Ascendant are no exception.

Of all Lagnas Kumbha is particularly one in which the lord of Lagna who is a malefic is lord of the 12th house also. The 12th house lordship is bad, but the 12th house of Kumbha is Makara or Capricorn, and this is not the Moolatrikona house of Saturn. According to *Phaladeepika* when a planet happens to own two houses, one of which happens to be his Moolatrikona house, it is the effects of his Moolatrikona house that will be felt, and not the ownership of the other house. This is more so, when the planet happens to be the lord of Lagna.

One posing or possessing knowledge of Astrology and merely condemning an otherwise excellent horoscope merely because it happens to appertain to a particular Lagna, would be cutting a sorry figure. This science requires - nay ordains—that everything in the chart should be carefully weighed and interpreted according to the best of the knowledge that is in the *sastras*, blended with intuition.

Sorrows and sufferings are not the particular monopoly of this or that Lagna, but common to all. Bliss and happiness is only realised by developing our spiritual powers and soul force.

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THERE LURKS FEAR—IV

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Is that the only explanation? Try Jaimini's Chara Dasa. The event took place in Kataka-Thula. From Kataka in the 7th house are Saturn and Jupiter. Jupiter is in M.B. It did damage as soon as its Dasa started. In Chara Dasa from Kataka Jupiter is in the 7th house. The Antar-Dasa is of Thula which is a blank house with planets on either side. And it is the 8th house from Janma Lagna, the house of widowhood.

This is ofcourse a post-mortem explanation. But it must be done for future research. **In research the fundamental principles of our ancient rishis must be adhered to strictly and from their application must flow new research.—74.90.**

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TARA LAGNA AND TARA DASA

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They are Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn, Sagittarius etc.

3-10-1966
9 Meena (Pisces)
3-10-1975
9 Kumbha (Aquarius)
3-10-1984
9 Makara (Capricorn)
3-10-1993

Evidently marriage happened in Makara (Capricorn) Dasa, whose lord is in Meena, a benefic sign and Tara Lagna. Now let us find out the sub-periods of Makara. Atmakaraka Moon is in Mesha, an odd sign of *Oja pada* group. Hence the sub-periods from Makara run directly like Makara-Makara, Makara-Kumbha and so on, each sub-period getting 9 months. Since Saturn is in Meena of sama *pada* group the order is direct and hence there is no clash between Atmakaraka and Saturn. The marriage should occur in Makara-Kataka, which ends on 3-1-1990. But marriage happened one month after *i.e.*, on 4-2-1990.

Chart 2: Born 9-2-1967 at 10.30 p.m. Birth Ascendant - Tula; Atmakaraka - Moon; Elapsed Mars Dasa = 3 years - 5 months.

SAT. T.L.	RAHU		
MERC. VENUS	Chart 2		JUPIT.
SUN MOON			
		ASCDT. MARS KETU	

EVDM = 41
PDC = 07
Q = $\frac{41}{7}$ = 5
N = 5 + 1 = 6

The 6th sign from Janma Lagna, Tula is Meena which becomes Tara Lagna. Sreemanta Yoga is formed by the exaltation of Jupiter, the lord of Tara Lagna. The native is a daughter of medico married to an M.D. on 12th May, 1990. Tara Dasa begins from Meena which is Tara Lagna and the Dasa signs are Meena, Kumbha, Makara and so on in the reverse order, since Meena is an even sign.

The sub-periods of Makara run in the direct order, since both Saturn and Atmakaraka Moon are in the even signs of *sama pada* group. Hence marriage happened in Makara-Kataka which ends on 9-7-1990.

Chart 3: Born 3-4-1965 at 11.15 p.m. Birth Ascendant - Vrischika; Atmakaraka - Mercury; Elapsed Ketu Maha Dasa = 6 years, 2 months and 29 days.

SUN MERC. VENUS	MOON	JUPIT. RAHU	
SAT.	Chart 3		MARS
	ASCDT. KETU		

EVDM = 74 months - 29 days
PDC = 07
Q = $\frac{74m - 29d}{7}$ = 10
N = 10 + 1 = 11

Since the Dasa lord is Ketu, the 11th sign reversely from Janma Lagna Vrischika is Makara which becomes Tara Lagna. Dhana Yoga is formed since Saturn, the lord of Tara Lagna is in own house. She is married on 10-4-87.

The Dasa signs are Makara, Dhanus, Vrischika, since Makara is even.

3-4-1965
9 Makara (T.L.)
3-4-1974
9 Dhanus
3-4-1983
9 Vrischika
3-4-1992

The sub-periods of Vrischika are direct since Atmakaraka Mercury is in even sign of sama pada group. Marriage happened in Vrischika-Mesha, since Mesha is occupied by the Moon.

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Indian Council of Astrological Sciences

Bangalore South Chapter

A workshop on Marriage Compatibility, Vocational Guidance and Health and Diseases was conducted on Sunday, the 23rd September 1990 at the Institution of Engineers, Bangalore by the South Chapter of Indian Council of Astrological Sciences (Regd.) Bangalore. A large number of students and savants of Astrology attended the workshop. The programme began at 10.00 a.m. with an invocation by Ms. T. S. Rekha and Ms T. S. Roopa.

In his welcome address, Dr. T. S. Vasan, Chapter Chairman, explained the objectives of the workshop and introduced the participants to the audience.

DR. RAMAN delivered the key-note address.

Smt. Rajeswari Raman inaugurated the workshop by lighting the lamp.

In his address DR. RAMAN defined Astrology and the scientific concepts underlying it. He quoted extensively from the classical works with particular reference to the subjects of the workshop. He pointed out that the superficial meaning of many astrological laws had to be set aside and importance given to their inner meanings and emphasised that care should be excercised in applying astrological dicta to practical charts avoiding contradictions at the same line. Half-baked knowledge, was not only useless but also dangerous. Savants and practitioners of Astrology should adopt a code of conduct and interpret astrological laws with due reference to the circumstances and social conditions prevailing.

Varahamihira, pointed out DR. RAMAN, had dealt with the vast subject of vocations in a very brief chapter. In those days vocations were few and the task of an astrologer in helping one choose his line of work was that much more simple. But today, said DR. RAMAN, the number of vocations had multiplied astronomically and an astrologer's work had proportionately become more complex. Nevertheless, by careful interpretation of the Sutras as also by a reference to Jaimini Astrology, one could ascertain fairly accurately which profession would suit one best. DR. RAMAN outlined certain combinations as pointing to certain aptitudes in judging vocational career.

On the subject of marital compatibility, DR. RAMAN said that many astrological factors had to be carefully reviewed in a chart before a match could be given the green signal. Charts showing unhappiness in marriage could be made to improve matters by careful matching. Cancer Ascendants, DR. RAMAN pointed, generally suffered from marital unhappiness.

Medical Astrology was a boon and a diagnosis from the chart often proved more correct than a medical one. Certain signs and planets ruled certain parts of the body as also certain ailments. By investigating all the astrological factors carefully, the appearance, the course and the cure of an ailment could be modified and its intensity reduced, said DR. RAMAN before concluding his address.

Morning Session

Mr. K. V. Narayan of Bangalore Astrological Association, the first speaker at the morning session, dealt at length on the subject of vocational guidance. He stressed the need for arriving at conclusions on the basis of the aphorisms of Varahamihira, Satyacharya and Jaimini. He said the stellar position, Karakamsa and Yogas in the horoscope were very important in arriving at a proper conclusion with reference to vocations.

Tracing the origins of Astrology, its passage to different countries around the world and its growth, Mrs. Gayatri Devi Vasudev, Associate Editor, THE ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE, spoke briefly on marriage compatibility and vocational guidance. She highlighted the importance of assessing longevity, Doshas and other factors before applying the compatability factors. Vocational guidance would benefit people if availed of at different stages in life, namely, pre-school level, pre-college level and post-college levels. She said Mercury's role in assessing the IQ was invaluable.

Dr. P. S. Rai, a well known Ayurvedic doctor, spoke on Medical Astrology and defined the philosophy and art of the Science of Medicine and various systems of treatment in Ayurveda. He also explained the western system of combining Astrology, Palmistry, Numerology, Physiology and Graphalogy in diagnosing diseases.

The definition and the sanctity of marriage, both from the Hindu and the western viewpoints, were outlined by the next speaker Mr. S. Krishna Kumar. He dealt with the importance of progeny and the debts to be cleared by every individual (*Rina Thrayas*) while considering the usual compatability points for marriage.

Mr. K. Nagaraja Rao, a scholar and practising astrologer, gave an interesting talk on Medical Astrology. His emphasis was on remedial measures through Mantra, Tantra and Yantra. He explained the effect of

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the rays emanating from the creative planets and from the cosmos through the six psychic centres of the human body.

Mr. T. S. Venkatesh, astrologer and Yoga teacher, who presided over the morning session summarised the points presented by the various speakers on the session: He explained the hidden and scientific meaning of Mantras, astrological concepts and remedial measures. He said understanding of the subject in its true perspective and its application in modern times as suggested by DR. RAMAN was the only way to serve society through Astrology.

Afternoon Session

In the afternoon session Mr. S. Girija Mohan, spoke on the subject 'Vocational Guidance' and gave a detailed exposition of various factors including the 10th house that helped in judging vocation.

Mr. Ranganatha Desika spoke on the topic of "Marriage Compatability". He explained the procedure to be adopted to verify the marriage compatability including the need to study 7th and 8th lords and their location in addition to Kuja Dosha. He also spoke about birth yogi, Saha Yogi, etc.

Mr. Ganesha Char also spoke on Vocational Guidance. Mr. Sadashivaiah highlighted the importance of Kuja Dosha and its results.

Mr. Lakshminarayana introduced a little known aspect of divination going by the name of Ramala Sastra. The audience was impressed by his presentation and evinced keen interest in learning it.

Mr. Tirumala Rao who chaired the afternoon session summing up the papers presented by the speakers gave a general outline of Astrology.

Dr. T. S. Vasan, expressed his happiness at the successful workshop in which several important aspects of Astrology had been discussed. He also thanked Mr. R. V. Gopalan and Mr. S. Krishna Kumar, Managing Committee Members of ICAS, for their excellent arrangements in conducting the workshop.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. V. Gopalan, Secretary of the Chapter.--220.90.

Secunderabad Chapter

An All-India Astrological Seminar and Annual Day Function will be held by the ICAS, Secunderabad Chapter, on Monday the 24th and 25th December 1990, at Secunderabad. The subject of the Seminar will be the 2nd and 7th Bhavas. A special Souvenir will also be released on the occasion.

No delegate fee will be charged. Simple vegetarian food and lodging will be arranged for outstation delegates. Reservations for return journey will be made on request.

For further details contact Mr. A. Srinivas, Working Chairman, I.C.A.S., Secunderabad Chapter, 6-2-101/5/1, New Bhoiguda, Secunderabad 500 003 (A.P).

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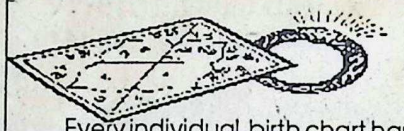

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